

The Word of Faith

Be praying for our students, Fathers day, vbs thank you, 4th of July

Last week we walked through the emergent church heresy,

I remind you, my responsibility is to warn and protect....your responsibility is to research and know for sure

I say that b/c this morning we are going to walk through a heresy that is put fwd by many famous pastors

It is known as the Word of Faith movement....some of the men and women who are part of the word of faith movement are famous, you might know to be careful

There are others who are famous, and you might not realize that their teachings are so very dangerous

So what is it, how do we define the word of faith heresy

The word of faith heresy teaches that as believers we have the same nature, spiritual dna, as God

The problem with word of faith, is that preachers who are part of the word of faith movement make God and Man equal

Now that should sound familiar.....Satan himself fell from heaven b/c he thought he was equal to God

And this is where the word of faith movement is heretical....when we make man equal to God we become heretical because we have adopted a teeny tiny view of God

So in calling this heresy, we have to ask...does scripture tell us of our place in relation to God....it does

Hebrews 2:5-9

Notice what is going on here.....for a little while Jesus was made "lower" than the angels....

Referencing Jesus being fully God, taking on flesh becoming fully man....this means....man is of lesser order than the angels...

If man is of lesser order than the angels.....and angels are lesser than God.....then we are far from being equal to God in any way

Any attempt at raising ourselves to on level with God is simply heretical

Why? Because it is distorting and perverting the God of the universe...

But don't take my word for it.....I want you to hear it in their own words....

Kenneth Hagin: "You are as much the incarnation of God as Jesus Christ was. Everyman who has been born again is an incarnation."

Kenneth Copeland: "I say this with all respect, so that it don't upset you too bad, but I say it anyway-when I read in the Bible where He says, I am, I say Yes, I am too!"

Creflo Dollar: "What do you thinks gonna happen when all this is over with? The Father's gonna take you and all those unfinished planets out there – Halleluiah! Since you're learning how to operate in this earth. . . What do you thinks gonna happen when God Almighty declares, 'I want you to create a universe. I want you to speak to these worlds and like I said 'Light be,' you say, 'Light be,' Like I say, let there be a firmament in the midst of the firmament, you do the same'."

Joyce Meyer: "Why do people have such a fit about God calling His creation, His man-not His whole creation, but His creation – little gods? If He's God, what's He going to call them but the god-kind? I mean, if you as a human being have a baby you call it a human kind. If cattle have another cattle they call it cattle-kind. So, I mean, what's God supposed to call us? Doesn't the Bible say we're created in his image? We are little gods!"

Others tied to the wof movement include steven furtick, Jeremy foster,

The wof heresy is charactized by making equality between God and man...

We can demand of God certain things, we can demand health, wealth, money, family

So what does that mean for those following wof....well, if you are the same as God....then you should never be sick, why wouldn't God heal you from some blood disease, or better yet...why don't you heal yourself

There is an expectation that because same dna, then why wouldn't God heal every disease

Can we just be clear, God is not bound to act based on your demands or action

Further, the wof is wrecking lives everywhere.....why? b/c when you think you are equal to God, and your world comes crashing down.....then what else are you left with other than a God who doesn't care, isn't powerful

The desire to Being equal to God is the root of our problem

Its been a part of us since the beginning

Look in **genesis 3:5** – notice whats said here

Can we just be clear.....everything that's messed up in your life is due to you not being God

We are a broken people, we are a broken church

And can I just tell you something this morning.....its ok....

Its ok that you are broken, God forgives and restores.....

Its ok that we are a church full of broken people.....God uses broken people to reach other broken people

What we need to admit is that we are broken, and what we need to teach is that there is only one way to be put back together

The gospel.....the gospel that says.....God knows I am broken, he loves me anyway

God knows I mess up, he forgives me when I run to him in repentance

The gospel says.....in spite of my desire to be like him, he had a plan to redeem me when I fell

He has a plan to restore me when I fall away

That is the gospel....and praise God for it....

Response time