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SHOULD WE NAME NAMES?

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Every once in a while I receive a letter calling me into question when I have given the name(s) of someone who is teaching serious false doctrine. Here is my answer to one such letter I received a while back.

I appreciate your letter and the spirit of it. However, I believe that I can show you from Scripture that you are wrong about naming names of those who are wrong on the Gospel, etc. Let me say in the first place, I did not make a judgment about Graham's or anyone else's methods - though to be honest I disagree with ecumenical evangelism and a lot more he does. Our methods are important and are to be Biblical as well as our message. Who are we to change God's directions? To be wrong here is serious (for example, the method of ecumenical evangelism is a serious evil, see II Corinthians 6:14-17), but to be wrong on the message of salvation is fatal!

Sir, a Roman Catholic can be saved out of Catholicism, but not from within or through it, for it is unquestioned Roman Catholic doctrine that salvation is by faith plus works. Without certain Church prescribed works, one cannot be saved. But in reality, one cannot be saved through such a system for salvation includes no works of man: **Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; Romans 3:28, 4:4,5;** etc. In the first place, I simply quoted Mr. Graham. It is his own words that condemn him. Public declarations have a right to public scrutiny. But you say he should not be condemned by name. How else shall we do it? If he believes what the Roman Catholic Church believes, he is not saved. If he believes what he says he does and is saved, then the Bible must be wrong. Untold millions follow Mr. Graham and if he is wrong, they are going to be wrong. Should we not warn people of those who teach false doctrine and thus mislead people; we are concerned for all but especially about God's people. You say that he is not to be named - I suppose we should just say that there is someone out there somewhere who is teaching false doctrine, better look out for him. Who would know of whom we are speaking? The apostle Paul warned (**II Timothy 1: 19,20**) of two men whom he named, who had made shipwreck of the faith (that's what Graham and other professing believers have done by endorsing Roman Catholicism). Incidentally, did you know that in 1948 Graham said that Roman Catholicism was one of the three greatest enemies of the Gospel? Furthermore, Paul assigned them to Satan! I am not assigning any body to Satan or hell - but if a man is trying to be saved any way other than what is taught in the Bible - hell is his portion. I take no pleasure in that; I didn't invent it! I have been preaching the Gospel for forty-nine years trying to get sinners to believe God's truth, receive His Son, and be saved from hell. You say what I have done gives the enemy cause to rejoice. I think the opposite is true; Satan rejoices at the millions who blindly follow Graham and some of the other men I mentioned (Van Impe, Coulson, Pat Robertson, Bill Bright, J. I. Packer, James Dobson, all of whom treat Roman Catholicism as though it was a bona fide church of God). Satan rejoices at all the Catholics who have Graham's assurance that their religion will take them to heaven. Note also, Paul warned Timothy of Hymenaeus and Philetus who taught that the resurrection was past (a very serious error but not as serious as telling people they can be saved by being a good Catholic, that they can be saved by good works). He says their false doctrine had overthrown the faith of some. How many have had their faith overthrown by Mr. Graham, etc.? The apostle John likewise took Diotrephes to task - by name! By-the- way, Jeremiah also named false

prophets! He paid a price for it, but it was God's message, not his and he was faithful. Maybe it would be easy to keep quiet on these things which people do not want to hear, if we didn't have a conscience tuned to God's Word. I have been around long enough to have seen many once faithful Fundamental pastors give in to the pressure and keep silent on unpopular subjects. I can assure, God will not accept their rationalizations.

Let me ask you a question. Obviously, according to the New Testament, only those who are saved should be taken into a true Church of Jesus Christ; those who are born again. How can this be done without judging whether a man is saved or not? To be sure, we sometimes make a mistake in judgment, but that doesn't alter the fact that we must have some criteria by which to make a judgment as to a person's salvation. My point is, we make judgments all the time and properly so. Didn't Jesus say, **"By their fruits shall ye know them"**? How can you do that without judging? I will close with a few pertinent Scriptures: **Rom. 16:17**. It says concerning those who cause divisions (Graham with his false doctrine has created the division, not me) and **"Now I beseech you brethren, MARK THEM which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and AVOID THEM."** (The whole doctrine of salvation is at issue here). How can we avoid them if we don't know who they are? Look at **II Thessalonians 3:6**. We are to WITHDRAW from a BROTHER THAT WALKS DISORDERLY. We are not to fellowship with those not in subjection. You cannot teach contrary to God's Word and be in subjection! If Graham is saved, he certainly is walking disorderly for his teaching contradicts the plain truth of God's Word. How can I withdraw from him, if I don't know who he is? Obviously, he has to be named! **II Thess. 3:14**. It says if a man does not obey, if he is not obedient to the Word, we are to have no company with him. He is to be disfellowshipped. How can I obey that Scripture if I don't know who is guilty? False prophets are the enemies of God, no matter how popular!

Sir, I will close by saying, I am just trying to be obedient to the Word of God; not some of it, or most of it, but all of it. While it may not be what people want to hear (believe me I know they don't want to hear it) it is what they need to hear for God says so! I have not sent this in a spirit of acrimony but just an honest attempt to answer your objection from the Word of God and perhaps show you some things you may not have seen before. One of the sad things in our day among Bible believers is the "whole counsel of God" is not taught in many places. It doesn't matter what anyone of us thinks, the only important thing is what does God say? I hope you will prayerfully consider the Scriptures I have quoted. They are binding whether we like them or not

AMERICA'S DARKEST SECRET.

This was taken from Chuck *Baldwin's Food for Thought*: As American troops liberated those Nazi concentration camps it became obvious the kind of atrocities that had taken place. Gen. George Patton was so nauseated by what his troops discovered, that he ordered thousands of German citizens to march through those death traps to see for themselves... People cried and vomited as they were confronted with the reality of what Hitler had done. Could it be that the American government is carrying out a similar madness? In the name of research, they authorized cannibalism of little human babies... In 1993, Pres. Clinton signed the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act (Ed. How innocent sounding) which lifted the ban on federally funded research involving transplantation of human fetal tissue for "therapeutic purposes." Researchers, pharmaceutical companies and universities send

"fetal-tissue harvesters" to abortion clinics with a list of desired body parts. It is illegal to sell body parts. So, they are "donated" after receiving a "site fee." Since "fragmented" body parts bring a reduced price, partial- birth abortion (that is allowing a baby to be born and immediately puncturing its brain) is the method of choice for killing children. It insures perfectly formed "specimens." Going price for livers, up to eight weeks old is \$150...Brains... are \$999... By the year 2002 the cannibalizing of babies is projected to become nearly a \$1 billion industry. That our nation would legalize such a practice is bad enough, but to realize taxpayers are helping to pay for it is disgusting beyond description. Editor: The idea of abortion itself is an abominable evil for it is the murder of children (fetus is a euphemism for baby) but as always, one sin leads to another. I believe America is ripe for God's judgment.

YOUTH CORNER

STICK WITH THE BIBLE!

Many “learned” men have done their best to do away with the Bible. But the Bible stands unharmed or changed by their attacks. One such man was the Frenchman, Voltaire. He often attacked God’s Word and said, “Within one hundred years the Bible and all Christianity will be completely forgotten.” He died in 1778. Twenty-five years later they were printing Bibles in the house where he was born. I personally saw them print Bibles there some years ago when I was in Paris. I recently read that all of Voltaire’s works were sold for a few dollars - Gutenberg Bibles have sold for millions each. Voltaire is gone, his writings are gone, but the Bible stands. Build your life on it; build it on Jesus Christ.

IF YOU HAD GONE THERE HUNGRY...

After the morning service in a little country church a young man said to an old farmer concerning the sermon: “We didn’t have a very strong diet this morning.” The old man replied: “When I was your age life was much harder than it is today. I was one of a large family and there never was too much food on the table. Many a day I’ve sat under the hedge after a hard morning’s work with nothing to eat but a piece of bread and some cheese. But you would be surprised how good even dry bread and cheese can taste when you’re hungry. And young man, even though we might have had only a few crumbs this morning, if you had gone to the house of God hungry, you could have had a feast of them.” If you attend church expecting nothing, that’s what you’ll get, but if you look for something you’ll no doubt find it.

THE BOOK

There is a little Book in many a home
That would ease men’s troubled minds,
It tells of the past and the future too,
And of God’s love for all mankind.

Men want to know when wars will cease,
The Book tells us plain as can be
Not ‘till He comes whose right it is,
To reign o’er land and sea.

Men want to know if there’s life after death
And science no answer gives,
But the Book says in Heaven or Hell,
Each soul through eternity lives.

Then, why not read the little Book
And ease your troubled mind,
Trust in the blood of the Crucified One,
Peace, sweet peace you will find.

Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1

OUR PRIMARY BUSINESS

Often when speaking with somebody or when we are knocking on doors to give people the Gospel message, the person will say something like this: "I don't want to discuss it; religion is a private business. You should keep it to yourself and keep it within the confines of your church building." First of all, it is not a private business for our Savior *commanded* us to **"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."** The Gospel is the "Good News" that, though you have sinned against God, Jesus Christ, God's Son has paid for your sins on the cross. If you will truly trust Him, God will save you from your sins and give you a new life. You can't be saved if you don't hear about it! You certainly don't hear it in very many churches. William Carey, a Baptist pastor became the first modern missionary about two hundred years ago. He fixed boots to make a living. Someone said to him: "By your going about preaching, you are neglecting your business..." "Neglecting my business," said Carey, "Why my business is to spread the kingdom of God, I only cobble shoes to pay expenses." Jesus and the apostles did almost all of their preaching out of doors, among the people. Jesus said, **"Go ye..."** for unless prodded, they will not come. If you are unsaved, my friend, it is our business to tell you that **"Christ died for our sins..."** It is your business to believe God's message and if you don't, you will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire." You may say, "I don't believe that." Continue to refuse Christ and you will!

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NEEDED: ZEAL IN GOD'S WORK

A well meaning woman wrote to Gypsy Smith asking him to come to London to preach. In the letter she said, "I have a meeting I want you to come and address. It is only a small gathering and **it will take nothing out of you!**" Gypsy Smith made the following reply: "I am sorry, Madam, I cannot come, and if I did come, it would be of no use to you if I did come, **for if it takes nothing out of me, it will not do anybody any good.**" How true! We need a baptism of holy zeal these days. Most Christians are about half dead when it comes the things of God though they may be very much alive when it comes to making money or doing other things. You probably do not like statement, but the reason is no doubt because it is true! The useful Christian is a man of faith, but he is also a man of works...Did you ever see one to the contrary? God's admonition to us all is: **"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..."** It is simply contrary to the nature of God to use lazy or indifferent people. Service that costs you little or nothing is worth just that - nothing! The world is going to hell - most of it untold about the Gospel right here in America. C.H. Spurgeon said, "Impossibilities will disappear when zeal is fervent." Men who became great servants of God, like William Carey, David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, etc., disavowed any special intellect or ability but simply put everything into their service for Christ. I CHALLENGE you (that's what this paper is all about) to put your best, your all into the work of Christ! He's worthy of no less!