

From Jake: O brethren! Please pray for us as Marc Glass has just responded to my message saying that he wants to set up a phone call for tomorrow! Pray that Paul would also be in on it! My message to Paul and Marc and Marc's response will follow. Then be checking your emails as Sean will be sending out shortly our entire correspondence as well as Preethi's with Marc Glass over these last 2yrs. We want y'all to be able to pray with understanding. Thank you.

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Dear Paul,

This is Jake Gardner, one of the young pastors of the church of Wells. I know that you may not appreciate me sending you a text message to your personal phone, but it is the only means I had to send you something personally. I assure you that I will not make it my custom to message you personally (though God knows that I desire communications with you), and I will not give this number to another.

I am grieved by the division that exists between us and truly weep and am troubled whole days at a time for it. May God heal this, by his grace. I am sending you my response to Marc's message last night, wherein I also address you. O how I desire charity and unity among all of God's saints, even if I'm in error and need to be instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly.

I love you more than you know, dear brother.

Your Grieved Brother in Christ,
Jake Gardner

Dear Marc and Paul,

Again, with grief we received your words last night.

Marc, does it not trouble you at all that from the beginning of your communications you have treated us, not as Christians for whom Christ died, men and women that the Father thought treasure enough to send his own Son to die for, but rather as deceived ones, unworthy of a hearing or Christian charity. Are you a pastor, Marc? Are you a missionary? And do you (or Paul) not have the slightest care to cast aside these little ones for whom (I can assure you) Christ hath died? Unthinkable. May it never once be named among us as becometh saints.

Have you or Paul sought out carefully your course towards these 100+ people down here in Texas, or has it become a light thing to deny Christians in whom Christ dwells? "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

Have y'all sought out the matter as scripture would instruct a man to do?

In correspondence with those in our church and those outside of our church you have, without reason, unequivocally deemed us a cult. Why then, Marc, did you say in your opening letter to us that you hoped your letter found us and our congregation prospering in the Lord? Is this deceitful?

You and Paul find us so dangerous, and yet Paul's ministry has been so instrumental in the salvation of so many souls here, why then are y'all not concerned enough to instruct us from our error. Would you believe me if I told you that we desire that? Would you believe me if I told you that none of our "fathers" have tried to do this, as the scriptures command (Titus 1:9)? Would you believe me if I told you that the very ones you have been led to believe have made this endeavor actually never have? Marc, our church is not the only ones that can bear witness to the truth of these things, many witnesses can, and thus your ministry and behavior towards this poor, persecuted flock of God's right now, is being held in blame, because y'all have cast us off without a hearing because y'all believed "older, godlier men" have already tried.

Do you all know that the man who motivated the slander that first provoked y'all to disassociate from us in '12, "that father of one of our congregants", has since repented of his sin against us and his lies, and is saddened by all the trouble he has caused and seeking God of how to make amends?

Do you all know that the man who heard this in Jerusalem, Stephen, who then told his pastor, who then told you, has also repented and apologized for the same things to us?

Do you all know that one of the men who provoked y'all's second request to us last year, Moses David, has also repented and is praying of how to make amends as well?

Do any of these things concern you all? That you may have grievously erred regarding some for whom Christ shed his precious blood?

O be not proud. I speak in love.

We complied with your request in 2012 to take Paul Washer's messages off of our website, and we have complied in other ways as you had asked. We cannot help that people have joined our church of late whose testimonies of salvation involve Paul Washer's message, nor can we (or would we) keep them from sharing that.

Paul is willing to deny Christ in us, but we are not willing to deny Christ in him.

We complied out of deference, but not from conviction that our behavior was wrong. On the contrary, we are convinced that you're behavior, and Paul's (as much as he has been involved in the decisions you have made and emails you have written), is wrong and unchristian.

We have posted the 3 minute prophetic message of Paul's because we are convinced that he was speaking by the word of the Lord. Thus it is not his message or mine, but God's. We are obligated to honor Christ from wherever he may be found to speak, and so we have used this video and do not plan to take it down.

As Paul "investigates ways to publicly disassociate himself from us and our group", would he even consider speaking to us? We would listen.

We appeal to y'all to consider your ways. Has your behavior been perfect before God in this matter?

I wrote the following in response to Paul's public smiting of us a couple months ago:

(Below is a poem titled, "A Lamentation for My Fathers", written with a heart full of love and desire for the spiritual fathers of this generation to return to their sons and be true pastors after God's heart, bringing up their sons in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; even taking them by the hand instructing them through the scriptures, and not cast them away without a proper hearing according the holy obligations of God's written word...)

A fatherless generation,
Has made unfeeling hearts.
Cold to its sons begotten;
Still no conscience yet smarts!
How the father's hearts so estranged!
And their son's hearts so filled with shame!

E'en the ostrich (tho' ignorant)
Warms her eggs in the dust.
Wherefore then can fathers prudent,
Cast their sons in their blood?
While the babe's shrill cry ascending,
Sets the hardest hearts arending.

Men's hearts made like Saul's (the former):
Prepared to smite their sons,

Without desire of an answer,
Or e'en conversation!
Can this be! are souls not precious?
Can you not hear? "Please don't kill us!"

"O! thou once the anointed king,
Know I fear to touch thee.
How is it then so light a thing
For thou to murder me?"
"My father! my father, please stop!
I am thy son! how know'st me not?"

Christ can turn the hearts of fathers
Back to their dying sons,
And surely this is their prayer:
"Heal our generations!"
With natural affection restored,
Then Christ's doctrine will be adorned.

My heart is broken within me,
To see my fathers so!
The fine gold before me dimming,
Maketh my heart sink low!
Can this be it? can this be all?
I cannot stand to watch them fall!

With Great Love and Longing,
In Christ,
Jake Gardner

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Jake:

Please send me your phone number. I need to set up a call with you, et al, for tomorrow, if possible.

Marc Glass