Distinguishing Our Calvary Identity

WHY A DISTINCTION IS NEEDED

- We've always been a part of the Calvary Chapel movement of churches that begin through Pastor Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa since our beginning
- At Chuck's passing in 2013 – Costa Mesa was taken over by Brian Brodersen
    - At that time ***every single original well-known pastor*** within Calvary Chapel followed in Pastor Chuck's vision of creating a regionalized Calvary Chapel Association – except Brian
    - Brian began changing the doctrine and beliefs of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa and tried to begin the Calvary Global Network
- In 2025 Brian then turned Calvary Chapel Cosa Mesa over to his son Char Brodersen
    - Since then, the God-honoring intent of CC Costa Mesa has taken a nose-dive
- Here's one of the problems - When people want to know more about CC Chambersburg, then often go to www.calvarychapel.com which is owned & operated by CC Costa Mesa – that's a problem!

WHAT COSTA MESA HAS CHANGED – 5 examples

1. CC Costa Mesa now accepts ***women teaching over men***
    a. We've always believed as the Scripture teaches that men & women are equal but with different roles
    b. See our message from I Cor 11 for the whole study
2. CC Costa Mesa no longer believes that we need to teach ***the Whole Word of God***
    a. Acts 20:27 – do it all
    b. See our topical message from 2023 titled '*The Whole Counsel Of God*'
3. CC Costa Mesa no longer believes that ***Israel*** has a Biblical role in the future
    a. Another clear change from what we've always believed
    b. See our topical message from 2025 titled 'Is Modern Israel, The Real Israel'
4. CC Costa Mesa now believes that homosexuals have no need to change
    a. All of us are bent toward some sin
    b. Though we have sympathy for the person, we call all to repent
    c. We all have a sinful bent in our heart – that's why we all need to be born again
    d. Get our entire message on this from Leviticus 17-20
5. They even ask for a tithe from the other churches!
    a. We've never been a denomination with pooled resources
    b. We've always been brothers & sisters spiritually looking out for each other

WHAT'S WORSE IS THE DECEITFUL NATURE OF HOW COSTA MESA IS MAKING THESE CHANGES

- Acting like they aren't changing
- They want to give the impression that they're just 'hammering out the details'
- They should admit these are ***not*** beliefs that Pastor Chuck held nor are they in the Bible

BE CLEAR – CALVARY CHAPEL DIDN'T HAVE A SPLIT

- The vast majority of Calvary Chapels remain with the Calvary Chapel Association including each one of the original well-known pastors
- I believe the easiest way to describe what happened is that ***the flagship was scuttled or sunk***
    - Scuttled is to have holes cut into your bottom from the bottom making it sink

WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE SCRIPTURE AND JESUS CHRIST

- The Calvary Chapel Association remains healthy and we're certainly still in great fellowship with so many of our long-time friends (spiritual mentors and brothers) and what Calvary Chapel has historically been under Pastor Chuck
- Beyond it all, the union that matter is that we always remain committed to obeying our Lord Jesus Christ
    - The beliefs that He's called us to, do not change
    - The life that He's called us to, is worthy sacrificing ourselves for
- When times come that we must distinguish ourselves in order to not be lumped into a sinful situation – we will
    - But know this – We serve Jesus & we strive to honor Him through our joyful obedience to His good plan!
- Grace and Peace to You!