## **The Prosperity Gospel Introduction**



The things that appear to have happened to us, these past few months, I liken to a convulsion, which is not a very nice thing to see, particularly if it is seen in a child. I witnessed my son Isaac, only a few month old convulse on the floor and he was rushed to Hospital, in Leicester, in 1981.

I have been as bystander at the meetings of the Church, as I am not privy to Church matters, but Brian asked me, at the penultimate communion meeting, if I thought the prosperity gospel was being taught in the church. As I was not familiar with these terms or teachings and with my limited knowledge, I said I didn't think so, and possibly John has been misunderstood.

As you will be aware, I have kept you up to date with my activities, by video, text and email, with a range of things that I have been concerned about and sought to pave the way to discussion, as Brian has encouraged us to do this, but due to Covid etc, nothing has happened.

I have, since June 2021, and since being asked by Brian about the prosperity gospel have examined the subject and having not heard of it, in those terms, I now understand the terms and the doctrines accompanying this subject.

What I have seen of the Prosperity Gospel is clearly the fruit and effect of Arminian Teaching, doctrines that are contrary to those gospel truths taught during the Reformation, and for which I have sought to steer you towards and bring to your attention to resolve those issue that I have observed among us and which is heresy.

Please listen to John MacAthur, the pastor of Grace Church. I have taken time transcribed his sermon and I read it allowed to you. He clearly expresses his concerns over the prosperity gospel which was brought to his attention at the inauguration of President Donald Trump, in 2017.

I believe John MacArthur is correct in his observations, he nails the problem to floor, and we should fully understand what he says. He is not the only one to do this as there are some good men seeking to address these issues. This matter cannot be, or should not be brushed under the carpet, or ignored.

The Doctrinal errors underlying the Prosperity Gospel are opposed the **Reformation Doctrines of Grace** and amounts to radical Arminianism. A correct biblical understanding of these important doctrinal truths is essential, to avoid the errors that we have encountered. Reformed theology is clearly set out in the **First London Baptists Confession of faith**, **1646, 2nd Edition**, it is essential we understand these things. Here is the link listed below. And any church must be able to distinguish between truth and error, in this current day. As a Baptist Church you will have a confession of Faith, so please take a look. Please take this seriously and listen to Macathur, and take time view the First London Confession of Faith and see if you be in the Faith. 2 Corinthians 13:5

*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?* 

I would be very please to be of assistance to any of you in coming to terms with these serious matters

## The 1646 Baptists Confession

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