

## How has Bill Gothard Displaced the All Sufficiency and Exclusivity of Jesus Christ?

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To be successful in life, follow my system of "7 Universal Non-Optional Principles" (which are by definition laws) – Bill Gothard	Basic Seminar, Advanced Seminar, ATI, etc.	"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."	John 14:6
<p>Bill Gothard elevates his personal opinions and private interpretations to an authority equal to God's Holy Word by violating rules of interpretation of literature and the Scripture, adding penalties to, shunning and publicly attacking those who question his authority or the correctness of his personal views of life.</p> <p>By demanding compliance to his "commandments of man" he adds to the Word of God leaving many confused in their lives and he is left fully exposed to the judgments of God.</p>	<p>No Pork</p> <p>Abstinence in Marriage</p> <p>No Beards</p> <p>Circumcision, Yes</p> <p>Plus many, many more.</p>	<p>"Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar."</p> <p>"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:</p> <p>And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."</p>	<p>Proverbs 30:6</p> <p>Rev. 22:18-19</p>
<p>To obtain/achieve "Moral Freedom" and "Moral Purity" follow my "7 Steps and complete 7 Projects"</p> <p>This abundant literature penned by Gothard fails to reference I John 1:9 which offers some considerable instruction for spiritual cleanness stating "If you confess your sins, He/God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and <b>to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</b>" Gothard's literature references "walking in the Spirit" but offers no explanation of how God's Word instructs us to do that.</p>	Men's Manual, Basic Seminar	<p>"Walk by the Spirit (of God) and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."</p> <p>This provision and promise of God seems much more clear and possible than entering into a formula of 7 Steps and hoping to successfully complete 7 Projects to gain "Moral Purity."</p>	Gal. 5:16; I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 3:3

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<p>(Bill Gothard )While we believe people receive salvation “by faith” and by the operation of the Spirit of God... we are perfected in our spiritual walk and growth by...</p> <p>...by making vows and commitments to prescribed goals.</p> <p>...by receiving circumcision.</p> <p>...by practicing abstinence in your marriage relations.</p> <p>...by forbidding eating of pork and tune.</p> <p>...by cutting off all facial hair, beards.</p> <p>Encourages separation from their fellowship those who are non-compliant to their little local laws.</p> <p>“...your circumcision has become uncircumcision.” “For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, just as it is written.”</p>	<p>Basic Seminar, Advanced Seminar</p> <p>Galatians 2:11-14</p> <p>Romans 2:23-29</p>	<p>With an acknowledged zeal for God, not knowing/understanding God’s righteousness, they “seek to establish their own righteousness; they do not subject themselves to the righteousness of God”....they are subject to live by the righteousness prescribed by the law, their 7 NonOptional Principles.</p> <p>Freedom which Christ provided to believers is lost when the believer (or unbeliever) submits to any yoke of slavery, everything that God set you free from! If you receive circumcision, Christ is of no benefit, you are severed from Christ, you are fallen from grace.</p> <p>“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”</p>	<p>Romans 10:1-7</p> <p>Galatians 5:2-4</p> <p>Galatians 3:3</p>
<p>Faith is defined by Gothard as the human achievement and capability to visualize what God intends to do in any given situation!!!</p> <p>Gothard’s use of this definition in all his teachings puts responsibility on the individual for their performance (works). This contrary doctrine prevents the believer from profiting from the Word of God.</p> <p>Hebrews 4:1-2, 10-11. “Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may <b>seem to have come short of it</b>. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard <b>did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.</b>”</p>	<p>Basic Seminar, Advanced Seminar</p>	<p>Faith in the Scriptures is always our believing God and His promises so that all of our life experiences rely upon the grace of God.</p> <p>“For this reason <u>it is by faith</u>, in order <u>that it may be in accordance with grace</u>, <u>so that the promise will be guaranteed</u> to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...”</p> <p>“<u>But by His doing</u> (God’s) you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us <u>wisdom from God</u>, and <u>righteousness and sanctification</u>, and <u>redemption</u>, so that just as it is written, ‘let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”</p>	<p>Romans 4:16</p> <p>I Cor. 1:30-31</p>

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<p>Bill Gothard continues in his personal sin and rebellion, living in hypocrisy, is not living a life above reproach. He is malicious and wicked in his abuse of other believers who have raised questions about his behavior and his contrary doctrines. While Gothard continues to reject certain teachings of Jesus Christ, we do not know that he has “denied the Lord” other than being in serious rebellion against the Lord in behavior and in doctrine.</p> <p>“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. <b>And many shall follow their pernicious ways (sensuality); by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.</b> And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”</p>	II Peter 2:1-3	<p>“For speaking out arrogant <i>words</i> of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, <b>promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.</b> For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, <b>they are again entangled in them and are overcome</b>, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.”</p>	II Peter 2:11-22