CURRENT

THEOLOGICAL ISSUES

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**INTRODUCTION: THE BIBLICAL EMPHASIS ON DOCTRINE**

1A. “Doctrine divides, but love unites” (John 13:35, John 3:16)

2A. Emphasis on right doctrine in the Pastoral Epistles

3A. The Gospel versus “Secondary issues”

## DISCERNING THE TRUTH

*A Step-By-Step Process*

Crucial first steps

Step #1: Build a Solid Foundation

Step #2: “Judge a book by its cover”

Step #3: Research the Author / Speaker

Step #4: Examine what is said

Step #5: Evalutate against Scripture

Other things to consider

NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES (NDES)

AND CLAIMS OF TRIPS TO HEAVEN

1A. The popularity of “trips to heaven” and Near-Death Experiences (NDEs)

2A. 90 Minutes in Heaven

3A. Things to consider about Heaven is for Real

4A. Reasons the parents believed Colton Burpo’s went to heaven

5A. Claims by others who had an NDE

6A. Problems with the many Near-Death Experiences

7A. The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven

8A. Does it matter?

LGBT AGENDA, SAME-SEX ATTRACTION, ETC.

1A. God’s original design

2A. The case of Bruce Jenner

3A. The case of Allyson Robinson

4A. The case of Cameron Partridge

5A. The ultimate goal of the LGBT agenda

6A. Matthew Vines: God and the Gay Christian 1B. Point #1

2B. Point #2

3B. Point #3

4B. Point #4

5B. Point #6

6B. Point #7

7A. The hope of the gospel

# THE GOSPEL UNDER SIEGE

1A. The biblical gospel

2A. Unbiblical views and trends: ***Pervasive false gospels*** (cf. Galatians 1:6-9) 1B. The all-inclusive / hyper-grace gospel

2B. The motivational / prosperity gospel

3B. The works gospel

4B. The baptismal gospel

5B. The sacramental gospel

6B. The hyper-Calvinist / Lordship gospel

7B. The insider gospel

## RESURGENCE OF REFORMED, CALVINIST AND COVENANT THEOLOGY

1A. Neo-Reformed, Neo-Calvinist, Neo-Covenant (“Young, Restless and Reformed”)

2A. Reformed Theology 1B. 5-point Calvinism

1C. T – Total Depravity 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

2C. Corollary to Total Depravity - Calvinism’s 6th point: Regeneration precedes faith 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

3C. U – Unconditional Election 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

4C. L – Limited Atonement 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

5C. I – Irresistible Grace 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

6C. P – Perseverance of the Saints 1D. Calvinism

2D. The Bible

2B. Lordship Salvation: Calvinism’s strange offspring 1C. Lordship salvation

2C. The Bible

# TONGUES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1A. Speaking in tongues: A sign 1B. Mark 16:17-20

2B. Acts 2:1-24

3B. Acts 8:13-19

4B. Acts 10:34-48

5B. Acts 19:1-6

6B. Summary

2A. Tongues in the Corinthian Church 1B. Chapter 12

2B. Chapter 13

3B. Chapter 14

## PROPHECY IN CRISIS

1A. The Blood Moon tetrad of 2014-2015 1B. The theory and speculation

2B. Biblical and scientific analysis

2A. UFO / Nephilim Eschatology 1B. The theory and speculation

2B. Biblical and scientific analysis

3A. Pre-tribulational Dispensationalism under attack

## MESSIANIC JUDAISM AND

THE HEBREW ROOTS MOVEMENT

1A. Basic argument

1B. The 10 Commandments

2B. The “Feasts of the Lord”

2A. Biblical response

1B. The Sabbath and dietary laws

2B. The nature of the first-century church?

3B. The general feel of the NT?

4B. “Rabbi,” prayer shawls, etc.

# PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC

1A. Extremes in the music spectrum

2A. Amazing Grace

3A. Glorify the Lord

4A. Joyful worship

5A. Biblical theology

6A. Inspire love, joy, peace...

7A. Encourage participation

8A. Be careful with style

## CONVERGING RELIGIOUS FORCES IN THE LAST DAYS

1A. Increasing acceptance of other religions as compatible with Christianity

2A. Increasing acceptance of Eastern thought and practice as compatible with Christianity

3A. Increasing acceptance of broad cooperation among all groups within Christianity

4A. Increasing acceptance of liberal theology as compatible with evangelical theology

5A. Increasing acceptance of the Roman Catholic view of faith, justification and Mary

6A. Increasing rejection of the inspiration, infallibility and authority of the Bible

7A. Increasing rejection of the concept / reality of absolute truth

8A. Increasing rejection of the biblical understanding of Jesus’ identity and work on the cross

9A. Increasing acceptance of Charismatic claims concerning tongues, signs and wonders

10A. Increasing acceptance of historically sinful lifestyles as compatible with Christianity