

Disapproved Doctrines / Practices

Unconditional Security

In view of the biblical teaching that the security of the believer depends on a living relationship with Christ (John 15:6), "IF A MAN ABIDE NOT IN ME, HE IS CAST FORTH AS A BRANCH, AND IS WITHERED' AND MEN GATHER THEM, AND CAST THEM INTO THE FIRE, AND THEY ARE BURNED.", in view of the Bible's call to a life of holiness (1st Peter 1:16) "BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY.", and (Hebrews 12:14) "FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD.", in view of the clear teaching that a man may have his part taken out of the Book of Life, (Revelation 22:19) "AND IF ANY MAN SHALL TAKE AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, AND OUT OF THE HOLY CITY, AND FROM THE THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.", and in view of the fact that one who believes for a while can fall away, (Luke 8:13) "THEY ON THE ROCK ARE THEY, WHICH, WHEN THEY HEAR, RECEIVE THE WORD WITH JOY: AND THESE HAVE NO ROOT, WHICH FOR A WHILE BELIEVE, AND IN TIME OF TEMPTATION FALL AWAY.", Spirit Quest International disapproves of the unconditional security position which holds that it is impossible for a person once saved to be lost.

Setting a Date for the Lord's Return

Spirit Quest International believes that it is unwise to teach that the Lord will come at some specified time, thereby setting a date for His appearing (Mark 13:32-33), "BUT OF THAT DAY AND THAT HOUR KNOWETH NO MAN, NO, NOT THE ANGELS WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN, NEITHER THE SON, BUT THE FATHER. TAKE YE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS.", (Luke 12:39-40), "AND THIS KNOW, THAT IF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN WHAT HOUR THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE WATCHED, AND NOT HAVE SUFFERED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN THROUGH. BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO: FOR THE SON OF MAN COMETH AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.", and (1st Thessalonians 5:2). "FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT."

Spirit Quest International believes that it is also unwise to give out from the platform, or to publish, visions of numbers and dates fixing the time of the second coming of the Lord.

Post-Tribulation Rapture

Spirit Quest International holds to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the Church. However, since the teaching that "the Church must go through the Tribulation" tends to bring confusion and division among the saints, Spirit Quest International recommends that all our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all to be prepared for that coming, (which may occur at any time), and not lull their minds into complacency by any teaching that would cause them to feel that specific Tribulation events must occur before the rapture of the saints.

Conditions Added to Salvation

Spirit Quest International strongly believes that salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as written in Ephesians 2:8-9, "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST." Therefore, we strongly disapprove of any teaching or practice that tends to add conditions to salvation.

Alcohol

In Proverbs 20:1 it states that, **"WINE IS A MOCKER"** and in Habakkuk 2:15 it says, **"WOE TO HIM WHO GIVES DRINK TO HIS NEIGHBOR."**

Much has been written concerning the consumption of alcohol in Bible times. However, the best advice, perhaps, is given by the Apostle Paul when he said in Romans 14:21, **"IT IS BETTER NOT TO DRINK WINE OR DO ANYTHING ELSE THAT WILL CAUSE YOUR BROTHER TO FALL."** And later in Ephesians 5:18 Paul writes, **"AND BE NOT DRUNK WITH WINE, WHEREIN IS EXCESS, BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT."**

Spirit Quest International expects members to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any quantity.

Tobacco / Marijuana / Street Drugs

The use of tobacco in any form and marijuana is a moral issue that confronts many Christians. While in the past, the dangers of tobacco were not as readily known, now the harmful effects of tobacco is overwhelming.

Likewise, the use of marijuana has been shown to be a precursor to more violent mind and behavior altering drugs.

While items such as these - tobacco, marijuana, cocaine, pcp, etc. - are modern day, having come about in post biblical time, they are therefore not specifically addressed in the Bible, in 1st Corinthians 6:19 Paul wrote, **"WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?"** and in 1st Corinthians 6:20, **"FOR YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE: THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S."** Christians have ample reason to abstain from the recreational use of these items for health as well as spiritual reasons.

Spirit Quest International believes that years cut short by the use and abuse of such products are lost opportunities to serve and glorify God.

Sexual Relationships

Spirit Quest International maintains a strong biblical position against premarital, extra marital, and deviant sex, and rejects any form of child exploitation. (1st Corinthians 6:15-18), **"KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODIES ARE THE MEMBERS OF CHRIST? SHALL I THEN TAKE THE MEMBERS OF CHRIST, AND MAKE THEM THE MEMBERS OF AN HARLOT? GOD FORBID. WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT HE WHICH IS JOINED TO AN HARLOT IS ONE BODY? FOR TWO, SAITH HE, SHALL BE ONE FLESH. BUT HE THAT IS JOINED UNTO THE LORD IS ONE SPIRIT. FLEE FORNICATION, EVERY SIN THAT A MAN DOETH IS WITHOUT THE BODY; BUT HE THAT COMMITTETH FORNICATION SINNETH AGAINST HIS OWN BODY:"**

Spirit Quest International maintains a strong biblical position, and is totally opposed to homosexual and lesbian relationships and unions. (Romans 1:26-27), **"FOR THIS CAUSE GOD GAVE THEM UP UNTO VILE AFFECTIONS: FOR EVEN THEIR WOMEN DID CHANGE THE NATURAL USE INTO THAT WHICH IS AGAINST NATURE: AND LIKEWISE ALSO THE MEN, LEAVING THE NATURAL USE OF THE WOMAN, BURNED IN THEIR LUST ONE TOWARD ANOTHER; MEN WITH MEN WORKING THAT WHICH IS UNSEEMLY, AND RECEIVING IN THEMSELVES THAT RECOMPENCE OF THEIR ERROR WHICH WAS MEET."**

Right to Life

Spirit Quest International believes that life begins at conception and maintains a strong position against abortion in any form except in cases of incest or mother's well-being. (Jeremiah 1:5) **"BEFORE I FORMED THEE IN THE BELLY I KNEW THEE; AND BEFORE THOU CAMEST FORTH OUT OF THE WOMB I SANCTIFIED THEE, AND I ORDAINED THEE A PROPHET UNTO THE NATIONS."**, (Psalm 51:5), **"BEHOLD, I WAS SHAPEN IN INIQUITY; AND IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME."**, and (Genesis 9:5), **"AND SURELY YOUR BLOOD OF YOUR LIVES WILL I REQUIRE; AT THE HAND OF EVERY BEAST WILL I REQUIRE IT, AND AT THE HAND OF MAN; AT THE HAND OF EVERY MAN'S BROTHER WILL I REQUIRE THE LIFE OF MAN."**

Euthanasia

Spirit Quest International believes in "sanctity of life", and is opposed to suicide and euthanasia. The Bible tells us in Exodus 20:13, **"THOU SHALT NOT KILL."** Regardless of whether euthanasia is legal, we are to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29), **"THEN PETER AND THE OTHER APOSTLES ANSWERED AND SAID, WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN."**