

The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

6-19-2017 Labels Are Not Arguments

The Devil doesn't deal with truth and its defense, but retaliates with lies, labels, slander, and blasphemy. Since "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**), preaching God's Word brings forth a torrent of misrepresentations. Preaching: "baptism doth also now save us" from **1 Peter 3:21** brings the slander of "water salvationist;" **or**, Jesus' statement,

"He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female'" in **Matthew 19:4**

brings the blasphemy of "homophobe;" **or**, after Jesus raised a widow's dead son, we conclude with the crowd, "

A great prophet has risen up among us... [and,] God has visited His people (**Luke 7:16**),

would label us "Islamaphobes."

Whoever spreads slander is a fool (**Proverbs 10:18**).

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6-20-2017 Insane Opposition

Christians must try to teach Bible truth and correct:

... Those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will (**2 Timothy 2:24-26**).

Those who contradict Bible place themselves in opposition, and need to "know the truth," because some are not "straightforward about the truth of the gospel" (**Galatians 2:14**). They are ensnared of the Devil and need to "come to their senses," or be sane, again! The Devil's doctrine "captivates," but knowledge of God's truth, frees a person to do God's will." Repentance is that change of heart that will make the difference.

[God] now commands all men everywhere to repent (**Acts 17:30**).

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6-21-2017 Gang Ignorance

Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together (**Acts 19:32**).

Ephesus was known as a center of worship for Diana, an idol goddess of the Ephesians. People came from all around to worship her idol, at her temple, and buy souvenirs to take home and continue their false worship. Paul had successfully preached the difference between the living God, who cannot be represented with anything made with hands, and a false goddess who can do nothing by herself! The mob formed like street mobs today: divided, confused, and ignorant of any purpose. It wasn't until they were steered against the truth about God, they had any purpose. Gang violence starts with gang ignorance! Solomon said:

Do not associate with those given to change (**Proverbs 24:21**).

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6-22-2017 Must We Hate Our Family

Jesus said:

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (**Luke 14:26**).

"Hate" father and mother? Surely Jesus did not mean we must "detest" our parents! He said:

"God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'" (**Matthew 15:4**).

We cannot "detest" and "honor" them at the same time. "Hate" may sometimes be used to mean "love less," that is by comparison.

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (**Matthew 10:37**).

To follow Jesus, we must love our family less than Jesus.

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6-23-2017 The Final Say

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity' (**Luke 13:24-27**).

Everybody will not be saved just because Jesus lived and taught on Earth! God's Judgment will be final and complete. Obey Christ today and be ready.

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