

# The most dangerous heresy of our time

## Galatians 1:9

There is a new heresy which has entered the church today. It does not appear to be a heresy on the surface but once you look deeper into this 'new revelation' you will soon discover that the emperor does not have any cloth. You will discover that it is a house without a roof and without a solid foundation.

This is the 'hyper grace' message which has found many thousands of adherents and followers all over the world (predominantly among Pentecostal churches).

The reason why it is called 'hyper grace' is because it has taken a solid biblical truth, one of the foundational pillars of scripture and it has misused this truth in order to erect a mansion (a Biblical structure) that lacks a true solid support.

But why has this 'hyper grace' message attracted so many followers and why have their founders and promoters become so popular and so rich by spreading this message?

The basic flaws of the 'hyper-grace' message are that it proclaims a conversion without the need for repentance. One of the most foundational, the most important teachings of scripture has been perverted and changed, the true meaning of repentance.

While the existence of sin is still acknowledged, our response to sin has been perverted and changed.

This is the 'easy version' of coming to Christ. All it requires is that you believe in your heart (so does Satan and all his demons. There are no unbelievers in hell) Instead of preaching repentance, of calling people to a 'total surrender' those false preachers simply preach an easy version of 'faith'. It is a faith that will never offend anyone. It requires nothing from you in return. When Joseph Prince, the founder of the resurrected Marcion cult explained the meaning of repentance he grossly distorted the true scriptural meaning of repentance. He turned what is true repentance into a simple change of mind, into a change of opinion while at the same time he mocked those who had wept over their sins in the past. He even mocked the emotional conversions of many English believers during the age of the great English revival. Those were man and woman who were so overcome with emotions while listening to the convicting sermons of the great revival preachers that they broke down in tears and wept sometimes for hours over their sins. It is a sin against the Holy Spirit to mock the work of the Spirit, to ridicule the divine work that He did in somebody's life's, in the life's of a people who were completely changed and transformed by His grace.

A true heartfelt repentance has been replaced by an easy change of mind. And to seal this grave lie, Joseph Prince even teaches that the Holy Spirit would never convict a person of his sin despite the many verses of scriptures that state the contrary, that contradict his false claim.

This false message proclaims that God's grace covers everything. This false 'hyper grace' message has diminished the true righteousness and holiness of God' due to its emphasis on love.

Yes God is love, but God is also holy, God is righteous and God is just. God has many other attributes which are just as important, which are just as real as is His love.

To dissect God's character and to highlight one of his attribute without considering His other attributes is a sure way to create a false image of God. This always happens when a man creates an idol.

When Isaiah stood before the Lord he was confronted with himself in an instant. The presence of God's holiness exposed him for who he really was. God's holy presence will always expose our true self. Whenever a man has a true vision, a genuine revelation of God he will fall on his knees before Him like Isaiah did in the past but false teachers are so casual about their revelations, about their communication with God because they worship an idol which they themselves have created. Consequently they treat God in a casual and often light hearted manner just like God was an old 'school buddy' or a neighbor, someone without any reference and without godly fear.

Anyone who can treat God in a disrespectful and in a casual manner like this has never had a true revelation of God. One day those man will have to stand before Him and on that day they will tremble with fear.

The greatest lie and the most dangerous deception of this 'new revelation' of grace is that it will in fact lead us away from the very presence of God.

A young gay man who claims to be a Christian and who had struggled with his gay life style for many years came to see us one day. He had reached an understanding that God's grace covers everything. After listening to the new teaching on grace he was able to embrace his gay lifestyle while still relying on God's grace to cover his sin. This false 'hyper grace' teaching is one of the most deadly and most dangerous lies which has infiltrated the church today.

It first surfaced in the year 144A.D. when it was promoted by Marcion of Sinope who was later recognized as a true heretic. Now almost 2000 years later it has resurfaced again.

The man who promote this heresy today teach their followers that when they get converted (when they simply choose to believe) not only are their past sins forgiven but all their present and future sins are forgiven as well. Of course they have to admit that you will always sin in life but according to Joseph Prince, "sin is not a big deal to God".

What an incredible lie and what a license to sin! This was exactly what this gay man needed to hear. After knowing this he could freely embrace God's grace as well as his gay lifestyle without any feeling of guilt.

A former young pastor recently came to our house. He was once a youth pastor and then he pastored a church himself when tragedy struck. His marriage collapsed and he lost both his wife and his 2 children at the same time. Slowly his life went into a downward spiral. His greatest temptation soon turned into his greatest bondage. He started dating young girls which always led to a sexual encounter. It was not the relationship with the girls that he was after, it was only the sex.

This lifestyle led him into a deep sexual addiction and he ended up living a life of terrible sexual depravity (so terrible that I would not want to mention it here) but despite his deprived lifestyle he still believed in God. He continued to believe in God's love and he continued to rely on His grace. He believed that His grace covered his sin without ever feeling convicted to repent of his

sins. His reliance on God's grace did not produce a conviction which resulted in repentance. The great lie that both our present as well as our future sins have been forgiven is a welcome relief for anyone who does not want to change his lifestyle of sin. It even encourages them to continue a life of depravity without seeking to make any changes.

The 'hyper grace' message provides a sinner with the false sense of security that despite his rebellious lifestyle he will still be 'all-right' in the end.

What makes this teaching and what makes such teachers so deadly and so dangerous is that their message paves the way to hell for so many who don't even realize the mortal danger which they are currently in.

It provides those who do not see the need to repent with a false sense of security.

This is Satan's master plan. That is exactly what he wants to achieve.

Satan is the master of lies and deception and the 'hyper-grace' message presents a message which outwardly shines and glitters but which in reality is void of much substance.

A Christian lady we knew went through a very unfortunate divorce. Not long afterwards she met a new man in her life. But this man was not a Christian. It did not take long before this relationship ended up in a marriage. As a result of being unequally yoked (2 Corinthians 6:14) the new found relationship slowly destroyed her faith. From having known the Lord for many years in her life she slowly returned to her former spiritual roots (which was in pagan 'New Age' beliefs). When she started to listen to the sermons of the pastor of a very large church (on the airwaves, not in the church) she was taken by his charming messages. His messages always focus on everything that was good in life. They were genuine motivational sessions with a bit of God mixed into it. This was exactly what she wanted to hear. There was no conflict between his sermons and between her 'new age' beliefs. Now she could feel good about her 'New Age' ideas and feel that she was still a Christian as well.

None of those sermons ever challenged the sins in her life (of which there were many). There was nothing that produced a conviction nor did they ever bring her back to the Lord. They simply made her feel good about a life of rebellion.

A church that never preaches about sin and repentance will never be able to lead anyone to Christ. A church which makes people feel comfortable in their sinful existence has lost all its meaning and purpose.

This church may have tens of thousands of members (very few of the mega churches today still talk about sin) It may have the largest, the most impressive new building (so did the Catholic church when it build the cathedrals) but if Jesus would walk into any of those big churches today, the pastors of those churches would do everything they could in order to get him out quickly again.

Those churches may have the best music, they may provide the greatest show, have the best entertainment and have all the money but beneath it they only offer lip service to God. The hearts of most people are still filled with fleshly desires (the love for money, the product of the prosperity gospel)

How did Satan try to tempt Jesus when he went out into the wilderness to fast and to pray? He offered him exactly what so many of those false pastors and preachers offer their

congregations today. But Jesus did not fall for the lies of the devil unlike so many Christians who have fallen for the bewitching spirit of their pastors and preachers who have succumb to the lies of the devil.

Satan owns all the riches of this world.

Scripture tells us that he is the king of this world.

This world is his kingdom and he owns all the wealth that is therein. Jesus made it very clear that his kingdom is not of this world. This world and everything in it will perish one day. The day will come when God will roll up this universe like an old worn out carpet.

Jesus Kingdom is of a different nature and his kingdom will last forever. He will still be king long after this world has ceased to exist.

A Christian that seeks after the riches of this world (who follows the faith/prosperity gospel) follows the king of this world. His king is the king of this world for this is where his heart is also. Christians that follow the tempting words of such fake money preachers (who have enriched themselves at the hands of their own congregations) have their eyes set on this world. They want their 'best life now' (title of a book by Joel Osteen) They are in love with the lies of the devil, with the king of this world.

A Christian who follows Jesus, the true king will not be tempted by the seductions, by the lies of such man. He knows that his kingdom is not of this world. His true riches are waiting for him in heaven.

A church that preaches the true message of grace will always lead people to the cross.

But in leading people to the cross, they will not focus on the 'benefits' but they will foremost focus on the need for our 'total surrender' instead.

The cross exposes our sin!

The cross reveals the full depth of our sin.

Any preachers who preaches about the cross but whose teaching does not produce a conviction of sin has never truly preached about the cross.

The cross exposes us for who we really are. It exposes the depth of our sins and of our depravity. But it does not do so for the sake of our condemnation; scripture clearly reveals the cross as the only path of our salvation.

A person who has never been moved to tears about the sins in their life has never really stood before the cross. A preacher who can mock, who can laugh about the deep work of the Holy Spirit as He convicted man and woman of their sins when they kneeled before cross and marveled about God's wonderful mercy and grace speaks right from the heart of the devil himself.

Such a preacher operates from another spirit, a spirit that loves to mock the deep work of God!

A person who truly comprehends the meaning of the cross will never try to distort the true meaning of repentance but he will be united in spirit with someone like John Wesley who said: "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God"

The cross will either lead us to repentance or it will harden our heart.

The danger of false teachers is that the more we listen to their seductive words, the more we may end up hardening our hearts.

If Jesus death on the cross has never brought us to our knees and has never moved us to tears then we have never understood what took place on that great historical day.

To simply learn about it from textbooks, to know all the facts, to understand theology and to know all the details but to remain unaffected by it only shows that we have never been truly re-generated by the Holy Spirit of God.

There are multitudes of people in many large churches today who have never been born again. They may have had a religious experience (so do many Mormons and J.W.'s as well as many other cults) but this is not the same as being 'born again'.

A person who has been genuinely 'born again' has come face to face with the holiness of God, he has come face to face with his sin and he has come to realize that his sin is so ugly, so great and so repulsive that only the blood of Jesus could save him from it.

A person who has been truly born again will not be able to justify his ungodly lifestyle (as was the case with the young gay man) and feel no remorse about living in sin.

It is doubtful that many of those deceitful preachers and pastors have ever been born again themselves. A person who has truly been born again would not be able to come up with such lies and spread such deception without coming under heavy conviction of sin.

When you see a man who is placing himself (by claiming new revelations which are contrary to scripture) above the revealed word of God you are no longer dealing with a heretic. You are dealing with someone who has set himself up as an idol as well.

And as you can clearly witness in the case of some of those false preachers today, they have become idols to many.

Sadly many of their followers will always put the words of their idol above the revealed word of God (the Bible).

It doesn't matter how bizarre, how absurd and how grotesque some of their claims may be at times, their words remain gospel and are placed above scripture by many of their follower (example, Joseph Princes comments on fasting: "Fasting is unnecessary and is only in the New Testament because fasting enthusiasts added it in later manuscript copies." Who could fall for such a ridiculous lie? Such a ridiculous claim opens Pandora's box for if fasting was later added to scripture and if we should disregard it today, what else was added to scripture at a later date that we can freely disregard today)

Obviously the Bible is no longer a reliable book, not if a few 'fasting enthusiasts' can change the revealed meaning of scripture. The real truth is more likely that here is a man who does not like the inconvenience of fasting because his god is his stomach.

False teachers always have an easy solution for all their dilemmas. They either deny what is written or they reenter part of God's word as meaningless so that they can replace it with their own revelations, with their own false teaching instead.

Yet many of their listeners simply sit back and are bewitched by their lies, by their new revelations instead of rising up and holding a Bible in their face, by rebuking them like Jesus had once rebuked the devil with the words: "it is written...."

Spiritual idolatry is always when someone places the false doctrines that someone is preaching above the words of scripture itself!

False preachers who have set themselves up to become idols will always try to place their own words above scripture.

They will claim 'new revelations' and they will bewitch many with those revelations.

As a result of this true Biblical exegesis is lost and even the words of Jesus himself are sometimes challenged or even denied (if they disagree with the lies of false teachers. Having fallen for the ancient Marcion heresy Joseph Prince has separated the Old and New Testament to such an extent that he now feels entitled to ignore some of the words of Jesus since they were spoken before the beginning of the New Covenant).

Scripture makes it very clear that teachers will be judged much more harshly than the rest of us.

By lying about repentance such a man has actually hardened his own heart.

By preaching false or cheap grace such a person has missed out on true grace himself.

Changing God's word has always been Satan's strategy right from the start.

What were his first words to Eve in the garden?

First he made Eve doubt the word of God and then he subtly changed it until she fell for his lie.

Whenever a preacher tries to change what God has clearly revealed in His word he is acting under the inspiration of the devil himself.

False Grace is essentially built on a presumption. It assumes that my sins will be covered even if I never really confront myself with my sin in my life.

False grace changes the correct image of God. It turns God into an idol, into the rich uncle who is only there to serve my needs and to hand out his goods.

False grace lacks a true understanding of Gods character and of all of His attributes. It clouds and distorts the real, the true image of God.

False grace does not know true repentance. False grace can make someone feel good about their life without ever stirring up their hearts, without ever convicting them of their sin (conviction of sin is the true pathway to sanctification).

False grace will gradually numb you to sin until your consciences lays dormant.

False grace will turn God's sacred church into a 'feel-good' club of sinners who no longer see the need to repent. False grace lies about the Holy Spirit as well as about conversion.

But the worst sin of all is that false grace lies about God.

Joseph Prince once proclaimed that: "We never truly stop sinning but God is okay with that".

Our sin has cost God the precious life of his son. God is never okay with our sin.

Only a seductive, a lying spirit would ever come up with such a statement like that.

The entire Bible gives witness to the fact that God is never o.k with our sin, that He takes our sin very seriously. Only a false teacher could come up with a lying statement like that.

Any preacher who turns sin into a harmless affair knows little about God himself. He has never discovered the zeal that burns within God's own heart. He has never understood God's real hatred for sin.

How could such a man really be 'born again' himself?

Every true Christian knows and understands God's hatred for sin.

1 Timothy 6:9

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

2 Peter 2:3

and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

One of the greatest and the most distinguishing marks of any false pastor or preacher is that he will always tell you what you want to hear, he will never rain on your parade; he will get you clapping, he will get you jumping, he will make you dizzy, he will keep you entertained, and he will present a Christianity to you that will make your church look like a six flags over Jesus.

Paul Washer

People tell me judge not lest ye be judged. I always tell them, twist not scripture lest ye be like Satan

Paul Washer

A true Christian will be sensitive to the sin in their life and it will lead them to brokenness and genuine confession, but the person who says they are a Christian and are not sensitive to sin, it does not lead them to confession, a person who is that way is not a Christian.

Paul Washer

The church must seek to be biblical rather than relevant. We are not going to leave a mark upon our culture because we have studied its ways and adapted ourselves to it. We are relevant when we reject the world outright and are its polar opposite! This present darkness provides a great opportunity for the church to be the salt of the earth, but if we mix with the very impurities we are supposed to expose... we are as useless as our culture already believes us to be.

Paul Washer

If a person professes faith in Christ and yet falls away or makes no progress in godliness, it does not mean that he has lost his salvation. It reveals that he was never truly converted.

Paul Washer

God hates the LUKEWARM GOSPEL OF HALF-TRUTHS that is now spreading over the Globe. This gospel says, 'Just believe in Jesus and you'll be Saved. There's nothing more to it.' It ignores the Whole Counsel of God, which speaks of Repenting from former Sins, of Taking up your Cross, of being conformed to the Image of Christ by the refining work of the Holy Spirit. It is totally silent about the Reality of Hell and an After-Death Judgment.

David Wilkerson

Most Christians never associate joy with repentance. But repentance is actually the mother of all joy in Jesus. Without it, there can be no joy. Yet, any believer who walks in repentance will be flooded with the joy of the Lord.

David Wilkerson

If you want to be popular, preach happiness. If you want to be unpopular, preach holiness.

Leonard Ravenhill

Paul never glamorized the gospel! It is not success, but sacrifice! It's not a glamourous gospel, but a bloody gospel, a gory gospel, and a sacrificial gospel! 5 minutes inside eternity and we will wish that we had sacrificed more!!! Wept more, bled more, grieved more, loved more, prayed more, given more!!!

Leonard Ravenhill

Entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy. The more joy you have in the Lord the less entertainment you need.

Leonard Ravenhill

The less power a church has, the more entertainment it has.

Leonard Ravenhill

A whole new generation of Christians has come up believing that it is possible to 'accept' Christ without forsaking the world.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

Come near to the holy men and women of the past and you will soon feel the heat of their desire after God. They mourned for Him, they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they found Him, the finding was all the sweeter for the long seeking.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

When we preach the love of God there is a danger of forgetting that the Bible reveals not first the love of God but the intense, blazing holiness of God, with His love at the center of that holiness.

Oswald Chambers

There are few things more blasphemous than a preacher who compliments the unbeliever on the wonderful life he has made for himself, extolling all that he has achieved, and then adding that he lacks one thing: he needs Jesus to make it all complete. This was not the attitude of the apostle Paul, who counted even the most splendid things in his previous life to be dung in comparison to Christ. We should never present Christ to the unbeliever as the cherry on top of

an already wonderful life. The unbeliever must see that he has no life, and that all his personal achievements prior to Christ are monuments to his own vanity: made of sand and quickly passing.

Paul Washer

“I am convinced that the carnal, cunning, conniving, crooked crooks that Jesus drove out of the temple are still among us today. These masters of deceit have now set up their changing tables throughout the Christian television industry.” David Ravenhill

**I AM ASTONISHED THAT YOU ARE SO QUICKLY DESERTING THE ONE WHO CALLED YOU TO LIVE IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST AND ARE TURNING TO A DIFFERENT GOSPEL— WHICH IS REALLY NO GOSPEL AT ALL. EVIDENTLY SOME PEOPLE ARE THROWING YOU INTO CONFUSION AND ARE TRYING TO PERVERT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. BUT EVEN IF WE OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN SHOULD PREACH A GOSPEL OTHER THAN THE ONE WE PREACHED TO YOU, LET THEM BE UNDER GOD’S CURSE! AS WE HAVE ALREADY SAID, SO NOW I SAY AGAIN: IF ANYBODY IS PREACHING TO YOU A GOSPEL OTHER THAN WHAT YOU ACCEPTED, LET THEM BE UNDER GOD’S CURSE!**

**Galatians 1:6-9**

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**Here are just a few verses about repentance,  
God’s call to repentance is as real today as it was 2000 years ago.**

MARK 6:12)

AND THEY WENT OUT, AND PREACHED THAT MEN SHOULD REPENT.

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(ACTS 17:30)

AND THE TIMES OF THIS IGNORANCE GOD WINKED AT; BUT NOW COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERY WHERE TO REPENT.

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(MARK 1:15)

AND SAYING, THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND: REPENT YE, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.

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(LUKE 13:3)

I TELL YOU, NO, BUT, EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH.

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(MATTHEW 9:13)

BUT GO YE AND LEARN WHAT THAT MEANETH, I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE: FOR I AM NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE.

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(ACTS 3:19)

REPENT YE THEREFORE, AND BE CONVERTED, THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE BLOTTED OUT, WHEN THE TIMES OF REFRESHING SHALL COME FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD;

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(ACTS 2:38)

THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

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(LUKE 24:47)

AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.

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(JOHN 8:11)

SHE SAID, NO MAN, LORD. AND JESUS SAID UNTO HER, NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE: GO, AND SIN NO MORE.

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(MATTHEW 3:2)

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S FIRST WORDS OF HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY, AND SAYING, REPENT YE: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

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(MATTHEW 4:17)

JESUS FIRST WORDS OF HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY, FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

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(2 TIMOTHY 2:19)

NEVERTHELESS THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE, HAVING THIS SEAL, THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS. AND, LET EVERY ONE THAT NAMETH THE NAME OF CHRIST DEPART FROM INIQUITY.

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(LUKE 15:7)

I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT LIKEWISE JOY SHALL BE IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER THAT REPENTS, MORE THAN OVER NINETY AND NINE JUST PERSONS, WHICH NEED NO REPENTANCE.

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(PROV 28:13)

HE THAT COVERS HIS SINS SHALL NOT PROSPER, BUT WHOSOEVER CONFESSES AND FORSAKES THEM SHALL HAVE MERCY.

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(REVELATION 3:19)

AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN: BE ZEALOUS THEREFORE, AND REPENT.

(Acts 3:19)

The first thing Peter that said after the manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was:

But in this way God has fulfilled what He foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away,