

SHIELD OF FXITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. — Isaiah 12:2

POS

We evanjellyfish have got salvation wrong. We don't "get saved." As this verse in Isaiah says, "God is my salvation," and "he also is become my salvation."

Our salvation is His work of grace in us. He initiates and performs it in time. We all must work it out with fear and trembling. The church is God's organization in the world. We enter into His church and together we all seek holiness — to be set apart with and for God.

I'm not a theologian. That's how I see it at this point in my life. I'd love to hear your story.

I'm progressively getting the story of Jack (not his real name). He emailed me a typical epithet laced email a couple days ago. I responded sarcastically. He came back with a short, more meaningful response saying I'm irrelevant. Then he off-loaded the following.

Or is it more? I honestly want to know. Until 2016 I was pretty much GOP. I live in a VERY conservative state and campaigned for my neighbor on the GOP ticket and she won. I love Mike Pence, hardly anyone can call anything but a social conservative.

Your still a nut job. Who are your friends? Such esteemed individuals like Joseph Farah, Linda Harvey, Peter Lababababa (a particular POS for sure) and Scott Lively? (Takes an extreme moron to claim the Nazis were Gay)

If you think I am ignorant of the Bible I am not. I was raised Apostolic Pentecostal *thats a form of child abuse*

I have been to Israel, Turkey etc. I have read the Bible more times than i want to count.

My former Pastor was a POS who he hated me because i questioned his authority. THE AUDACITY of questioning a man with no education that demands 10 percent of his 'followers' income.

Your just a dried up irrelevant POS. And that makes me very happy.

Since I'm not a big fan of email exchanges along these lines I haven't decided whether I will respond. I'll pray about it and decide in a day or two.

In the meantime I decided to write about it here.

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Call me if I can help. 1-207-956-0819.

Some of this is incoherent, like the comment about Pence. That makes me wonder if this person isn't a victim of the state-pushed marijuana craze.

In typical Leftist fashion Jack reduces me to a figment of his ideologically deranged imagination. He's choosing not to see me as a real person like himself. I'm a POS. That is internet speak for Piece of S**t.

And rather than view his upbringing as complex and religious, he is openly rebellious against authority. We could discuss the complexity of his family life as a child in church, but Jack isn't up for a discussion. He's obviously got it all figured out.

This is becoming typical of the educated social warrior class of Westerners. They've got it all figured out. If you disagree, especially because you are reasoning from Christianity, then you are evil. You aren't even a person. We're going to scream that you're a POS from the center of our pink pussy hat. Debate, tolerance, love and understanding be damned. And why, you ask?

Because it's clear, they think, that every one of us who doesn't bow and scrape to their idol of sexual liberation is a hate-filled, privileged, Christian, deplorable, white guy.

Jack appears to be obsessed with homosex. He reserves his worst vitriol for two men who have payed a very high price indeed to defend God's definition of marriage and human sexuality — Peter LaBarbera and Scott Lively. Their loving Christ-inspired determination over the past three decades has won them global respect. Jack's not interested. Jack doesn't care about reason. He's only interested in his own myopic sense of the world. A sense that is obviously rooted in obsession, emotion and judgmentalism. Sad.

When I led the Christian Civic League of Maine this sort of tripe filled my inbox, the League's mailbox and the comment streams on newspaper websites. I guess it works, this shallow and unreasonable hatred of God and authority. It silenced the League on sodomy.

Similar to Jack's email the hate is often injected with a vapid, hate-filled and arrogant intellectualism. There isn't anything intellectual or thoughtful about the email, of course. But Jack is obviously proud of his mind. Jack tenaciously holds to his judgments based on how travelled and smart he is.

It isn't too late for Jack and his ilk. The earth is still orbiting the sun. There is time for Jack to discover the humility and salvation that can be found only in Jesus Christ, the logos of history. Jesus is God's Word. And His salvation works wonders.

I know that Jack isn't a Piece of S**t. I'm going to pray that he discovers the real POS (Peace Of Salvation).

As Isaiah observed, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Amen.

P.S. I read these columns every morning on my LIVEstream program. You can view the show online at michaelheath.org I produce the thirty minute program every weekday morning at 6 AM. On recent shows we've been talking about the censorship issue. You can join the LIVEstream discussion, or you can simply watch it on your phone or computer. Spread the word.