

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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PART 3: EXPOSING FALSE DOCTRINE

Very few Christians understand we are ambassadors for Christ and even less know the job description of an ambassador. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

An ambassador does not set policies but merely conveys the policies of his government.

It is the task of each believer in Christ to bring God's message to the unsaved people. **Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

Therefore it is imperative that Christians deliver the correct message from God; it cannot be altered in any way shape or form. **Galatians 1:6-9**

The Devil is a master at creating different religions and twisting the Word of God to make it say something that God never intended.

It was a master stroke of twisting God's words to bring Adam and Eve under sin and the dominion of Satan. **Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5**

Satan tried the same trick on Jesus when with the temptations but Jesus used the Word of God to refute the Devil. **Luke 4:1-8**

When Satan could not penetrate the defense that Jesus mounted, he misquoted a Scripture and took it out of context. **Luke 4:9-11**

Jesus countered with a quote from God and Satan lost the fight of bringing Jesus into sin. **verses 12-13**

WHAT TO DO WITH FALSE DOCTRINE?

The New Testament is not silent on the subject of false doctrine. In the letter to the Romans, Paul told them to avoid those with a different doctrine. **Romans 16:17-19**

Paul had a problem with certain "so-called Christians" who came to the city of Corinth with false doctrine. Paul did not mince words and called them false apostles and deceitful workers. **2 Corinthians 11:1-4; 12-15**

At the church in Antioch, the apostle Peter lapsed back into Judaism, and was introduced to a false doctrine by his actions. The apostle Paul publicly rebuked and corrected him. **Galatians 2:9-21**

Eradicating Judaism was not easy in the first century and Paul took a strong stand against mixing Judaism with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Galatians 3:1-14**

Paul had no tolerance for false teachers; they were to be shunned and avoided. **1 Timothy 6:3-5**



In his letter to Titus, Paul strongly stated that those preaching and teaching false doctrine must be stopped. **Titus 1:10-16**

We are to reject any person who is a heretic. **Titus 3:9-11**

The apostle John was in total agreement with Paul that men and women bringing in false doctrine should be rejected. **2 John 7-11**

Adding to the Word of God will bring plagues upon the person and taking away from the Word of God will result in a loss of salvation and secure a place in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 22:18-21

FALSE DOCTRINE

There is an abundance of false teachers in the world and many of them are Americans. The late Kenneth Hagin founded Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was there that he taught the damnable heresy that Jesus did not pay for our sins on the cross but in hell. This “Jesus Died Spiritually” (JDS) doctrine has infected all the students attending this school, of which Kenneth Copeland, Frederick K.C. Price, Dick Bernall are among the most well known.

Bill Hybels and Rick Warren are more than mega pastors because each has built a denomination founded on false doctrine and taken in millions of people in their folly.

The Pentecostal Canadian evangelist Todd Bentley, known from the so-called revival in Lakeland, Florida did not only teach false doctrine but would get drunk between meetings and have sex with one of the revival workers. The revival was shut down when his sins were found out but a group of “prophets” from Kansas City asked him to come to them for “restoration.” This restoration consisted of a divorce from his wife and abandonment of his children and a new marriage to the woman with which he committed adultery. He has returned to the ministry after six months of “rehabilitation” and claims that the power is greater than ever in his ministry and that he is in God’s will. According to **Romans 1:28-32**, Bentley is a con man with a reprobate mind with a history of duping “silly women and dumb founded men” to fall for this “cup from the Devil.”

“Charisma” is a magazine which caters to Pentecostals and Charismatic’s in the United States has turned into a slime pit of spreading false doctrine. Well known false Charismatic or Pentecostal preachers and evangelists are taking out large advertisements in the magazine to promote their “ministries of deception.” Joseph Prince from Singapore is featured as the next great “guru” for Christians to flock around in the May 2010 issue.

THE TEACHINGS OF JOSEPH PRINCE

Joseph Prince (JP) claims that God spoke to him during a vacation to Switzerland in 1997. The voice (according to JP it was the Holy Spirit) that JP heard inside of him said he was not preaching grace to the people in his church. When JP argued that he was preaching grace and that a person is saved by

grace not by works, the voice told him that grace cannot be preached at the same time with the law of God. The two do not mix. Drop the law and preach only grace. JP went back home to Singapore and started to preach this new message and as a result his congregation grew from 2,000 people to more than 15,000 people by the end of 2007.

JP has very cleverly mixed biblical truth with lies and he is just as smooth as Satan was in the Garden of Eden. JP teaches that the unearned and undeserved favor of God comes through the cross of Christ and that Jesus is the reason every believer can confidently expect good things in their lives.

“Because of the cross, God is today no longer angry with us” says JP.¹ The truth is that God was angry with sin, and when there is sin in a person’s life, there is the judgment of God upon that person.

JP says, *“Because of the cross, we can today expect promotion, increase and the abundant life. It is all because of our wonderful Lord Jesus. If we have him, we have everything and more, and can be a blessing to others.”*²

JP says God told him that if he failed to preach radical grace *“people’s lives will never be radically blessed and radically transformed.”* So he changed his approach and preaches a message of grace *“not tempered with law.”*³

JP states that true holiness comes by the revelation of God’s grace. *“It is the gift of no condemnation that gives people the power to sin no more.”*⁴

It is an intelligent and smooth spiritual power that drives JP. He says the purpose of his radical grace message is to reveal the love of Christ to people. *“My ministry is all about exalting the person of Jesus and pointing people to his finished work at Calvary. It is important to build a firm foundation upon the finished work of Jesus Christ and realize that in the new covenant, it is not about what we need to do but all about what Jesus has done.”*⁵

BIBLICAL TRUTH

It only takes one Bible verse to shoot down this false teaching of Joseph Prince: ***“If you love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:15)***

WHO IS JOSEPH PRINCE

Joseph Prince was born in 1963 to an Indian father and Chinese mother. A good portion of his childhood was spent in Malaysia before he came to Singapore. As a young boy he got involved in the occult but an aunt led him to a Christian church and away from the occult when he was 12 years old. JP claims that he was saved at this age. It is not known what kind of church this was. He attended

¹ “Prince of Grace,” Charisma, Volume 35, Number 11, pp. 34-38

² ibid

³ ibid

⁴ ibid

⁵ ibid

Commonwealth Secondary School in Singapore and went on to finish his education at the Roman Catholic School, "Our Lady of Lourdes."

By 1984 JP was the president of a youth ministry in a traditional church and was asked to leave the church with a group of friends since there was disagreement on how to worship.

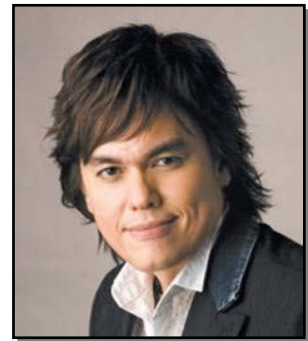
The group started their own church called "New Creation Church," and JP served on the staff of this new church while he was in his mid 20's doing some teaching, preaching and assisting the pastor of the church.

JP worked as an information technology consultant for some time to make a living since the church only had 150 members. During this time he changed his name to Joseph Prince from Xenonamandar Jegahusiee Singh.

His wife's name is Wendy and they have a daughter named Jessica Shayna.

He quit working as an IT consultant in 1990 when the church called him to be the senior pastor. During the next seven years the church grew from 150 to 2,000 members. In 2010 the church has more than 20,000 members.

Nothing is publicly known about his theological training because he has very carefully hidden many details of his past. In looking at his picture, he does not look like a person born to an Indian father and a Chinese mother.



JP is just one of the many preachers/evangelists who have replaced the old false teachers and the establishment of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement is propelling their new rising star on the market. It is interesting to note that in the May 2010 issue of Charisma, half the magazine is dedicated to the State of Israel and Judaism. The Pentecostal/Charismatic establishment is firmly in the hand of Zionism and their loyalty to Israel is very strong. It is obvious that Jewish money is behind Charisma and Joseph Prince would never had made it to the world stage unless he was approved by the Rabbinical Board of the World Zionist Federation.

JP is currently featured on cable and satellite networks like USA Network, ABC Family Channel, CNBC Europe, Middle East Television, Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN), Daystar Television Network, GOD TV, United Christian Broadcasters and Australian Christian Channel.

THE MINDSET OF JOSEPH PRINCE

JP relates that he and his wife Wendy were vacationing in Canada in the early 2000 he was appalled when he watched a man preaching hellfire and brimstone on television. JP asked God, "*Why do you allow ministers like that on television?*" JP said that the Lord replied almost nonchalantly, "*It is because ministers like you don't want to be on television.*"⁶

⁶ ibid

The experience struck a nerve with JP. *“I struggled with it,”* he said, *“as I was very content being a local church pastor in Singapore and wasn't interested in doing anything beyond that.”*⁷

And Joseph Prince has also said, *“I give thank for God for my roots in the Word of Faith teachings. It is truly on the shoulders of great men of God like Brother Kenneth E. Hagin that we are able to see further into the Word of God today. Growing up, I learned a lot about faith from Brother Hagin who truly had a special revelation of faith from the Lord. I deeply honor and respect him for all that he has taught me.”*⁸

*“You are destined to reign in life. You are called to be a success, to enjoy wealth, to enjoy health and to enjoy a life of victory... He has called you to be the head and not the tail.”*⁹ This is only true if we are walking in obedience to Jesus; however, a Christian is also called to suffer for Christ. **John 15:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:23-31**

In reading this outline you can see that I have not personally attacked Joseph Prince but merely re-stated his doctrine as presented by himself.

FORERUNNERS FOR THE ANTICHRIST

All false preachers are forerunners to the Antichrist. By destroying the doctrine of the believers in Christ, they are destroying all resistance to the unholy man that Satan is so eager to present to the world.

HOW TO DESTROY FALSE DOCTRINE

There are two phases in this battle:

1. Teach solid Bible doctrine to the believer's in Christ.
2. Expose the false teachers.

You are destroying the work of the Devil every time you share the true Gospel with someone.

You are destroying the work of Satan every time you expose a false teacher or a false religion.

But you can only do this destruction to the Devil if you are truly anchored in the Bible and walking close to Jesus in obedience to His Word. **John 15:1-8**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

⁷ ibid

⁸ <http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2009/03/30/joseph-prince-pillar-of-church-growth-and-revenue/>

⁹ ibid