

Are the Church's Sins God's Fault?
Deuteronomy 30:1-20
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The Movement

- ⇒ Most leaders in the church who fall aren't wolves in sheep's clothing, they simply don't heed biblical warnings.
 - ⇒ A Christian with a cold heart will drive others away from ever wanting to come near their master and Savior.
 - ⇒ "Finding a good Christian is like finding a good watermelon." — Al Gascon
- We as Christians are to showcase a love that draws the world to us and a love that is to be unmatched by anyone who isn't a believer and a follower of Christ.

"To assume that God is responsible for our evil—even the evil committed "in His name"—is, I suspect, to assume that humans are robots who simply act out a divine, preplanned program...I want to argue that, ultimately, all evil in the world comes from free wills other than God. What God wills and does is always good. Whatever is not good has its origin from someone or something other than God."

— Dr. Gregory A. Boyd

The Facts (what we believe)

- i. The church is not perfect, and no perfect church exists.
- ii. Leaders are not perfect, Pastors included.
- iii. EVERYONE falls short of the holiness and love God calls us to.
- iv. Evil does not have its origin with God, because God is perfectly holy and good.
- v. We have free will and the responsibility to use it wisely.

The Word (why we believe it)

- ⇒ There isn't a shred of darkness within God's being or character.
 - 1 John 1:5-10
 - ⇒ God always gives us the free will to choose life or death, good or evil.
 - Deuteronomy 30:1-20
 - ⇒ Pastors never reach a state of perfection.
 - Romans 7:18-19
- DON'T BLAME GOD FOR OUR MORAL FAILURES AND MISUSE OF FREE WILL.