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ACTS 18:23-28

23After spending some time in Antioch, Paul went back through Galatia and Phrygia, visiting and strengthening all the believers. **Acts 18:23**



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Acts 18:23,24



25 He had been taught the way of the Lord, and he taught others about Jesus with an enthusiastic spirit and with accuracy. However, he knew only about John's baptism.

26 When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately. **Acts 18:25,26**

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Acts 18:24,25

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11 Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. **12** I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.

GALATIANS 1:11,12

25 Dear He had been taught the way of the
Lord.....

ACTS 18:25

3 FACTORS TO APOLLOS EFFECTIVENESS AS A TEACHER

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He had been taught the way of the Lord, **vs 25a**

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JOHN'S BAPTISM CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF TWO TRUTHS

The forgiveness of sins is possible only on the basis of repentance.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. **9** And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **10** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

MATTHEW 3:7-10



Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” ... (and) the fig tree withered from the roots.

MARK 11:13,14,20



JOHN'S BAPTISM CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF TWO TRUTHS

One was coming who would complete the work he had begun.

“I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

LUKE 3:16

WHAT WAS MISSING FROM APOLLOS TEACHING?

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**The purpose and power of
Jesus death, resurrection and
the coming of the Holy Spirit**

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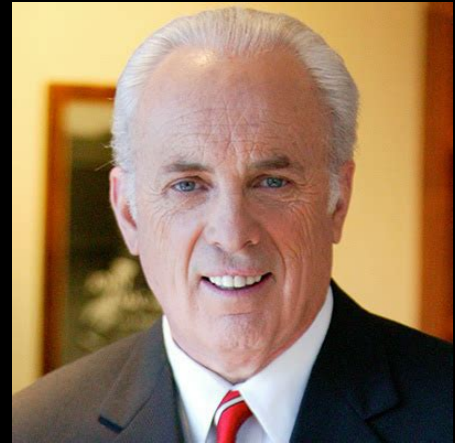
"If I take my eye off the cross as if my salvation depends on me, as soon as you go there it will lead you to abject despair or a horrible kind of arrogance."

Pastor Alastir Begg



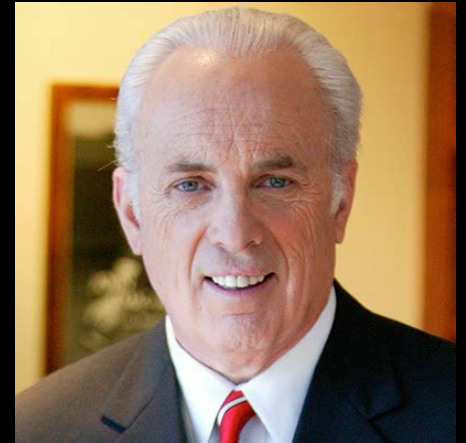
"Despair because you know you are so sinful nothing you could have possibly done for good could save you or arrogance because your pride has led you to believe your self- righteousness is sufficient."

Pastor MacArthur telling the true story of Rabbi Saccai



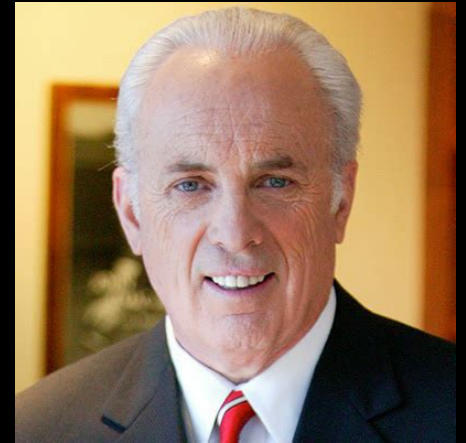
"There was a rabbi by the name of Rabbi Saccai, he was called The Light of Israel. He lived at the time of the destruction of the temple, and he was the president of the Sanhedrin, or the ruling body of Israel. On his deathbed, he began to weep just bitterly and profusely. And some of his students who had studied under him and sat at his feet couldn't believe this, and they asked him how such a man who had lived as he could have such fear of death."

Pastor MacArthur Quoting Rabbi Sacchi



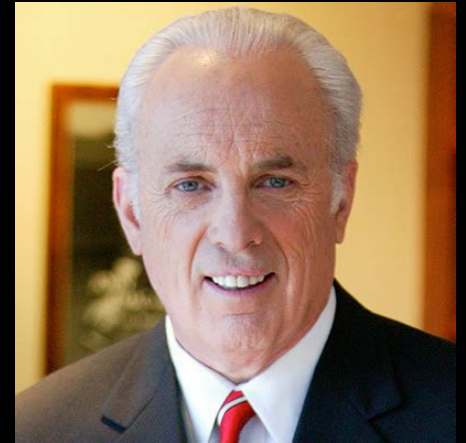
"If I were now to be brought before an Earthly king who lives today and dies tomorrow, whose wrath and whose bonds are not everlasting and whose sentence of death even is not that to everlasting death, who can be assuaged by arguments or perhaps bought off by money, I should still tremble and weep."

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Quoting Rabbi Sacchi**



"How much more reason have I for it when about to be led before the King of Kings, the Holy One, Blessed by He who lives and abides forever, whose chains are chains forevermore, whose sentence of death kills forever, whom I cannot assuage with words nor bribe with money."

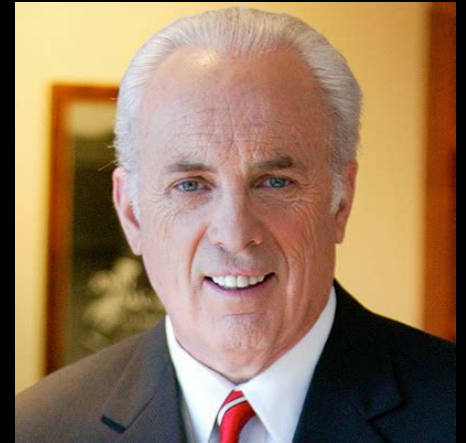
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"And not only so, but there are before me two ways: one to paradise and the other one to hell. And I know not which of the two ways I shall have to go. How then shall I not shed tears?"



**Pastor MacArthur
Quoting Yahuda**



"Rabbi Yahudah was about to die, and at his death, he lifted up his hands to heaven and told God, 'Not one of my ten fingers has ever broken a single law.'"

PRISCILLA AND AQUILA CORRECT APOLLOS

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²⁶ When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately.

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. . . . ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin.

Romans 6:3,4,6,7

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Romans 6:6a

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Romans 6:6b

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Romans 6:6

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Romans 6:7

APOLLOS IS READY TO BE SENT OUT TO CORINTH

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