

# Can Christians Blame Their Porn Addictions on Apple?

In a headline that may remind Christians of the old “devil made me do it” excuse for sinning, an admitted porn addict is suing Apple for opening the door to his naughty habits and destroying his marriage.

Chris Sevier, 36, filed a 50-page complaint with the Tennessee Supreme Court blaming Apple for neglecting to install a porn filter on new devices. The way he reasons it, if Apple had taken steps to make sure customers can't watch porn on its iconic computer, he wouldn't be in bondage to sexual immorality.

Sevier also points the finger at Apple for horrible acts like sex trafficking and even the proliferation of Viagra commercials on late night TV. What does Sevier want? Money, of course.

Paul warned that in the last days, men would be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, unholy, unforgiving, without self-control and lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:1-4). We're seeing this prophetic word come to pass even in this hour.

Unfortunately, Sevier is not the only one shifting the blame—or at least turning a blind eye to the dark forces that are truly propagating pornography in this hour. Many Christians, too, are blind to the spirit of immorality's impact on their lives.

A ChristiaNet poll reveals that 50 percent of all Christian men and 20 percent of all Christian women are addicted addicted to pornography. Yes, addicted. Not just one-time viewers or even frequent users. Addicted. What is more, 60 percent of the women who answered the survey admitted to

having significant struggles with lust, and 40 percent admitted to being involved in sexual sin in the past year.

In a recent survey, 54 percent of pastors surveyed said they had viewed porn within the past year. Consider this: Even as the church fights against the sex-trade industry, part of the church is unwittingly supporting it through pornography. The depths of this wickedness, then, are sadly ironic, much like Sevier's case against Apple.

Thank God for ministries that help Christians and others addicted to porn. We've seen inspiring testimonies from pastors and others who have broken these chains of bondage. But the first step is admitting the problem. If you are addicted to pornography, reach out to one of the many Christian ministries online for help, like XXX Church.

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## **Sanford, Fla., Pastors Call for Racial Reconciliation Over Trayvon Martin's Death**

*Sanford: The Untold Story* highlights the racial reconciliation journey being experienced in the historic city of Sanford, Fla., following the tragic death of **Trayvon Martin** last February.

In this 30-minute film, Charisma Media founder and program host Steve Strang reveals how local pastors—including black, Hispanic and Caucasian—have taken the lead to confront the racial divide that spans generations in their city by regularly meeting, sharing and praying together.

“I was genuinely moved to see how these pastors have passionately stood together and are now reaching out to help hurting people,” Strang says. “Their story will inspire audiences across the country to initiate a similar approach in their communities—because racism isn’t limited to Sanford, Florida.”

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## **10 Ideas Church People Hold About Church**

Since my connection to Christ in 1978, I have observed many models or concepts people have regarding how they connect to the body of Christ. The following are some of the popular concepts I have observed regarding how believers define the church for themselves.

### **1. The “I am the church” concept**

Many people do not have any personal affiliation to any particular local church even though they still attempt to cultivate a relationship with God. They may even read the Bible, pray and share their faith, but they have no organic connection to any community of believers.

In my opinion, these believers have a disembodied faith and foolishly think they can fulfill their purpose in Christ

alone! This is as ludicrous as cutting off a finger and thinking that it can continue to live and function normally without the rest of the body (read 1 Corinthians 12)!

## **2. The “my family is my church” concept**

There are many believers who rarely participate in a local faith community because they are constantly doing things on weekends with their families. They take the “putting family first” mantra too far and think that as long as they are spending time with their families, they are putting the kingdom of God first.

What these people don't realize is that if their children don't see them living sacrificially for the kingdom of God in the context of a local congregation, then they will most likely not attend church at all when they get older, and they will also likely come up with their own definitions of Christianity. Also, we will be nurturing self-centered children if everything we do for Christ revolves around them and they don't see us serving in the context of a local congregation.

## **3. The micro-church concept**

The micro-church concept is also known in some circles as the house church concept. This has to do with trying to go back to the simplicity of the first-century church, when groups of 30 to 70 people met in homes, were very relational and won souls through word of mouth and friendship.

Those in the micro-church tend to be very critical of what they call the “box church” or “institutional church,” which depend on large buildings and programs to preach the gospel, putting an inordinate amount of time and money into expansion by buildings, developing professional-sounding worship experiences and producing great Sunday experiences.

While I agree with them that the so-called institutional

church has lost a lot of its focus and has turned the majority of church attendees into spectators, I also believe that the body of Christ is called to penetrate and influence culture. In today's world, it is very hard to influence top leaders without the so-called institutional model that many marketplace leaders respect. Also, I believe you can have a large church that meets in huge facilities without compromising your call to have genuine fellowship by utilizing the use of small groups that meet in homes. It is not the size of the church or the facilities that matter but the ministry and discipleship capacity of a local church that matters.

Also, the only reason the first-century church utilized house churches or micro-churches was not because of the superiority of the method but because of persecution; they were not legally allowed to worship in public and could not build large church buildings. As soon as the persecution lifted in 313 AD, the body of Christ began to build large buildings (for example, cathedrals) so they could accommodate larger crowds of people.

#### **4. The independent congregation concept**

There are thousands of independent churches in America that are islands unto themselves without any formal affiliation with other churches, associations, denominations or movements.

Although I believe this is better than the first two concepts discussed above, I still think it is very limiting because every city should have a regional church expression in which likeminded pastors work together to serve their communities. One church alone cannot be God's answer for a large community or city. Every congregation is, at best, only part of the body of Christ, not the totality of it. Independent pastors and congregations have to ask themselves the theological question of how Jesus would speak to them in the same way He spoke to the messengers of each of the seven city churches mentioned in the book of Revelation (chapters 2 and 3). If Jesus came to

your city, to whom would He give his letter? To which messenger would He speak? This demonstrates that if there is no unity in the church, it actually limits what the Holy Spirit can say to a region!

## **5. The apostolic church concept**

This model is when a church helps unify other likeminded gospel preaching churches in their communities and/or regions and gives leadership and vision to city-reaching efforts. Many of these churches eventually form formal associations with other churches that function together as an organized network or coalition. These churches function very similarly to the first-century churches in that they are not compelled to work together as a denomination but do so on a voluntary basis because of common vision.

This is the church model that is exploding in Africa, Asia, Latin America and beyond and is mainly responsible for the global expansion of Christianity.

## **6. The historic mainline denominational church concept**

Although many have written off this church model, I believe God still has a redemptive purpose with the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Methodist and other mainline denominations.

There are people who love and serve Jesus in every Christian denomination. Although many of their congregations are greatly struggling and losing their youth, they may yet have some kind of future impact on world evangelization. Denominations like the Roman Catholic Church are being presently purged and hopefully being restored back to their original calling, while some other liberal Protestant denominations are likely disinheriting themselves and losing members because their ideology has virtually no distinction from the non-Christian world.

## **7. The emerging church concept**

The emerging church is made up primarily of younger evangelical leaders who have grown tired of the dry, modern, logical approach to the faith. Consequently, they have reverted to a form of postmodernism, which is a denial that objective propositional truth is knowable in this life, resulting in subjectivism.

Although I believe Christianity is very experiential and subjective, I also believe that truth is knowable; otherwise Jesus would not have said He is the Truth (John 14:6) and the church would not be called the ground and pillar of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). Denying that we can know absolute truth in this life eventually leads to liberalism because faith will be based on the feelings and perspectives of believers instead of the unchanging Word of God.

## **8. The online church concept**

Many Christians have a home church that streams its services on the Internet, making it possible for them to be blessed without ever setting foot in the church building.

Cyberchurch services are growing in popularity and are ideal for homebound people and for people in areas without access to a church community. The drawback is that many will substitute the real experience of community for cyberchurch and will miss out on real-life relationships. This kind of church is better than nothing but will greatly limit your calling since you need to function in a body in order to fulfill your purpose (1 Cor. 12).

## **9. The workplace church concept**

Many business leaders have been so frustrated with the lack of business savvy or leadership in their local churches that they have taken the kingdom message too far and set up churches in their offices. (In the kingdom of God, all believers are

priests and ministers, not just pastors and preachers. Thus, when they do weekly Bible studies with their employees, they call this their church.)

Although I believe it is a great thing to shepherd your employees and give them Bible studies, every business leader needs a local church, especially for their families to be cared for. If you are a high-level marketplace leader and are frustrated with your local church pastor and/or vision, then find an apostolic leader you can align with and receive input from.

In some cases the marketplace leader can have an individual apostolic leader as a mentor while their family is cared for in a local church they all attend. My experience has been that high-level marketplace leaders need strong apostolic church leaders in their lives to hold them accountable in regard to their families, their ambitions and their work ethic. Without a local church, many of these marketplace leaders go off into unbiblical pursuits and eventually experience cynicism and shipwreck.

## **10. The mobile church concept**

There are some translocal ministers who teach that their traveling team is their church. They take the words of Jesus in Matthew 18 too far when He says "where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." Jesus never called this experience a church; the book of Acts and the epistles model a church that has ministry to all people from the cradle to the grave. Mobile teams should pray together and learn from one another and function as part of the larger body of Christ, but every one of those team members should have a home church and a pastor or apostle they are in alignment with so they will have credibility within the church world and so they will have the most possible care and protection.

In closing, there are probably many other forms and/or models of the church we can discuss that are not mentioned in this article. These are just the main models that I have observed.

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## Andrew Garfield's Push for Gay Spider-Man Weaves a Wicked Web

Unholy gay agenda, Batman! Andrew Garfield, the actor who starred as the superhero in *The Amazing Spider-Man*, apparently wants to see the beloved wall-crawler break Mary Jane's heart and shack up with another man.

Not only did Garfield imagine his tights-wearing character in a relationship with a man, he's also even considered who might play his damsel, er, dude in distress.

Garfield told *EW* that he floated the idea during a talk with Matt Tolmach, producer of *The Amazing Spider-Man*. He's thinking *Friday Night Lights* alum Michael B. Jordan would make a good gay lover for Spidey. Michael B. Jordan's name was also mentioned.

"I was kind of joking, but kind of not joking about MJ," Garfield said, referring to the nickname of Mary Jane Watson, Peter Parker's girlfriend. "And I was like, 'What if MJ is a dude?' Why can't we discover that Peter is exploring his sexuality? It's hardly even groundbreaking! ... So why can't he

be gay? Why can't he be into boys?"

Really? Don't we have enough gay comic book heroes? About this time last year, DC Comics outed the Green Lantern. When he's not wearing his neon-green garb and accomplishing superhuman feats, the chiseled Green Lantern enjoys kissing his new boyfriend.

As I noted in my column last year, perhaps DC Comics was trying to compete with its rival, Marvel Comics, which announced just days earlier that it would host the first gay wedding in the June 20 issue of *Astonishing X-Men #51*.

Of course, Marvel Comics has long proved more progressive on the gay superhero front. Northstar, an X-Men character, became the first openly gay superhuman in American comic book history way back in 1992. Around that same time there was also speculation that Batman was about to come out of his caved closet, which would confirm decades-old rumors that Batman and Robin are much more than friends in tights.

Garfield's push for a gay Spider-Man weaves a wicked web that could help deceive a generation. Make no mistake, same-sex marriage is not God's plan.

Here's another thought: Gay superheroes are now mainstream. But where all the Christian superheroes? Why are Christian superheroes in the closet? I'm not knocking Bibleman, but that franchise is hardly influencing the masses on the silver screen.

Of course, some have said that Superman is a Methodist, Batman is an Episcopalian and Spider-Man is a Protestant. But you hardly see them casting devils out of their antagonists in the name of Jesus (which perhaps some would consider to be as bold as gay superheroes kissing in comics).

I wonder what the world would do if it saw a Spirit-filled, tongue-talking superhero raising the dead. I imagine the gay

agenda would crucify him.

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# My Word and My Power Are All You Need

In My Word you will discover the thoughts that I think about you. I have desired that your life be filled with My great peace, not with the evil and turmoil that you will find in the world, which the enemy will try to thrust upon you. My Word will help you to see the glorious future I have planned for you and will surround your life with the hope of overcoming the evil in this world through My strength and power. Allow My Holy Spirit to fill you up with My supernatural power. With My power there is nothing the enemy can do to hurt you. My Word and My power will help you to fill the whole earth with My glory.

Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 10:1; Psalm 72:19

Prayer Declaration

*Father, Your Word tells me to call to You, and You will answer me and show me great and mighty things, which I do not know. I am calling to You today!*

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# 10 Ways Gay Activists Shifted Culture—and What the Church Can Learn From It

Whether you are a proponent of same-sex marriage, homosexuality or not, you have to respect the way gay activists have fundamentally transformed American society in one generation. The plans and strategies of gay activism and how they went from being an oppressed minority to an elite protected status in mainstream culture is written in a book called *After the Ball*.

The following are some of their strategies:

## 1. They successfully redefined words.

Since Adam gave animals names, it is a known fact that the person who defines the words controls the dialogue. Since the 1970s, gay activists have successfully taken their official scientific terminology of *homosexual* and replaced it with the word *gay*. This was a brilliant move because the word *gay* has emotional and cultural connotations of being happy and carefree as opposed to the word *homosexual*, the very name of which emphasizes something different from the (heterosexual) majority of the population. (The homosexual community was once also referred to as “queer” because of this.)

If the church is going to regain cultural influence, it has to work on its branding and better leverage words to convey its message.

## **2. They infiltrated high levels of culture.**

From President Obama to the Pentagon; from rock stars, celebrities, movie producers and athletes to psychiatry, education and the Republican and Democratic parties; from business leaders like George Soros, Tim Gill and Michael Bloomberg to mainstream Protestant denominations like the Episcopal church—gay activists have successfully infiltrated and influenced the highest reaches of mainstream culture. As long as the evangelical church stays on the fringe of society, merely concentrating on local church activities instead of getting involved in the public square, they will be at a disadvantage in the culture wars. The area or realm of society the church fails to influence will turn around and attempt to trample it!

## **3. They put their monies behind candidates who espouse their views.**

In the 2011 fight for same-sex marriage, both Mayor Bloomberg and Tim Gill gave millions of dollars to support state senators who would vote in favor of gay marriage. In my political efforts, I have been told numerous times by political leaders that the deep pockets of gay activists influence how they vote simply because candidates feel they need that money to get re-elected—even if privately they may disagree with homosexuality. The evangelical church has to do more than preach its views on Sunday; it has to galvanize its businesspeople to put their monies together and form political action committees (PACs), which are legal entities formed to financially support certain candidates.

## **4. They successfully shifted culture from tolerance to celebration of homosexuality.**

I remember that in the 1990s, the word that was constantly

used in the media regarding the treatment of gays *wastolerance*. Now I very rarely, if ever, hear that word. This is because gay activists have successfully converted mainstream culture into a celebration of the gay lifestyle. Of course, this so-called "tolerant" culture was very intolerant of alternative views like conservative Christianity. Now Bible-believing Christians are probably the ones who have to start pushing "tolerance" toward their views because they clearly now hold the (persecuted) minority view in our society. It's hard to believe, but there was once a time not that long ago (pre-1967 to 1969) when Christian values were celebrated in mainstream society. The church probably has a long way to go before that happens again!

## **5. They have infiltrated the church.**

Gay theology has infiltrated many evangelical and Roman Catholic colleges, seminaries and churches. (This is a theology that reinterprets Scriptures that speak against homosexuality in such a way that its practice is no longer forbidden, because of the notion that it was based on past cultural nuances that are now outdated.) Now there are even gay denominations, like the Metropolitan church. Furthermore, there are organizations, like Soulforce, that visit prominent evangelical churches and engage in dialogue with their leadership and congregations for the purpose of making friends and converting them to gay theology.

As long as the evangelical church treats the gay community like lepers and merely resorts to preaching against homosexuality instead of attempting to befriend that community and meet its spiritual and physical needs, the gay community will continue to gain Christian converts while the Bible-believing church will continue to lose converts because of its lack of practical and loving engagement. In the same way the gay community has engaged and infiltrated the church, the church should reach out and serve gay people and infiltrate their organizations with authentic Christian love and truth. Also, we have to realize there is a real hunger for spirituality and Jesus among gay people, which is why so many of them visit our churches and desire acceptance. I believe

the harvest is ripe among every people group, including the gay community.

## **6. They unify annually in major rallies and events.**

Every year in major cities across the world, the gay community unites by the tens of millions and celebrates that lifestyle. In NYC, well over 1 million people march the last Sunday of every June. These parades are a celebration of the life, lifestyle and achievements of the gay community and are attended by most major political and social leaders. These millions of people who converge annually show incredible clout and global unity!

Unfortunately, I remember 15 to 20 years ago, when there was an attempt to have global Marches for Jesus. At first there were tens of thousands in many cities, but after several years it dwindled to merely a few thousand, which, when compared to the gay pride parades of the past several decades, is an embarrassment! Even though the number of people in Bible-believing churches far outnumbers the amount of homosexuals in our nation, those numbers mean nothing if we do not learn when and how to come together in unity to celebrate our God and King Jesus.

## **7. They are winning the war of propaganda.**

When it came to same-sex marriage, the gay agenda successfully changed the name of its fight to “marriage equality”—who can fight with equal marriage? They successfully connected gay rights to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s—for instance, the Stonewall uprising in the 1960s is now a symbol of civil rights movement, to the chagrin of many African-Americans! And they successfully branded those who disagree with same-sex marriage “homophobes” and “bigots.” This group has been so successful in creating the right sound bites to convey its message that anybody in mainstream media or in the public eye who utters a gay slur or disagrees with homosexuality will likely be fired from their job or fined. (To be clear, I am opposed to name-calling mistreatment of gays.) However, it is very fashionable for the media, such as

Bill Maher, and celebrities to regularly bash Christians and Christianity with impunity!

Unfortunately, Bible-believing Christians have become more known for what they are against than what they are for. The evangelical church has to change this if it ever hopes to ascend to regain its desired cultural influence.

### **8. They have successfully humanized their lifestyle through sympathy and victimhood.**

There have been countless movies, novels, plays and sitcoms that have desensitized culture from its former abhorrence of the gay lifestyle through the depiction of gays as oppressed victims or as normal people with normal lives and problems. (To be fair, many conservatives need a dose of reality in regard to this, since many of them think every gay person is a child molester, an uncontrollable sex addict or someone who will inflict people in proximity with him or her with the AIDS virus.) Thus, through the media, homosexuals have won the hearts and minds of America by connecting with masses of people emotionally. For example, the movie *Brokeback Mountain* successfully showed how two rough-and-tumble cowboys can be romantically involved, thus breaking another stereotype regarding gays not being masculine.

The church desperately needs to humanize itself in the eyes of the nation; instead of the ignorant Bible-thumping, hateful, bigoted image the media depicts the church to be, Christians need to create films, novels, plays, music and theatre that characterize them as normal human beings who hurt, cry, experience pain and are the most charitable, creative, forgiving and loving people on the earth—an opinion I have from observing the Bible-believing church for the past four decades in many different cultures, countries and contexts.

Christianity may not be perfect, but since the advent of the Resurrection, Christ followers have positively affected the world more than any other movement. They started hospitals and the greatest universities. They educated whole nation nations and produced the greatest scientists (Isaac Newton) and

composers (Bach, Beethoven, Handel). They abolished slavery (William Wilberforce), reformed child labor laws, led the fight against AIDS and prison reform (Chuck Colson), started relief organizations like the Red Cross and World Vision, and presently lead the charge against global sex trafficking, to name just a few things. The church has over 2,000 years of history to fall back on that can be used to positively depict Christianity to the world!

## **9. Their curriculum is taught in public schools.**

GLBT groups have been authorized to give sensitivity training in most major professional sports, in the military and in public schools. Gay activists have successfully joined many community boards, political clubs and school boards and have successfully placed gay-friendly curriculum as required reading in many public schools, with books such as *Heather Has Two Mommies* and the like.

After America was founded, it soon initiated public schools primarily for the purpose of religious education based on the Bible. Not only that, but evangelical churches started most of the Ivy League universities, including Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Columbia Universities, for the purpose of educating the next generation of cultural leaders with a Christian worldview. If the evangelical church doesn't once again equip the next generation to be cultural leaders through education, it will continue the cycle of losing cultural influence. Furthermore, we not only need more pastors, but also we need to nurture future professors of law, history, philosophy, sociology, science and politics with a biblical worldview to teach in world-class universities—because the heart cannot worship what the mind rejects.

## **10. They successfully changed the laws of the nation.**

The book of Esther teaches us that sometimes its not enough to have a prayer meeting and repent—we need to change the laws if we are going to save our people. Gay activists have infiltrated and influenced every strata of society, including the Supreme Court. Most of the states that have legalized

same-sex marriage have done so through either legislation or adjudication; only a few have done so through the popular vote. Not only that, but California defeated same-sex marriage by popular vote through Proposition 8, and even that was recently overturned by a court of law.

For the church to sustain cultural influence, it will need to nurture the next generation of the smartest and most qualified judges, lawyers and political leaders this nation has ever seen. Our children should be sent to the top universities in the world equipped with a biblical worldview so they can turn both their schools and culture upside down. If we only send Christian youth to Bible colleges to become pastors or full-time missionaries and neglect the public square, we will continue to be marginalized, in spite of the fact that conservative Christians may outnumber every other special-interest group. It's not about numbers; it's about influence, and gay activists have done an incredible job of gaining the ascendancy of cultural influence in ways the church can easily replicate if we are honest, self-aware and take our heads out of the sand!

I do not blame the gay community for same-sex marriage. I love and respect each gay person as I would any other human being. In regard to the decline of traditional marriage, I blame the high rate of heterosexual divorce and the failure of church the past several generations to function as salt and light.

In a world that is based on the laws of sowing and reaping as well as merit, the gay community deserves the influence it presently wields in culture because it has worked hard for decades to achieve cultural acceptance and celebration. Also, a narcissistic church focused on escaping rather than engaging the earth will also get what it deserves—more and more irrelevancy!

In closing, there are now incredible signs of hope that the global church is now beginning to embrace its cultural mandate (Gen. 1:28) and will once again nurture a generation of the greatest thinkers, writers, composers and cultural leaders the world has ever seen. I also believe God is looking for Bible-

believing Christ followers who will do the works of Christ and actively engage and love gay people instead of keeping them at arm's length and ostracizing them. We will never reach those we don't really love in words and deeds!

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## The Enemy Will Flee at Your Rebuke

Just as I rebuked Satan and defended My servant Joshua, so too will I defend you, My child, and will cause the accusations of the enemy to be harmless to you. I have given you the power to speak to the enemy with rebuke, and you will see him flee from you. I have promised that those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them. Follow My instruction and learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless, and plead for the widow. I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field.

Zechariah 3:1–2; Proverbs 24:25; Malachi 3:11

Prayer Declaration

*Satan, the Lord rebukes you. Let the enemy flee at Your rebuke, O Lord. Because the Lord has strengthened me, I will rebuke Satan and cause him to cease from attacking my family and me. I will speak to the storm of my life and say, "Quiet! Be still!"*

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# He Will Deliver You From Your Enemies

I will show Myself faithful to the faithful and blameless to the blameless. I will save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. I will keep your lamp burning and turn your darkness into light. With My help you can advance against a troop and scale the protective wall of your enemy. I am the God who arms you with strength and keeps your way secure. I make your feet like the feet of a deer and will provide a broad path for your feet. You will pursue your enemies and overtake them. You will crush them under your feet, and they will not be able to rise. I am the God who avenges you and subdues nations under your feet.

Psalm 18

Prayer Declaration

*The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under my feet. He has exalted me above my foes and rescued me*

*from violent men. He gives His king great victories and shows His unfailing love to His anointed.*

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# **The Blood of Christ Has Placed You in Covenant Relationship With God**

Through the precious blood of My Son, Jesus, you have entered into a new covenant relationship with Me. His blood has given you the confidence to enter directly into My presence. Come and draw near to Me with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith in My Son has given to you. His blood has cleansed you from a guilty conscience and has washed you with pure water. Hold unswervingly to the hope in Christ that you have professed, for I am faithful. Spur one another to live your lives in holiness and love. I am light, and in Me there is no darkness at all. Therefore, walk in My light; have fellowship with those who also walk in My light and who have been purified by the blood of My Son.

Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–24; 1 John 1:9–12

### Prayer Declaration

I stand before You washed in the blood of Your Son and robed in His righteousness. You have raised me from death to life and have broken all the chains of wickedness that had bound me in sin. I have been set free from sin and have willingly become a slave to Your righteousness.

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## Benny Hinn Requests Prayers for Ailing Father-in-Law

Healing evangelist **Benny Hinn** is petitioning the masses to release healing **prayers** for his father-in-law. A statement on his website reads:

“Suzanne and I are asking our partners and ministry friends to join together in agreement for her precious father, Dr. Roy Harthern. He has been battling serious health issues for some time and is now in critical care. Specifically, please pray

that he will be healed and whole, according to James 5:15: 'And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.'

Harthern began his ministry in England and is an international Bible teacher. He and his wife, Pauline, reside in Orlando, FL. He has made a lifetime study of Revelation and authored books such as *Armageddon Ahead: An Easy to Understand Commentary on the Apocalypse*.

"Suzanne and I are so happy together, and our restored marriage is living proof of the power of prayer," Hinn wrote. "With all of our prayer partners joining together, we know that God can do impossible things. We are confident that your faithful prayers on her father's behalf will be answered!"