

Positive Confession Movement Is Not Biblical Faith

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'Positive Confession' is the name of the doctrine and practise propogated by the 'Word of Faith' movement, popularized by Kenneth Hagain senior, and ever so popular with NeoPentacostals and Charismatic fellowships. This heresy finds its historical roots in the teachings of 'Frederic George Kenyon (1863-1952)'. It is amazing how multitudes of misled people who are deceived and wrapped up in this heresy of occult origins, haven't the slightest clue that the teaching itself, as well as the practise, has nothing to do with genuine biblical faith, which is recorded in the bible.

Nevertheless, blind followers who support these false prophets that promote such heresy, continue to run around foolishly quoting; **'You Are What You Confess'**. So what exactly is this theology of positive confession? What is true christian faith and how do the two differ?

The phrase **'Positive Confession'** refers quite literally to believing that one can bring into existence, what one states with their mouth, since faith (as they reason) is suppose to be a confession 'fundamentally and primarily'

Basically there are two greek words which these false prophets use in their theology; one is **'logos'** and the other is **'rhema'**. There is nothing wrong with these words in and of themselves, but **the way in which 'Word of Faith' teachers use them is definately an abomination and a lie.** This is what they say: 'If God's Words are spoken and confessed (**this being Rhema**, which is the written word), then this written word becomes the inspired word for the specific situation to which it is addressed, (which is known as logos) simply by the action taken of confessing, which they say becomes faith because of the act of confessing.

So in essence, what they mean by this is that we understand the true meaning of God's Word as well as it becoming personally applicable in any given situation by the confession of it, because one has believed strongly enough in God's Word. These false prophets go around saying 'all you have to do, is believe God's Word and confess it, and as a result God Himself will manifest Himself in whatever situation the confession is made or applied to, by the written word which is spoken **'rhema'** becoming the inspired word **'logos'** or sword of the spirit for that particular situation.

If all this sounds confusing, well maybe that is because this doctrine is confusion, period, Usually when something is backwards, it is confusing, and that is exactly what this teaching is. Why? For this reason.

You can confess and speak God's Word as much as you want, but if you don't already by divine faith understand or have true meaning and true interpretation behind the written Word Of God, you won't end up with eternal truth, no matter how much you confess Jesus Christ is the Word of God – the Logos Himself; John 1:1. A person can memorize the entire bible and know it by heart, but if he or she doesn't have the illumination of the Holy Spirit to understand the meaning behind the words, then they are dead words and not alive words **'logos'** to that person.

'The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple' – Psalms 119:130

There are multitudes who know God's Word in their head, but: still don't understand the truth, that the Holy Spirit inspired the Biblical writers to write.

Unless Jesus Christ's word 'the Logos' is in our heart, it is useless to go spouting off a bunch of bible verses as the person won't have the understanding, or illumination to go with it. The written word 'the bible' is basically a bunch of dead words to someone who is spiritually dead, as a spiritually dead sinner does not have the Holy Spirit no matter how much they confess. **The relationship between the 'word' and the 'Holy Spirit' is a very important one.**

In the bible it states; **'all scripture is given by inspiration of God...'** - 2 Timothy 3:16a

... the apostle Paul stating that God's word is inspired by God, and it is God breathed, as the inspiration that is behind the written word of God 'the bible', is of the Holy Spirit 'breathed of God'. Of course, this agrees with what the apostle Peter stated; **'For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit'**. – 2 Peter 1:21

Multitudes hear God's word, but they only hear it carnally and not spiritually, so that it would be sown and planted in their hearts. They hear it and absorb it in their head, but don't hear it spiritually in their hearts. Most false prophets today, attempt to align Romans 10:17 with the heresy of 'gospel regeneration'. They believe and teach that unless a sinner has the gospel preached to him, then he cannot be spiritually quickened or regenerated. The truth is that that preaching of the gospel is not for the purpose of regenerating anyone, or giving them the principle of indwelling life. The preaching of the gospel is for the purpose of conversion to Jesus Christ, but not for the purpose of regenerating a dead sinner from the spiritually dead. Unless the Holy Spirit, sovereignly regenerates and gives life to a passive sinner, then that person will never be truly converted to Jesus Christ, no matter how much the gospel is preached or the sinner confesses their human fallible faith in Jesus Christ.

'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation'. Romans 10:9,10

From these two verses of scripture, it is clear that one can confess and make confession concerning God's word till one is blue in the face, but unless you believe and have the 'logos' Jesus Christ and His faith and righteousness in your heart, then confessing is in vain, and basically a waste of time.

'... the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the Lord of faith, which we preach' – Romans 10:8

These false prophets who say that they are 'word of faith' teachers don't have the word of faith in their hearts, because they teach that confession comes before and takes priority over faith, belief and repentance. The changed and converted heart means everything in the christian life.

'No man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit'. – 1 Corinthians 12:3

A sinner can say and confess whatever they want, he can even mouth the confession that Jesus is Lord, but unless they have the inward spiritual reality in the heart to back up the confession, then it is in vain and a lie which will not result in faith.

When the apostle Paul stated; 'The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth' – Romans 10:8

... he was referring to himself and to those who had the inward reality of faith. **'The Word of Faith, which we preach.'** He was not talking about this practise of unsaved unenlightened unbelievers of confessing scriptures to bring about the attempted desire of their human faith to try and bend and shape reality into what they want, which is nothing more than sorcery or mental imaging. Christians don't try to bend reality and make their own universe up, but take God's word at face value and seek to be submissive to God in 'His universe'.

Here are some direct quotes from these 'positive confession teachers' themselves. Some of the deceitful and wicked statements that these false prophets of this 'word of faith' movement have made, truly give themselves away and explain why they teach such pseudo human faith;

- **John G. Lake** – 'Man is not a separate creation detached from God, He is part of God Himself.. God intends us to be gods. The inner man is the governor, the true man that Jesus said was a god'.
- **Earl Paulk** – 'Just as dogs have puppies and cats have kittens, so God has little gods and we begin to act like little gods, He says the Church cannot manifest the Kingdom of God until they start acting like gods'.
- **Kenneth Copeland** – 'You don't have a God living in you; you are one.'
- **Paul Yonggi Cho** – 'By the spoken word we create our universe of circumstances. You create the presence of Jesus with your mouth... He is bound by your lips and by your words'.
- **Charles Capps** – 'Man was created in God's class... a spirit being very capable of operating on the same level of faith as God... God released His faith in words... to imitate God, you must talk like Him and act like Him...., the natural world is

to be controlled by man speaking God's word's... there was creative power that flowed out of the mouth of God and you... have the same ability dwelling or residing on the inside of you.' – 'Natural men (can) become supernatural.'

Now we can see from these statements that in the positive confession movement, man is considered 'a god' or a god-like being, which the entire 'New Age Movement' is based on philosophically. In their way of thinking man is the ruler of God, who is their servant. Like a genie in a bottle, man decides what he wants and commands or demands God to do his bidding by confessing God's word as he so desires and not according to God's will.

This whole deception which is the same deception Satan beguiled Eve with, and is summed up in these verses in the book of Genesis; **'And the serpent said unto the woman; Ye shall not surely die: For God both knows that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and YE SHALL BE AS GODS, knowing good and evil'.** – Genesis 3:4,5b

Eve was beguiled and deceived by Satan's words which is the seed of Satan. Eve did not gain immortality but instead gain death. Ever since this sin of Eve's (which Adam her husband was 'federally' responsible for), man has had a problem with self and always wanting to put himself in a position of deity. Man has continually desired to be a god unto himself apart from God the creator of this universe. **Even Jesus stated in John 10:34 – 'ye are god'.**

God's true and complete will for His elect are for them to be; **'Sons of God' – Galatians 4:5-7 & 1 John 3:1,2...** not gods unto themselves.

Only those who have the seed of God's word in their life; **'Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but uncorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever'.** – 1 Peter 1:23... will have true saving faith.

Jesus Christ also stated; **'Is it not written in your law, I said ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken'.** – John 10:34,35

Genesis 3:4,5b tells us about the 'seed of Satan', while the passage in John 10:3, which states that which cannot be broken. Even though God's word came to these religious hypocrites, it did not convert them, and they remained 'Satan's seed'. Regardless of who the word of God came to, it still remains God's Holy word and cannot be broken, regardless of what the Pharisees did with it.

Satan's seed which is born of rebellion and lawlessness, is doomed for destruction, because the fruit of sin is death and corruption, which is the exact opposite of what he (the devil) had promised Eve. Eve was promised eternal life by Satan by telling her; **'ye shall not surely die'**... but it is only God's spiritual seed; His true elect sheep, which yield fruit unto eternal life, as the 'word of God cannot be broken'.

God will uproot Satan's seed and bring it to nought, which the 'Word of Faith Positive Confession Movement' is part of; **'Every plant, which my heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up'.** – Matthew 15:13

God's plan is to bring forth children of God, and separate them from Satan's seed, through spiritual birth; **John 3:5**, caused by God's seed Jesus Christ the Word of God Himself; the eternal LOGOS.

The fact is that Satan's seed has always persecuted God's seed; the unrighteous have always persecuted the righteous. This is illustrated plainly in the Bible with Cain and Abel. Abel killed his brother Cain, because Abel's sacrifice was approved of God; Abel was a true worshipper of God, while Cain was not, as he offered a bloodless sacrifice. The seed of Cain has always, and always will persecute the seed of Abel.