

Christ is the real you - Dr. Bobby Shane Brooks and Matthew Weyers

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This outline details the theological conversation between Dr. Bobby Shane Brooks and Matthew Weyers regarding the 'ontological gospel' and the nature of humanity's eternal union with Christ.

I. The Contrast Between Western Evangelicalism and the Early Church Fathers

- **The 'False Gospel' of the West:** The speakers argue that much of Western Christianity promotes a performance-based system, where believers feel they maintain salvation through their own actions, living in perpetual sin-consciousness (0:18 - 0:46).
- **The Ontological Gospel:** Defined as the study of 'being,' this perspective posits that salvation is not a future goal but an eternal reality, rooted in the 'first-century gospel' (2:42 - 3:38).
- **The Problem of Sin-Consciousness:** The speakers claim that dwelling on sin is not a godly emotion but a 'delusion' that hinders intimacy with God (1:43 - 2:16).

II. Foundational Truths: Identity and Union

- **Federal Headship:** Jesus is presented as the 'last Adam,' who reheaded humanity at the cross. The speakers suggest that everyone born after this event is part of the body of Christ (8:59 - 9:32).
- **Inclusion vs. Separation:** The speakers emphasize that the gospel must begin with inclusion, not separation. Humanity was 'in the word' before the creation of the world (13:17 - 13:24).
- **The Blueprint (Logos):** Drawing on *John 1:1* and *Colossians 1:16*, they describe Jesus as the 'archetype' or 'blueprint' in whom all things were created and in whom all things consist (19:03 - 22:07).

III. Breaking the Cycle of Religion

- **Religion as a Barrier:** Religion is described as a system that relies on the lie of 'distance' and 'delay' between God and humanity to function (39:00 - 40:41).
- **The Role of the 'Sons':** Using *Romans 8:19*, the speakers argue that creation is waiting for the 'manifestation of the sons of God' who have moved beyond sin-consciousness and now function with the authority of Christ (23:30 - 24:24).
- **Healing and Authority:** Believers are encouraged to speak to their circumstances (sickness, finance, relationships) with the same authority Jesus displayed, based on their identity as sons (42:09 - 43:58).

IV. Key Scripture Inferences

- **John 1:1:** Interpreted as identifying Christ as the original blueprint before the foundations of the world.
- **John 15:26-27:** Used to argue that believers have been with the Spirit and Christ 'from the beginning.'
- **Hebrews 10:** Cited to support the idea that purified worshippers should have no more consciousness of sin.
- **1 Corinthians 1:30:** Used to affirm that Christ is the believer's holiness and sanctification.

V. The Concept of Being 'Christed'

- **Identity Inseparable from Christ:** The speakers argue that because they are in union with Christ, they cannot be defined apart from Him. Describing oneself as a 'sinner saved by grace' is viewed as dishonoring to the Father's work of union (31:39 - 32:52).
- **Seamless Union:** Using analogies like 'scrambled eggs' or 'Kool-Aid in water,' they argue that the union with Christ is permanent and cannot be reversed or 'unscrambled' (55:15 - 57:03).

1. Critique of Western / Performance-Based Christianity

Key Statements

- “You might be saved by what Jesus did, but you’re going to maintain that salvation by what you do.”
- “Your whole life is spent on thin ice.”
- “Completely sin conscious.”
- “I was the son the entire time.”
- “There’s a lot of unlearning that needs to take place.”

Main Concepts

- Salvation maintained through behavior/performance.
- Constant fear of losing salvation.
- Sin-consciousness as dominant religious mindset.
- Religious guilt and shame.
- “Works-based religion” contrasted with grace/sonship.

Examples Given

- Constant confession of sins.
- Fear of losing salvation over thoughts/actions.
- Weekly cycle of sin-confession-reset.

2. Sin Consciousness vs Identity

Key Statements

- “The worshippers once purified should have no more consciousness of sin.”
- “Guilt is not a godly emotion.”
- “Shame is feeling bad about who you believe you are.”
- “God never wanted us to do that.”

Concepts

Distinction Between:

- **Guilt** = feeling bad about actions.
- **Shame** = feeling bad about identity.

Claims Made

- Church culture produces perpetual guilt/shame.
- Sin-consciousness prevents intimacy with God.
- Identity should not be based on behavior.

Scripture References

- Hebrews reference regarding “no more consciousness of sin” (Hebrews 10:2 implied).

3. “Ontological Gospel” / “First Century Gospel”

Key Statements

- “God’s a good God.”
- “The first century gospel.”
- “What the Patristic fathers believed.”
- “It must be received by revelation.”
- “You can’t unsee it.”

Concepts

- “Ontological gospel” = gospel centered on being/identity.
- Contrast with denominational/reformed traditions.
- Revelation viewed as necessary for understanding.

- Early church fathers presented as supporting this theology.

Historical References

Mentions of:

- Patristic fathers
 - Polycarp
 - Irenaeus
 - Athanasius
 - Early church tradition
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4. “30-Fold / 60-Fold Gospel”

Key Statements

- “30-fold and 60-fold gospel.”
- “Not the entire truth.”
- “Performance-based Christianity.”

Concepts

- Used as labels for partial/incomplete understanding.
 - Associated with:
 - religion
 - legalism
 - performance
 - fear
 - law-consciousness
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5. Salvation as Present Reality

Key Statements

- “We’re to enjoy the salvation now.”
- “It’s not something you’re deferring into the future.”

Concepts

- Salvation experienced presently, not only after death.
 - Eternal life viewed as current participation in God.
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6. Religion as “Safety Blanket”

Key Statements

- “You’re taking their safety blanket away.”
- “They’re trusting in their performance.”
- “Performance is actually the opposite of the gospel.”

Concepts

- Religious systems provide psychological security.
 - Human effort seen as substitute for trust/identity.
 - Removing law/performance creates discomfort.
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7. God as Father / Sonship Theology

Key Statements

- “The only way to be free from religion is to know God as your dad.”
- “Sons do not relate to their father by performance.”
- “We relate to him by unconditional love and inheritance.”
- “We’re not employees.”

Concepts

- Central identity = sons of God.
- Relationship framed as family rather than servant/master.
- Inheritance over wages.
- Love over law.

Scripture References

- Romans 8 creation groaning for manifestation of sons.
- “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28 implied).

8. Law, Old Covenant, and Gentiles

Key Statements

- “The old covenant was never given to you.”
- “Why am I trying to live under this covenant?”

Concepts

- Gentiles should not live under Mosaic law.
- Mixing law and grace criticized.
- Law associated with sin-consciousness.

9. Creation Awaiting Sons

Key Statements

- “Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.”
- “Creation will not respond to a recognized son if a son has sin consciousness.”

Concepts

- Sons of God presented as key to restoration of creation.
- Identity and authority tied together.
- Creation responds to realized sonship.

Scripture References

- Romans 8:18–25.

10. Inclusion / Union Before Creation

Key Statements

- “Your gospel must begin with inclusion.”
- “You were in word before you were ever in the world.”
- “You were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.”

Concepts

- Humanity included in Christ before creation.
- Separation from God considered illusion/delusion.
- Union emphasized as eternal reality.

Scripture References

- Ephesians 1:4.
- John 1.
- Colossians 1:16–17.

11. Adam, Christ, and Humanity

Key Statements

- “Jesus was reheading humanity.”
- “There’s only two federal heads, Adam or Jesus.”
- “Everybody that has ever been born... was born a part of the body of Christ.”

Concepts

- Christ replaces Adam as humanity's head.
 - Humanity universally included in Christ.
 - "Sinner saved by grace" rejected.
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12. Garden of Eden Interpretation

Key Statements

- "The only thing that changed in the garden was the way they felt about themselves."
- "Instead of seeing a loving dad, she saw a judge."
- "The problem was the knowledge."

Concepts

- Fall interpreted primarily as change in perception/consciousness.
 - Knowledge of good and evil viewed as false identity system.
 - Separation understood psychologically/spiritually rather than ontologically.
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13. Separation as Illusion

Key Statements

- "You've never been outside of Christ."
- "The only way you get out of union is through religion."
- "Religion needs you to believe that there's separation."

Concepts

- Separation from God presented as deception.
 - Religion framed as system sustaining illusion of distance.
 - Union considered permanent and universal.
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14. Critique of Institutional Religion

Key Statements

- "They need you to believe that there's a middleman."
- "If you just keep coming back to church..."
- "Creating the need and then fulfilling the need."

Concepts

- Institutional religion portrayed as dependency system.
 - Church systems accused of perpetuating insecurity.
 - Performance and attendance linked to perceived closeness to God.
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15. Christ as Blueprint / Archetype

Key Statements

- "He is the logos."
- "He's the archetype."
- "He is the blueprint."

Concepts

- Christ as pattern/origin of humanity.
- Humanity existing in Christ from beginning.
- Creation occurring "in him."

Scripture References

- John 1:1–3.
 - Colossians 1:16–17.
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16. Healing, Miracles, and Authority

Key Statements

- “You can do everything Christ did.”
- “Speak to the situation.”
- “Creation is waiting on sons.”
- “Your words have power.”

Concepts

- Believers possess Christ’s authority.
- Healing viewed as normative.
- Sons can command healing/miracles.
- Emphasis on direct authority over dependence on leaders.

Scripture References

- John 14:12.
- “Lay hands on the sick.”
- Faith of Christ vs faith in Christ.

17. Identity Before Behavior**Key Statements**

- “Identity precedes everything.”
- “You’re making them believe they’re sinners.”
- “They’re acting out the identity you gave them.”

Concepts

- Behavior flows from identity.
- Preaching sin creates sinful behavior.
- Transformation occurs through seeing oneself in Christ.

Scripture References

- “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”
- “As he is, so are we.”

18. Christianity as Self-Focused**Key Statements**

- “Self-loathing, self-pity, self-hatred.”
- “You never behold Christ.”
- “All you hear about is what you’re not doing correctly.”

Concepts

- Church accused of emphasizing failure/performance.
- Condemnation seen as central church problem.
- Christ-centered identity contrasted with self-condemnation.

19. Holiness and Righteousness**Key Statements**

- “You’re as holy as Christ.”
- “His holiness is my holiness.”
- “Only righteous consciousness.”

Concepts

- Holiness viewed as inherited from Christ.
- Sanctification presented as realized identity.
- Righteousness emphasized over sin-consciousness.

Scripture References

- 1 Corinthians 1:30.

20. “Christed” Humanity

Key Statements

- “You’ve been Christed.”
- “You are a Jesus walking the earth.”
- “We are one with him.”

Concepts

- Strong union language between believers and Christ.
- Christlikeness interpreted ontologically.
- Humanity participating in divine identity/nature.

Scripture References

- John 17.
- “If you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the Father.”
- “We are of his bones and flesh.”

21. Faith and Identity

Key Statements

- “Faith works by love.”
- “Faith of Christ.”
- “Have you spoke to the situation?”

Concepts

- Faith understood as participation in Christ’s faith.
- Sons expected to exercise authority.
- Lack of faith interpreted as failure to realize identity.

22. Writing, Testimony, and Legacy

Key Statements

- “Write your story.”
- “Your story deserves to be told.”
- “The first people that will want to read your book are your children and grandchildren.”

Concepts

- Encouragement to document spiritual experiences.
- Books/testimonies as legacy.
- Mention of upcoming book:
 - *Christed*

23. Core Repeating Themes

Repeated Ideas

- God as unconditional Father.
- Humanity eternally included in Christ.
- Separation is illusion.
- Religion creates dependency.
- Sonship over servanthood.
- Identity over performance.
- Grace over law.
- Revelation over doctrine.
- Union over distance.

- Righteousness over sin-consciousness.
- Present salvation over future-only salvation.

Scripture References Mentioned or Implied

Explicit / Direct Mentions

- Hebrews 10:2
- Romans 8:18–25
- Acts 17:28
- Ephesians 1:4
- John 1:1–3
- John 14:12
- John 15:26–27
- John 17
- Colossians 1:16–17
- 1 Corinthians 1:30
- 1 John 5:13
- 3 John 1:2

Additional Allusions

- Prodigal son
- Tree of knowledge of good and evil
- “As he is, so are we”
- “What God has joined together”
- “Greater works than these”
- “Faith works by love”
- “Lay hands on the sick”
- “In him we live and move and have our being”