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GROWING DANGERS IN THE POSITIVE CONFESSION FAITH TEACHINGS

In 1980 on a cassette entitled "The Errors of Positive Confession," and in subsequent tapes, which have been widely distributed nationally and internationally, I warned that the teachings of Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Earl Paulk, Charles Capps and others of the so-called "faith teachers" were a perversion of biblical theology and could only lead to deeper and more heretical doctrines.

Since that time the doctrine of the born-again-Jesus and of Christians being "little gods" have evolved from the original positive confession teachers. Christians are now being told that Jesus Christ not only died on the cross for our sins but went to hell, suffered in hell for them and had to be born again in order to become our Savior! People have been misled into believing that men are little gods since they were made in the image and likeness of God and are to "take dominion" over the earth because of their godhood.

It is an unchanging law that heresy begets heresy and error begets error when men depart from the objective authority of the scripture.

It does not mean that the individuals who have fallen into error are unbelievers. It need only mean that they are either ignorant or sincerely mistaken. But those who refuse to repent of their heresies when shown the error of their ways must be classified as false teachers in the biblical sense.

Certainly, we at CRI are all for faith healing in its proper biblical sense. But to teach people that their faith is a substitute for the sovereignty of God is a gross perversion of the Bible. It is God who is on the throne of the universe, not the faith of His creatures. We are informed in 1 John 5:14 that if we ask anything *in accordance with His will* He hears us. It is axiomatic that if it is not in accordance with His will, He will not grant our petition no matter how sincerely we ask or how great the magnitude of our faith.

The faith movement has proven itself to be a divisive force splitting churches, dividing families and leading a trail of broken spirits and bodies of those who believed that all they had to do was confess with their mouth and God was obligated to obediently perform. The God of the Bible is not some divine bellhop who jumps at the exercise of faith. He is sovereign Lord who works all things after the council of His own will (Eph. 1:11) and, when it pleases Him, graciously takes into account the faith of His children.

The so-called positive confession movement has done a great disservice to the body of Christ by paving the way for the errors of the born-again Jesus, the "little gods" and the dominion theology doctrines. In the end these things will come to nothing because as the Lord has reminded us, "before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me...I am the first I am the last, and apart from Me there is no God" (Is. 43:10, 44:6).

The Lord Jesus Christ died once for all, offering one sacrifice for sin forever. Nowhere does the Bible teach that He ever suffered in hell or that men may become gods. This is Mormon theology, cultic theology, and Christians should be aware when they hear it. This theology divides and does not unite the body of Christ, and must be avoided at all costs (Romans 16:17, Titus 3).

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