

# Burger King Theology!

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No, I have not gone off the deep end, been dipping into the monthly Lord's Supper wine nor discovered some long-lost doctrine. What I am referring to both on the cover and here in the title of this piece is the ever-increasing belief that you can have God and more specifically Jesus, YOUR way. The notion works fine for Burger King, but it has no place nor biblical foundation in the Christian Church. Do not get me wrong, for those who indulge in a BK Whopper; have it your way, just know you cannot deal with God in that manner.

The verse used on the cover is the culmination of the apostle's warning that those who would have it their way. Those who would not remain steadfast in the Faith, hold true and unwavering to the doctrines of the bible were nothing more than pretenders.

I like Calvin's explanation here, of this verse 19: *These be they who separate themselves*. Some Greek copies have the participle by itself, other copies add *eJautou*<v, "themselves;" but the meaning is nearly the same. He means that they separated from the Church because they would not bear the yoke of discipline, as they who indulge the flesh dislike spiritual life.<sup>1</sup> The word *sensual*, or animal, stands opposed to spiritual, or to the renovation of grace; and hence it means the vicious or corrupt, such as men are when not regenerated. For in that degenerated nature which we derive from Adam, there is nothing but what is gross and earthly; so that no part of us aspires to God until we are renewed by his Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> This is the common interpretation, and yet it seems inconsistent with what is previously said of these men, that they crept in stealthily, and "feasted" with the members of the Church. The *eJautou*<v, though retained by Griesbach, is excluded by Wetstein and others, being absent from most of the MSS. The verb *ajpodiori*>zw, means to separate by a boundary two portions from one another, and hence metaphorically to separate or cause divisions: "These be they who cause divisions." They were doing the same thing as those mentioned by Paul in Romans 16:17.

[ *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.* ] They were producing discords in the Church, and not separations from it; and by continuing in it, they became "spots and stains" to its members. -- Ed.

The keyword in this verse is "sensual" here the meaning is:

Strong's Number: 5591

Original Word Word Origin yucikovĩ;½ from (5590)

Transliterated Word TDNT Entry Psuchikos

Phonetic Spelling psoo-khee-kos' =Adjective

Definition: of or belonging to breath having the nature and characteristics of the breath the principle of animal life, which men have in common with the brutes governed by breath the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion

King James Word Usage - Total: 6 natural 4, sensual 2

Simply put these were and are worldly people. Those who move among the congregations of true believers but have an appetite, not for the Holy Spirit and truth but themselves and “*Having It Their Way*”.

**This Burger King Theology** (sensual worldly theology) that has infected the modern Church is covered in a variety of topics including but not limited to:

- We can have a relationship with God any way we want
- We can and should use any method to share Jesus with others
- We can pick and choose what parts of the Holy Bible apply to us
- We should put God on the sidelines when it comes to political and social issues

It would take many more pages than this small publication to cover all that should be said, but I will attempt to look at the first premise in brief here. Concerning our relationship with God, I could term it getting right with God. Some would have you believe it is all up to you or you can only need to ask for forgiveness from God and you are golden. Well, those teachings are of course lies. First off God decides not us, **2 Thessalonians 2:13** *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 2 Timothy 1:9* *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.* Let us face it if it were up to us, we would only screw it up, it is not at all up to us. As for “only asking for forgiveness, NOT!

Read the book, **Romans 5:1** *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Do we really think we can be justified and at peace with Jesus if you do not repent and make him more than Savior? Are we that hung up on ourselves?

The word *Lord* to which I refer is the same one used to describe Jesus some 700+ times in the NT alone. Strong's concordance shows it to be:

Strong's Number: 2962

Original Word Word Origin kuvriōŷ½ from kuros (supremacy)

## Transliterated Word **Kurios**

Phonetic Spelling Parts of Speech koo'-ree-os =Noun Masculine

The definition he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord the possessor and disposer of a thing the owner; one who has control of the person, the master

in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor is a title of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master **this title is given to God, the Messiah**

**King James Word Usage - Total: 748**

**Lord 667, lord 54, master 11, sir 6, Sir 6, miscellaneous 4**

Matthew 76	Galatians 7	Titus 1
Mark 18	Ephesians 27	Philemon 5
Luke 98	Colossians 14	Hebrews 16
John 51	1 Thessalonians 22	James 13
Acts 105	2 Thessalonians 19	1 Peter 7
Romans 39	1 Timothy 8	2 Peter 14
1 Corinthians 59	2 Timothy 16	2 John 1
2 Corinthians 28	Jude 6	Revelation 22

Jesus knew His position in relationship to us: **John 13:13** *Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am;* why is it so hard for us to acknowledge this to Him?

Well, we are all going to have to answer to Christ someday for our actions here on earth. **2 Corinthians 2:10** says: *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

I do not know about you, but I wish to be counted faithful and be one with HIM? If so He must be Lord, **Revelation 17:14** *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful.* of your life. Only HIS WAY can you have a relationship with Him.

What are truly born again believers called to do with these pretenders? The following sermon from Donald Cargill is another in our series on the Great Sermons of the past.

Set around the year 1650 the language is at times obscure but a careful reading will leave you thinking this was written for our time.