

# The Fake Gospel of MacArthur

## "Freedom From Sin"

Introduction. One of the greatest mistakes of Christianity is the conviction that one can believe and do whatever one wants, and is truly saved. Surprisingly, this is also true of those who are called in Germany "bibeltreu", who claim and pretend with their name that they demand to follow the true gospeöl and not a fake one. In his letters Paul had repeatedly emphasized that one must believe what he and the apostles teach. This does not really interest Christians called "bibeltreu". They spread a fake, self-invented gospel which is far away from the true gospel. This includes the well-known bible teacher John F. MacArthur, who is highly respected worldwide. Is this recognition justified, or does MacArthur also teach a false gospel that cannot save? Obviously the reputation of a MacArthur is so high that nobody doubts his texts and does not examine them dutifully. There's no reason for that. This is evident from the MacArthur Study Bible. On closer analysis and examination it becomes clear that the commentaries on the German Schlachter-Bible teach a different gospel from the text. This is not honest and not tolerable. This applies above all to the teaching of the "existence of the wicked nature in the children of God". This doctrine is now being spread by his brochure "Freedom from Sin" ("Freiheit von Sünde"), which is distributed unchecked by various publishers (Betania, CLV, Voice of Hope). Let us examine this text as Scripture commands us.

Check of the teaching: P. 3, Introduction: The basic idea is wrong! A Christian or a newborn and child of God does not increase his "sensitivity to sin". The problem of sin is settled. The guilt of sin has been paid off, grace has replaced the law. The evil nature is destroyed, killed (Rom 6:2.6). Children of God are led by the Spirit of God, not by the "letter of the law" (2 Cor 3). There is no conflict between will, action and law. The Spirit of God has given children of God a new heart, a new attitude, a new morality and a new, divine nature that cannot and will not sin. The law, the will of God, is "written in the heart" of children of God. Christ lives in us, children of God want what God wants. There is no conflict and no struggle, as MacArthur wants to convince us again and again. We have "died to sin", we are "dead to sin". Sin leaves us cold as a dead man. The reference to Romans 7:14 ff is completely wrong! There it is about Jewish believers in the Law who want to and have to fulfill the Law (of Moses) so that they may live.

P. 5 ff. Wrong! The controversy: This passage is not about "Christians" or "non-Christians"; it is about Jewish law-believers who live under the law of Moses, who have a sinful flesh within them and are subject to the "law of sin and death" (Rom 8:2), from which children of God are delivered through Christ.

P. 6. The reference to Romans 6 makes it clear: Through "baptism in Christ" children of God have "died to sin". The old, sinful man is crucified, died and was buried and raised to a new life. Children of God were slaves of sin, they are now free. This is deliberately ignored by MacArthur, it would oppose his entire teaching.

P. 6. Wrong! "Experience" is irrelevant. The Word of God says that those "born of God do not sin" (1 John 3:9; 5:18). MacArthur is also hiding this. It is possible for "Christians" to live in sin, but not for newborns and children of God.

Says the word of God! Children of God do not have to be "commanded", they are not "under the law", they do God's will voluntarily and out of love, because they are "new men", a "new creation" from God, created in God's image and having a new, divine nature within themselves.

P. 6/7. Wrong! In Romans 7:14 ff. it is not about "a Christian", not about a believer and not about a "redeemed man". Children of God have the Spirit of God. The law does not apply to the one who carries the Spirit within him. Children of God also do not have sinful flesh in them; Christ destroyed it on the cross. It is also not about Paul personally, but about the general situation of a Jewish believer "under law".

P. 8. Wrong! Paul, the apostle, is/was not a sinner. The quotations are Paul's references to his life before conversion. The apostle had no struggle with sin, which is biblical forgery and blasphemy.

P. 9. Wrong! The fight: Romans 7:14 ff does not show the "fight of a Christian" or of a newborn child of God. It is about Jewish believers in the law!

P. 10. Wrong! The "sinful flesh" is not in newborns and children of God; it is dead, destroyed, says Scripture. Children of God cannot "act in the flesh" either. This is a blatant heresy. People are either "in the flesh" or "in the spirit. People who have the Spirit of God in them belong to God and cannot "live in the flesh".

P. 11, above. Wrong! Children of God do not have to "constantly struggle with sin. They do not have to fight sin at all, sin is destroyed. Christ has already defeated it on the cross!

P. 11. Wrong! Christ has freed us from the "captivity of sin".

P. 12, above. Wrong! Sin does not live "in the body", it lives in the heart until the new birth, not until the earthly death.

P. 12, 3rd paragraph. Wrong! Sin does not have a "residual dwelling in our flesh".

P. 13, above. Wrong! Galatians 5:17 is not a proof. This verse emphasizes the fundamental opposition between flesh and spirit, not an intrapersonal conflict in the children of God, which does not exist anyway!

P. 14. Wrong! The Law (of Moses) does not apply to children of God. Evil does not dwell in children of God, the reign of evil has ended (Rom 6), evil is defeated and need not to be fought. Christ has freed us from "captivity". What is meant here by "flesh": the "body of sin" or the physical body?

P. 15. Wrong! Children of God are not "slaves to sin". The verses from the Old Testament do not concern the children of God! Christ is the end of the law, he has fulfilled the law for us! The law of Moses does not apply to children of God. Why MacArthur doesn't know that?

P. 16. Wrong! Children of God do not sin (1 John 3:9; 5:18). Sin is in the natural man. Christ has freed newborns and children of God from sin (Rom 6). There is no internal conflict in children of God. The sinful flesh no longer exists, it is killed, says the Scripture!

P. 17. Wrong! The "body of death" is the body that is subject to death because God has not yet redeemed it (from death). The "inner conflict" concerns the Jewish believers in the Law who want to fulfill the Law

but cannot, because they have sinful flesh within them that urges them to sin until they convert.

**P. 18. Wrong! Sin does not dwell "in the body". Sin dwells in the heart until rebirth, not until earthly death. With rebirth the "fight against sin" is finished. Moreover, Christ fought this battle for us and defeated sin!**

**Conclusion. John MacArthur is a false teacher and a Bible forger. He spreads the well-known "two-nature doctrine". According to this doctrine, newborns and children of God have two opposite natures, one good and one evil in them. The Spirit of God and the sinful flesh are supposed to dwell in the temple of God until death, not until rebirth. In short, according to MacArthur, there is in truth no "freedom from sin". What nonsense! Thus MacArthur denies Christ's perfect work of redemption on the cross, especially the liberation from the law of Moses and the liberation from the evil nature, the sinful flesh. This is false and blasphemous. It's as if MacArthur never read the Bible. Whoever belittles or even denies Christ's work of redemption on the cross is not a Christian in the sense of Scripture. Half a redemption is no redemption, there is no half-swan. Either one is pregnant or not, either one is completely redeemed or not.**

**As is usual with his followers and friends, the text is completely confused and contrary to Scripture, the biblical passages mentioned are wrong, or they are misinterpreted. MacArthur can be glad that his followers do not know the Bible, do not read it, do not study it, and certainly do not test it. They bear the typical characteristics of a sect, their preachers are not concerned with the truth, but with fame, honor and profit; the followers follow blindly. They refuse discussions; references to the Word of God make them aggressive and reveal a hostile attitude. That is not the spirit of God. This behaviour includes most of the publishing houses (Betanien-Verlag, CLV and others) as well as well-known personalities such as Hans-Werner Deppe, Wolfgang Bühne, Roger Liebi etc. They all refuse to take note of and spread the true gospel, they obviously enjoy misleading seekers and believers. And the self-appointed watchmen themselves sleep or spread false doctrines instead of examining new texts and teachings and subjecting them to criticism.**

**Probably this text too is in vain. MacArthur and his German friends have incapacitated their followers, obviously they only watch videos of their Gurus, and not the Bible itself!**

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