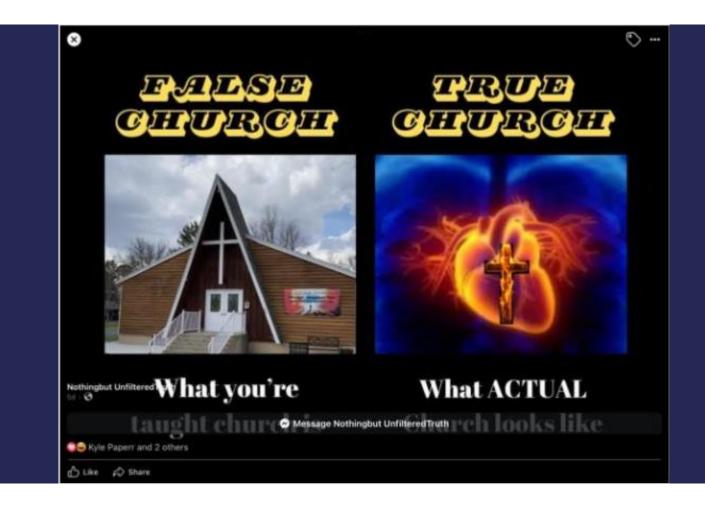
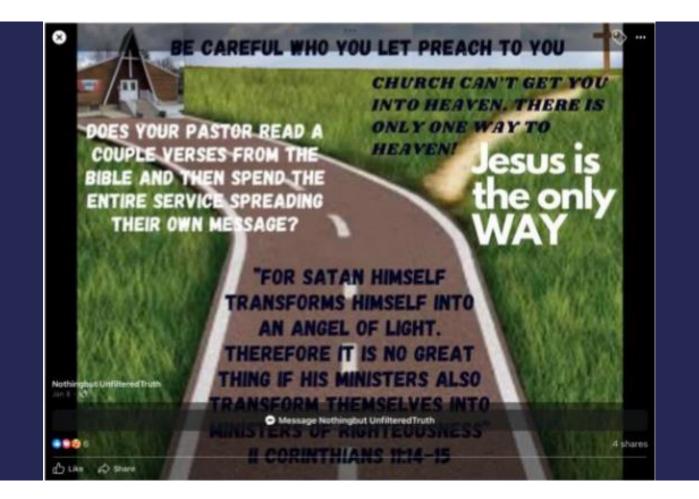
Disagreeing Without Persecuting









Matthew 5:9-12 (NKJV)

[9] Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Proverbs 6:16, 19 (NKJV)

[16] These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: [19] A false witness who speaks lies, and <u>one who sows discord</u> <u>among brethren</u>.

We are to NEVER Judge another person. (Matt. 7:1-3)

But we are told to Judge ALL things. (1 Cor. 2:15)

Peacemakers don't Judge other people. (Rom. 14:19)

Matthew 5:9-12 (NKJV)

[10] Blessed are those who are <u>persecuted</u> for righteousness 'sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when they <u>revile</u> and <u>persecute</u> you and say all kinds of <u>evil against</u> <u>you falsely</u> for My sake. [12] "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they <u>persecuted</u> the prophets who were before you.

διώκω, I <u>pursue;</u> hence, I <u>persecute</u>.

Biblical Senses

to persecute — verb. to cause to suffer, whether physically or emotionally.

to pursue (activity) — verb. to carry out or participate in an activity.

to be persecuted — verb. to be or become subject to systematic harassment and attack due to one's religious beliefs.

<u>to chase</u> — verb. to go after with the intent to catch; often involving great effort or striving toward the object

Revile - (G3679)

"from 3681; to defame, i.e. rail at, chide, taunt:-cast in teeth, (suffer) reproach, revile, upbraid"

re· proach | \ ri- 'prōch \

(Webster)

- 1: an expression of rebuke or disapproval
- 2: the act or action of reproaching or disapproving //was beyond reproach
- 3a: a cause or occasion of blame, discredit, or disgrace b: DISCREDIT, DISGRACE
- 4obsolete : one subjected to censure or scorn

Evil - (G4190)

"from a derivative of 4192; hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from 2556, which refers rather to essential character, as well as from 4550, which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners:-- bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked(-ness). See also 4191."

Falsely - (G5574)

"middle voice of an apparently primary verb; <u>to</u> <u>utter an untruth or attempt to deceive by</u> <u>falsehood:--falsely, lie.</u>"

> Inferring that those who go to TBO are going to hell, and that Mary is comparable to Satan coming as an angel of light >> probably fits that def.

What is our response supposed to be?

A. I'm speaking specifically of: Our Attitude.

Not Anger.

 Not Revenge.
 Not mount up, we're going to get him....
 Not attacking back....
 No Retaliation, snide remarks, quietly discrediting....

Matthew 5:12 (NKJV)

[12] "<u>Rejoice</u> and <u>be exceedingly glad</u>, <u>for great is</u> <u>your reward</u> in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:43-45 (NKJV)

[43] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. '[44] "But I say to you, love your enemies, <u>bless those</u> who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, [45] "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

How are believers supposed to relate with each other?

- 1. Prefer each other in Love. (Romans 12:10)
- Handle disagreements privately / not publicly. If no agreement is found - the church..... (Matthew 18)
- 3. Go to them: One on One. (Matt. 5:23-24)
- 4. If we need to deliver a message: talk to the person..... (Prophets / Messengers were sent to the person, not the public)
- 5. Forgive them. (Mark 11:25)

6. Agree on what you can agree on, otherwise:

Agree to Disagree and move on. If necessary, establish some boundaries 'For Yourself'. (Acts 15)

Agree to Agree on the basics of salvation, and both parties work to fulfill the great commission.

- > Both serve God to the best of their ability, and according to what they believe,
- > Without bashing or undermining the other person.

7. Realize, we will all answer individually to God for..... (2 Cor. 5:10)

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