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The Worldwide Effect On the Church of a False Gospel Consensus

The damage that has been done to the universal Christian church (actual Christians) has proved historically, and prophetically, to be practically irreversible, by believers! The degeneration and downfall of the contemporary Christian church is attributable to its acceptance of the advent and proliferation of the errant "free will" gospel concept. It was first introduced to churches in the third century, by a monk named Pelagius and was further promoted by Arminius (in the reformation era), and has become the conventional false gospel doctrine throughout the world.

The descent of faithful Christianity has continued throughout the centuries of the church's history. This condition applies to possibly 95% or more, of Christians, whereby those believers have been ever since continually trying to live the Christian life in the "flesh", or by the means of their "old", unspiritual nature. That is, not by the new spiritual nature they were given by God, at the time of their conversion to Christians.

A careful look (study and analysis) of the resultant devastating effect that a false interpretation of the true meaning of the Gospel has had on the majority of the church, is a pathetic commentary on the assumed positive quality and testimony of most of today's

Christians, and for most of their history.

So, how and why did it all go wrong, and mainly stays that way? I have written about the downfall of the church in general in other commentaries, but at least a recap of the factors involved, would be needed here.

For one thing, except in a very limited intellectual sense, spiritual (doctrinal) truth cannot be learned by an unspiritual believer, any more than by an unbeliever! The saddest thing about it is that unless the Arminian, "free will" believer's gospel misconception is understood, and repented from, and reformed to the truth--that misinformed Christian **can never think or do anything spiritually right until the problem is fixed. permanently!** And, to be right, God's way, one must get back on the right track, where he went astray, not simply further along the trail, as if it doesn't matter! There has been too much false baggage acquired by living out of God's will for so many years!

The doctrinal corruption of Christianity is by the church's own doing, and is the most damaging act of ignorant, but culpable disobedience to God of which a Christian can be guilty. It is, in fact, an act of **idolatry**, the effect of which permeates their entire Christian lives, and has falsely represented the Christian church for centuries.

Think, if you would, how critically important it is for a **pastor** (the ordained guardian and teacher of the flock) plus the rest of the church to maintain **the integrity of true doctrine**, which includes the fact that **there is only one true interpretation for**

every doctrinal subject, or principle. {The church which began at Jerusalem, was (1) instituted by God, through (2) the Lord Jesus Christ, who (3) taught the truth directly to the apostles, and they, in turn, (4) taught those who were to (5) teach the members of the early churches.

Some of the first churches in the area, can be assumed to have continued to remain faithful to the "word" for possibly about two centuries! Their collective testimony started to break down when a catholic monk named Pelagius introduced a "free will" interpretation of the gospel to the early churches--where he should never have been allowed an audience! The breakdown was with pastors failing to guard the church against error.

After the "seeds of destruction" had been sown, the "leaven of false doctrine" was never fully purged from the historic church, even to this day by the contemporary church, which fact can only be known by the "spiritual faithful minority" of the universal total of actual believers.

Today, it is probably a fact that as much as 95 percent of the universal Christian church has been indoctrinated by the spread of the infectious leaven of a "free will" humanly manufactured "gospel", under the influence and control of Satan, and boldly calling it approved by God.

Seemingly few of the Arminian "free will" actual believers have seen the error of their gospel misinterpretation, and repented, and been reformed. Church prophecy (in Revelation) doesn't foretell any major revival in the church's future, and the

description of the endtime church's deplorable unspiritual condition--in such words as "because thou art lukewarm (a thing that God hates), "and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked--words that come as a surprising drastic, but true judgment, that could be avoided, if Christians took serious the words of 1 Cor. 11:31, and would "judge ourselves, that we should not be judged", and of course many other similar injunctions, that could lead to repentance, and reformation.

I have done it before, but it would seem to be in order, that I recount my own experience with being indoctrinated with the Arminian "free will" false gospel. I was a Christian for ten or eleven years, before a lady in our church commented to me that to be saved, we must be chosen! And even though I was aware of that contention, I reacted (to myself) with the "belief" that man still has a "free will" that must be exercised for salvation!

Anyway, the comment got me thinking that I needed to study that obvious conflict and hope to resolve the question. It probably took me a year or two to come to a settled truth on the subject, and for a few years I had to face some issues with the conventional gospel that most Christians still believe, but I became completely convicted that salvation is strictly a work of God, including predestination, which ensures salvation for the "elect" (chosen ones).

Every aspect of the process by which God executes his plan of salvation, is independent of any human factor, or assumed mutual

cooperation between God, and man! In other words, man cannot (1) choose salvation, (2) refuse salvation, or (3) lose salvation. That combined salvation truth rules out any other interpretation of gospel doctrine as heterodoxy, even heresy. So, it is a scriptural fact, that only God is active; and that man is entirely passive, and that all salvation is completely unmerited by man, and unaffected by man's actions! The distinctions in this paragraph, plus other doctrinal truths herein are the essence of the literal meaning of the Biblical true gospel, that God established, and that man has corrupted over the centuries

Many traditional interpretations of various parts of gospel truth often ignore important applicable context, or fail to consider other related doctrines which must reconcile and not conflict in any way! As I have determined through careful objective study, only the literal truth of the scriptural gospel is God's intended meaning of it. And, there are no other options acceptable.

The only question that remains in my case is whether I made the decision to test what I believed and learn the truth of the real doctrine--since literally millions of Arminian "gospel" believers have not tested their consensus opinions. Maybe I didn't either, and God had to cause me to repent, and be reformed to the true gospel. I thank the Lord in either case, because the positive result is what is most important.

The total negative effect of Christians locking themselves out of knowing the real truth of their own salvation, is a sad picture of what should have been an ongoing fellowship with God, and a

universal testimony of Christian faithfulness and harmony! Before I forget it, if one of the "free" will tenets requires belief of the gospel to be saved, how could the Lord accept belief of a wrong doctrinal element? It would be a self-defeating contradiction of salvation truth!

Just recently I heard a television evangelist misuse the injunction of 1 John 1:9, which is a common failure, by telling the audience that in order to be right with the Lord, that "if they confess their sins, He is faithful and just to forgive their sins, and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness", which of course is true as stated, if fully understood and rightly applied!

But, so pervasive is the prevailing false free will gospel that most Christians just blindly follow the teaching of it, and they appear to be inextricably caught up in a theological trap, so that even church prophecy shows comparatively little repentance from it.

Bad salvation doctrine has permeated the church for centuries, so that in the example of the TV pastor/evangelist trying to advise his audience of the importance of confessing their sins and seeking forgiveness and cleansing from God, that even he, the pastor, does not know the primary sin that they are all guilty of. We cannot generalize the confession of sins. But, must consider the thing that happened for each one of them, when they listened to the wrong voices, and followed another God (technically Satan) who led them off the right path away from God! We ought always to be aware of the fact that Satan lives to

lure us away from God.

In so doing, they broke fellowship with God, and lost their vital resource of the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, by which they had access and audience with God, like every Christian must have. We have no pure righteousness of our own, yet And, now for as long as they have been indoctrinated with the Arminian theology, they have lived unfaithfully to God, without knowing it, and what do to about it, if anything is remotely possible! And, of course I realize that God always gives space for a Christian to repent of his sins!

So, then what is the effect of a wrong gospel belief on the life of an avowed Christian?

1. He, along with most Christians, worships a wrong concept of God.
2. They assume that they pray to God, but don't have access to, or audience with Him, because they have lost the required righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ imputed to them from Him. Otherwise, they cannot be permitted in the presence of a Holy God.
3. They cannot rightfully, or meaningfully sing praises to God, because they are not spiritually committed to the Lord and "walking" with Him, nor are they spiritually cognizant of the doctrinal truths they are singing about.
4. They cannot legitimately worship God, whom they betrayed by the idolatry of their false gospel belief. They may often use the

right words, in their attempted worship, but live in unfaithfulness to God, by holding a **wrong belief of an integral part of the gospel.**

Do you think that if Adam held a wrong belief about God, that he could have walked with God in the "cool of the evening" like he did? Well, neither can you with the unconfessed sin of believing another gospel, and consequently following another God! Neither can you plead ignorance, or presumption that you were taught what you believe by a pastor, or evangelist, **when the responsibility for what we learn is our's.** A Bible teacher is personally responsible, and answerable to God for what he teaches, not what a believer "learns", because that is his responsibility

In other words we must verify whether what we believe is the truth. A simple, but exemplary step that God established the precedent of, for us to follow, is **that of the Berean Christians, "who received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily to see if those things be so". Acts 17:11.**

God has detailed throughout His word, the ways for us to know the truth and be edified. Surely, we can't gamble with other ways, because they don't work! I realize that if doctrinally errant Christians haven't listened to God, so far, they are not apt to listen to me, but maybe some will. To God be the glory. Amen!

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