

MIKI HARDY'S GOSPEL- SO NEAR YET SO FAR

Jan Groenveld the late Australian founder of "Cult Awareness and Information Centre" said:

"The most dangerous lie is that which most closely resembles the truth"

And Georg Lichtenberg (famous 18th century German scientist and author) said:

"The most dangerous untruths are truths moderately distorted."

This is in keeping with what our Lord warned in Matthew 7:15:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

And with what Paul said in the context of false apostles in 2 Cor. 11:14:

"And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

In other words, Christians must be vigilant and discerning because "false prophets" initially don't sound false –they actually seem to be particularly good and true!! We see and hear and are impressed with what seems to be a "sheep" (a fellow Christian) and an "angel of light"! The "wolf" and "Satan" only show later when we are already hooked and then it's difficult to admit we have been misled!

In order to BEWARE as instructed by Jesus we need to first be AWARE of the truth in scripture.

So, what follows is an analysis of how "This Gospel of the Cross", as taught by Miki Hardy and his leaders at almost every speaking opportunity, is a very clear example of a distortion of biblical truth that is so near yet so far. We will show departure from revealed truth in three ways:

1. In **content** – Miki's gospel is in the heart and an ongoing daily experience. The true gospel is the perfect and finished work of Christ outside of us in history!
2. In **means of receiving** the gospel – Miki's gospel is "caught" not "taught"! It's a unique mystical revelation mediated through "apostolic anointing" and is therefore unique to CTMI. The true gospel has been in scripture for centuries and is mediated by proclamation, preaching and teaching and is received by faith.
3. The **purpose and target** of the gospel – the **purpose** of Miki's gospel is "revival and restoration of the broken, crucified, given life" in those already saved and therefore his **target** is pastors and the church. The **purpose** of the true gospel is the salvation of sinners and therefore the target is the lost!

The very foundation of CTMI – their "pearl of great price" is fatally flawed.

1. Content of Gospel

Miki claims the content of the gospel is "Christ and Him Crucified" and calls it "this gospel of the cross". This cleverly sounds orthodox. However when his sermons, conference reports and blogs are closely studied and ex and current members interviewed, it can be seen that for Miki Hardy this means – an experience in our hearts of "identifying with the suffering of Christ", "self denial and crucifixion by taking up **OUR** cross daily", "Walking the road", "Life on the alter", "the given life", "dying to self", "walking without sin", "having a pure heart", "being in the Spirit vs the flesh/natural".

Favourite verses used:

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Philip. 3:10

*that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and **may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,***

The bible claims the gospel is the finished work of Jesus OUTSIDE of us in history – living a perfect life for us so that His righteousness can be ours credited to our account by faith AND dying an awful death to atone for our sins and remove the wrath of God AND rising in power from the dead to ever intercede his blood for us!

Verses

1 Cor. 15:1-8

*Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel I preached** to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and **by which you are being saved**, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.*

*[3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was **raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures**, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*

The gospel is historical events!

1 John 1:1-3

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, **which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands**, concerning the word of life— [2] **the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you** the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— [3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

What the Apostles saw and touched – the person and life of Jesus – this they proclaimed. (You cannot see and touch self crucifixion and a pure heart!)

When Peter preached the gospel at Pentecost in Acts 2 – he preached about the life and death of Christ. And again in Acts 3:18-19 and Acts 10:9-43.

This work is finished and perfect!

Romans 6:10

*For the death he died he died to sin, **once for all**, but the life he lives he lives to God.*

Hebrews 7:27

He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, **since he did this once for all** when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 9:12

he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus **securing an eternal redemption**

Hebrews 9:26

for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared **once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 10:10

And by that will we have been sanctified **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

1 Cor. 13:10

but **when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.**

Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Romans 8:1

There is now therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ

Summary So in terms of content Miki preaches a false gospel – his is in the heart of man and is an ongoing experience. The gospel in the bible is outside of us in Christ's work and is complete and finished and perfect.

Miki has taken elements of what theologians call sanctification (our response to the gospel once we are born again which is actually truth and in the bible!) and made it **the thing** that is our hope and means of acceptance before God! He has put sanctification, which can only follow salvation through the gospel, on the pedestal belonging to the true gospel. Miki has taken true biblical things but twisted them into what they are not! ("...truths moderately distorted are the most dangerous untruths!")

This is a gospel of works that keeps members yoked to CTMI's conferences and ongoing exhortations for more and more experiences of repentance, pure hearts, dying to self, given lives and holiness.

It turns out this is common in dangerous religious groups. Dr Paul Martin, founder of the well known Wellspring Recovery Centre in the USA, in a journal article entitled —Dispelling the Myths says:

*"It is essential to help those coming from aberrational Christian groups to rediscover the gospel. It is my experience that all cultic or aberrant groups distort the gospel. This includes those that call themselves orthodox Christian as well. What is particularly disturbing is that many of these groups could, with a clear conscience, subscribe to the most orthodox, fundamental, and evangelical statement of faith. **But practically they are living a subtle but deadly religion of works righteousness, at least in regard to sanctification, if not justification. For this reason it is very liberating for former members to study the letter to the Galatians in a step-by-step fashion and contrast St. Paul's message with their group's practices.**" Through the gospel, meaning to life is restored and self-esteem is regained. Ex-cultists can see, as Joseph did, that "God meant it for good" (Gen. 50:20). It has also been Harold Buss'II's experience that **a clear understanding of the gospel is the single most important issue in a cultist's recovery and future immunity from further cultic involvement.***

2. Means of Receiving the Gospel

Miki proclaims that “God has revealed the gospel of the cross to us” as if it is new and unique. There is often reference to the need for a **new gospel**. He speaks of “catching the revelation”. Basil OC Jones said “this gospel cannot be taught – it is a revelation” When he claimed to local church elders that CTMI had what other churches did not have he was asked what this might be?? His answer was “**apostolic anointing and revelation**”. Miki appeals to pastors in his many leaders’ conferences to join CTMI who are those “begotten in this gospel”. One of Miki’s pastors praised him publically at a family camp for bringing **apostolic anointing** at just the right time; “**Miki coming to put things straight was exactly what was needed**. We are not orphans anymore.” Miki uses 1 Corinthians 3:10 to teach that only an apostle can lay a foundation in the church – even today! Not a pastor! Obviously he is positioning himself as that apostle! (In false humility he denies ever claiming to be an apostle but acknowledges others claim it). The CTMI website info on the role of the apostle makes this clear.

Favourite verse - 2 Cor. 3:6

*“who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, **not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**”*

Miki often uses this verse (which actually refers to the law of Moses as “the letter”) to say the bible is a “dead letter” – you need his revelation through the apostolic anointing in the spirit to understand. Very conveniently locking members into needing him again! He said in a video presentation called “Shepherds and Hirelings –

“Must we learn the scripture to renew our mind? No! It’s in the spirit that we renew our mind- reading bible, bible, bible wont help you. It is the world’s way.”

When others want to discuss doctrine and theology, it is reported that CTMI members get a faraway, spiritual look in their eyes and smugly make accusations like “that’s just technical, principles, intellectual and religious. Knowledge puffs up. Our Christianity is of the heart”.

So one receives this new gospel revealed to Miki in your heart through apostolic anointing by some mystical experience of identifying with the suffering of Christ in the spirit.

How does one know if one has “caught” this gospel? CTMI leaders are the ones who can “see in the spirit” or “feel” that one has been “seized by this gospel” You will do what they say – go to Mauritius – use the jargon, attend the meetings, leave family, break up with partners, give up studies, get married behind parents back etc. This is your life on the alter – walking the road according to Miki and Audrey Hardy.

The bible proclaims that the gospel is a message recorded in scripture that must be taught, preached, proclaimed – then received/heard/ believed.

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my **gospel** and the **preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages**

[26] but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— **[27]** to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

2 Peter 1:19

And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

Romans 10:17

*So faith comes from hearing, and **hearing through the word of Christ.***

1 Cor. 4:17

*That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as **I teach them everywhere** in every church.*

1 Tim. 4:11

Command and teach these things.

2 Tim. 2:2

*and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

Titus 2:1

*But as for you, **teach what accords with sound doctrine.***

Galatians 1:16

*was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order **that I might preach him among the Gentiles**, I did not immediately consult with anyone;*

Ephes. 3:8

*To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, **to preach to the Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of Christ,*

2 Tim. 4:2

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

1 Cor. 9:16

*For if I **preach the gospel**, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!*

2 Cor. 10:16

*so that we may **preach the gospel** in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence.*

Galatians 1:8

*But even if we or an angel from heaven should **preach to you a gospel** contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.*

3. Target of Gospel

Miki has openly stated on the CTMI website in April 2010 that God has called him to be a voice for this **gospel to the church – to pastors!**

*The judgements of God upon the nations will increase in power and number. His judgement is also coming upon His church and will affect the pastors of many churches. **The Lord has revealed the powerful gospel of the cross to us. He is now calling us to be a voice, firstly to warn pastors about the dangers of persisting in many deceiving doctrines and practices, and secondly to make known the fact that the preaching of the cross is the ONLY power to save the church from a great falling away.** Only God knows who will accept and who will reject this warning. The Holy Spirit will draw many Christians to the true gospel, and He will bring them to green pastures and deliver them from their bondages. Many who have backslidden will also join the church and it will be a time of restoration for those who have been far from the Lord. We will have to be ready to meet the needs of this incoming crowd. (Miki Hardy – CTMI website – 14 April 2010.)*

The bible says the gospel is what saves sinners and should be taken to the lost NOT to revive believers!!!

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for it is the power of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15

And he said to them, "**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel** to the whole creation.

Matthew 10:6

but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to **seek and to save the lost.**"

MIKI'S GOSPEL IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM SCRIPTURE IN CONTENT, MEANS AND TARGET.

- Giving our lives, suffering, self denial and crucifixion is NOT what makes us acceptable to God. It's NOT what the bible calls "the gospel" – rather this is the focus of all other religions but Christianity. The true gospel is Christ's substitutionary work on behalf of sinners who repent and believe.
- The true gospel is NOT Miki's unique revelation to be experienced mystically in the heart by apostolic anointing but has been in scripture and proclaimed by faithful preachers and believers throughout the world since the Apostolic era
- The true gospel's target is NOT believers. It is the power of God for **salvation** and should be preached to the lost. (Although believers rejoice in it daily – it remains the basis of our acceptance! In fact Paul exhorts believers to "fix your minds on things that are above where Christ is" vs within at our own hearts. Focussing on the wonder of the true gospel is the key to wonderful heart experiences!)

Therefore Miki Hardy's gospel is a false gospel and Paul is very clear about this:

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. [9] As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.