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GOSPEL CONTROVERSY

Literal, Biblical Truth vs. Liberal, False Concept

Quotation from John Gill Commentary:

"The Gospel, which is called grace, is, insufficient of itself to salvation, without the powerful and efficacious grace of Christ*, going along with it. Only the grace of Christ is sufficient.*Also referred to as effectual grace!

It is a common false assumption that the words alone of the Gospel can automatically effectuate personal salvation. Nor, is it true that grace (the Spirit of Christ) always accompanies the preaching or witnessing of the message of the Gospel. Careful study of scripture will reveal the truth of the subject in question, plus the literal truth of other Gospel factors, which have been misconceived by the conventional, erroneous Arminian, free will version of the Gospel, in force throughout the world today!

A large majority of the worldwide Christian church believes that salvation is universally available, by belief and acceptance, of the "offer" of salvation.

Tracing back the history of the church as explained in my website Church History Critique, it was barely two centuries before literal Gospel preaching was corrupted by the introduction of false teaching of its principles!

The heretical turning point in early church history was the

deviation from Gospel truth presented to the early churches by a British monk named Pelagius, about the end of the second century. He advocated that (1) personal belief, and (2) acceptance of the Gospel, was required for salvation. Whereas, neither contention is scripturally true! The belief must be spiritual, which is impossible prior to conversion from natural man to Christian! See 1 Cor. 2:11, 14. Nor, are biblical Gospel principles understandable by natural man for the same reason.

A. In other words, according to Pelagius, both divine, and human cooperation are an essential condition for one to become a Christian. Not only was that a radical corruption of God's scripturally established salvation teaching, it never should be allowed to be preached in an orthodox Christian church, because it is heresy, but sadly there aren't more than a relatively small minority of truly spiritual vs. simply religious believers!

So, what happened to permit the false teaching to occur? Were there not specific doctrinal requirements established to be carefully adhered to as church policy? The original foundational Gospel particulars were (A) given by God to the apostles of the first church, which was familiarly referred to scripturally, as (B) the "apostles doctrine", the precise principles of which were to be perpetually followed intact throughout ensuing church history.

Who, then, was primarily responsible to maintain continual inerrancy required in the ministry of the literal Gospel truth? Essentially, it was the pastor's job to protect the integrity of God's word in every particular! That is, it is the shepherd's

responsibility to care for, and protect the flock!

And any questionable, unauthorized access to the sheep (the church family) should never be allowed! The question arises, as to whether the early church pastor was sound in his Gospel beliefs, and other doctrine, which if it were so, should have prevented him from being susceptible to any form of false teaching. I have found that once I came to the literal meaning, the real truth, of any scriptural doctrine, I would not, and quite possibly could not be drawn into an erroneous interpretation of its true meaning! The biblical statement of, **"the truth shall set you free"** can well be an **inherent safeguard** against the danger of deviating from it!

As it may be poetically put (quoted from Julius Caesar), was the "die cast" for innovation and tampering with the Gospel principles? It is well to note the scriptural warning that **"a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"**. 1 Cor. 5:6.

Church history reveals the fact, that there has been **continual indoctrination with corrupted Gospel interpretation!** So that today, possibly 95% plus of the universal Christian church's conventional "Gospel" is a false, conceptual misinterpretation of the original established true Gospel.

Which means that possibly no more than 5% of worldwide Christians hold to the scriptural true salvation doctrine! They deserve to be referred to as the **"faithful remnant"** of the church! They are usually referred to as Calvinists, after John Calvin, the reformer, who was the active proponent of the neglected Gospel truth, during the "Reformation" period, which began around

October 1517 when Martin Luther sent his "Ninety-Five Theses" to the Archbishop of Mainz, to be nailed on the cathedral door.

Think about the effect of the idea of false Arminian, free will, universal salvation availability, compared to the Calvinist, literal Gospel established in the first church. Consult Acts 2:42-47, noting the doctrinal unity revealed. Consider the authority of God, and the specifics of the doctrinal foundation established which was called the "apostles' doctrine". Unfortunately, most Christians today do not hold to it.

Apostates are those who have departed from God (due to actual unbelief, i.e., of the true Gospel). But they don't know they are doctrinally wrong, because they don't have the Spirit of God, by which to discern the truth. Christians (true believers), however, can deviate from the truth (1) by error that may be the result of ignorance, or (2) heresy, which may be due to the snare of Satan. 2 Tim. 2:25,26.

Whatever the cause, the erroneous Arminian free will believers, having failed to prove whether their belief of the Gospel is true or false, for centuries have adopted , without conscientious scriptural study, a Gospel indoctrination consensus that falsely dominates most of the universal church's teaching!

Looking knowledgeably at the consequences of continuing to follow the false teaching that prevailed at the time of most believers' conversions, means (1) that they as Christians almost immediately **broke fellowship with God**, by turning to **(2) a form of idolatry**, just as Israel did in the Old Testament, when they forsook

the Mosaic law, and followed the doctrines and ceremonies of a false god! Who, in reality is Satan, that rules in the natural, fleshly domain of life, under the law of "sin and death".

In so doing, (3) they lost their intermediate representation at the throne of grace (intercession) by the the Lord Jesus Christ's righteousness, which is required to have audience with God! And (4), unless they endeavored, and succeeded in learning the truth of the real Gospel, they (5) lost the spiritual gift, or capacity to discern any doctrinal truths from the scriptures. It is that extensively serious!

In other words, the result is that, (6) nothing a Christian does after deviating from the required belief of the true Gospel can be called faithfulness to God, because God will not recognize any works not completely predicated on that principle, or any other spiritual precept. One either "walks in the Spirit" or he "walks in the flesh", his old nature!

How can any Christian think there is an allowance by God for opinions on doctrinal texts, or wording? The injunction, "Study to show thyself approved, rightly dividing (discerning and correctly learning) the word of truth" has no exceptions or variations! Maximum personal study is required, (7) until conviction of the truth is attained, which God will enable every believer to accomplish who faithfully aspires to it!

A simply religious, but unspiritual Christian, is no better off in the conduct of his earthly life in God's sight, than an unbeliever! How much more seriously wrong can a Christian's testimony be?

Yet, sadly, that has been the state of unfaithfulness throughout the great majority of the universal Christian church for many centuries. Read the grim prophetic descriptions in Rev. 2 and 3 of the unreformed end-time churches (which applies, by far, to most assemblies in the world today).

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