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In the interest of biblical truth and honoring the integrity of God's word, all true Christians need to be very careful about sweeping things under the carpet by withholding the truth about the things that distinguish the true Gospel from the false. You cannot make the gospel inoffensive to man's pride and man's warped ideas of fairness, without removing critical, yet offensive doctrines such as God's sovereignty and man's total depravity.

## What Godly Men Have Said About Ecumenicalism

"Numbers of our good brethren remain in fellowship with those who are undermining the Gospel, and they talk of their conduct as if it were a loving course which the Lord will approve in the day of His appearing. We cannot understand them. The bounden duty of a true believer towards men who profess to reject the fundamentals of the Gospel, is to come out from among them. Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against. When will Christians learn that separation from evil is not only our privilege, but our duty?" - C.H. Spurgeon

## Where Is The Most Danger And The Most Compromise?

- 1. Calling Catholics Christians and the Church of Rome just another Christian church?
- 2. Preaching that God is a genie who can make you materially prosperous if you have enough faith?
- 3. Preaching or teaching that a true believer can lose their salvation?
- 4. Decisional Regeneration preaching that sinners are lost but still capable of choosing Christ (the false "free-will" gospel known as Arminianism)?

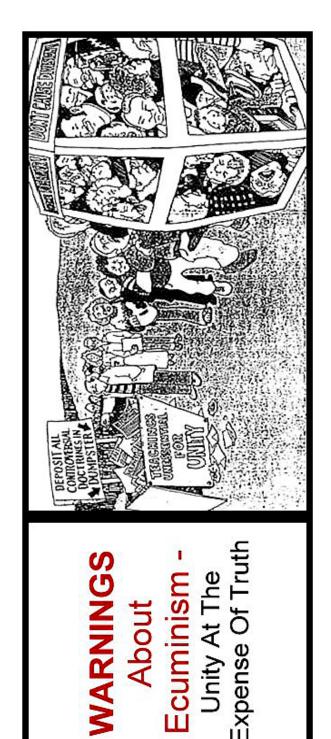
Many professing Christians are aware of the first 3 errors listed above. But how many of these Christians are aware of the danger of the "free-will" gospel that puts man in control of something that God says he is not in control of... his own salvation. Only the mind that has been enlightened by the Holy Spirit is able to understand the "mystery" of the gospel, that is, that "Salvation is of the Lord" [Jonah 1:9] and that it is "Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his [God's] mercy that he save[s] us". [Titus 3:5]. And it is only by the power of God that a spiritually dead sinner can be made spiritually alive and become "born from above", and not by reciting some sinner's prayer or walking down an aisle or being psychologically manipulated into making some sort of decision by a charismatic preacher who plays on the emotions of his hearers.

Churches that preach or even tolerate this "man-centered" free-will gospel may be getting lots of converts, but they are converts who think their salvation was dependent on their decision to turn to Christ and not on Christ to give them a new heart and a new spirit. Only the new man who has been made new by an act of God and not by a decision of the spiritually dead sinner, is truly a child of God and truly able to worship God in spirit and in truth and truly able to repent (turn from) a life of sin and rebellion into someone who desires to be HOLY even as God is holy. Do YOU desire to be holy? Or are you only interested in "fire insurance"?



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## Attention All Twice-Born Bible Believing Christians:

Unity at the expense of truth is TREASON!

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." [2 John 9-11]



We are going to examine what the Bible says about the ecumenical movement in Christianity today and how it is compromising the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. The term <u>ecuminism</u> or also known as ecumenicalism - is described by its proponents as: "a movement promoting cooperation and better understanding among different religious groups or denominations" [1]. In many Christian churches ecuminism is viewed more specifically as: "the aim of unity among all Christian churches throughout the world" [2].

[1] - The American Heritage® New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy, 3rd Edition, © 2005, Houghton Mifflin Company.

[2] - Collins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 10th Edition, © 2009, William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd.

This all sounds like a good concept considering various bible passages that seem to encourage unity among Christians, but is unity always a good thing for Christians?

What if we are encouraged to (or forced to) set aside important biblical truths in order to work with other churches or other professing Christians? Does unity take precedence OVER doctrinal truth, and if so, when? It is very apparent that biblical truth is of paramount importance when we look at some of the final words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." [John 18:37]

The apostle Paul also warns us: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." [2 Cor 6:14-16]

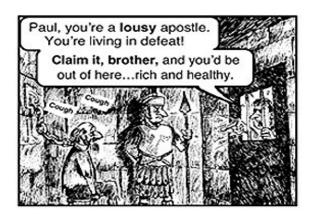
In the very next verse in that same passage, Paul goes on to say:

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" [2 Cor 6:17].

This sure doesn't sound like a call for unity now does it? Scripture is telling us here that God does not want us to become polluted by the sinful ways of the unsaved souls around us

And in Galatians chapter 1 quoted below, Paul strongly warns us that God does not want us to water down the Gospel to make it appealing to the lost and less offensive to God's enemies:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man." [Gal 1:8-11]



Today's teaching that God must respond in a certain way to a person when he or she says certain words like a "sinner's prayer" is like sorcery. God is not a genie who is at the sinner's mercy. It is the other way around.