

Pastor Ryan's List of False Teachers and Teachings*

Prosperity Gospel (Health & Wealth Gospel)

The Prosperity Gospel teaches that faith, positive speech, and donations to religious causes can increase one's material wealth and physical well-being. Proponents argue that God wants believers to be prosperous and healthy, often citing Scripture out of context to support these claims. Critics argue that this teaching distorts biblical Christianity, reducing faith to a transactional relationship with God.

Teachers within this group (both alive and deceased):

- **Kenneth Copeland**
- **Benny Hinn**
- **Creflo Dollar**
- **Joyce Meyer**
- **TD Jakes**
- **Joel Osteen**
- **Paula White**
- **Robert Tilton**
- **Katherine Kuhlman**
- **Fred Price**

New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)

The New Apostolic Reformation is a movement that seeks to restore the offices of apostles and prophets in the church. It emphasizes contemporary revelations and experiences of the Holy Spirit, often prioritizing personal experiences over biblical doctrine. Critics contend that this movement leads to unorthodox teachings and practices, deviating from traditional Christian beliefs.

- **Bill Johnson** (Leader of Bethel Church in Redding, CA)
- **Cindy Jacobs**
- **Rick Joyner**
- **Chuck Pierce**
- **Apostle Guillermo Maldonado**
- **Lance Wallnau**
- **Che Ahn**
- **Patricia King**
- **Hank Kunneman**
- **John Arnott**
- **Shawn Bolz**
- **Kris Vallotton** (Co-Founder of Bethel Church in Redding, CA)

Other movements within the church that led to false doctrines:

Progressive Christianity

This movement often reinterprets traditional doctrines in light of contemporary culture.

- **Brian McLaren:** A prominent figure known for his views on reimagining faith and church.
- **Rob Bell:** Author of "Love Wins," which questions traditional views on hell and salvation.
- **Rachel Held Evans:** Influential voice advocating for a more inclusive approach to Christianity.
- **Brandan Robertson:** A gay writer, activist, and TikTok influencer. He has written on the subjects of millennials, social justice, and Progressive Christianity, and he is an LGBTQ activist.

Emergent Church Movement

Focuses on a postmodern approach to faith, often questioning established doctrines.

- **Tony Jones:** A key leader in the Emergent movement, emphasizing new expressions of faith.
- **Doug Pagitt:** Known for promoting conversations around faith and culture in a postmodern context.
- **Dan Kimball:** Author and speaker focusing on how to reach contemporary culture through church.

Hyper-Grace

Emphasizes grace to the point of diminishing the need for repentance and holiness.

- **Joseph Prince:** Teaches that believers are free from the law and should not focus on sin.
- **Andrew Wommack:** Promotes the idea that grace covers all, leading to a focus on personal freedom rather than accountability.
- **Benny Hinn:** Often associated with grace teachings that downplay repentance.

Word of Faith Movement (Often closely tied to the Prosperity Teachings)

Emphasizes the power of positive declarations and faith to achieve prosperity and success.

- **Kenneth Copeland:** Prominent teacher in the Word of Faith movement, focusing on prosperity and health.
- **Creflo Dollar:** Advocates for faith declarations leading to material wealth.
- **Joyce Meyer:** Known for her teachings on success and wealth through faith.

Social Gospel

Focuses on social justice as a primary mission, often overshadowing the Gospel message of salvation.

- **Jim Wallis:** Founder of Sojourners, emphasizes faith-based social justice.
- **Shane Claiborne:** Author and activist promoting a radical approach to living out faith in community.
- **Tony Campolo:** Known for his advocacy on social issues through a faith lens.

These teachings and their proponents have significantly influenced many American churches, shaping their beliefs and practices today.

*This list is not exhaustive by any means. However, it should help to show some of the abhorrent teachings that have come into the church and the names of some of the leaders within those movements.

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