

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