

7. What do you do for a living? (other)

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Retired Metrology, Seminary Study

Independent Business Writer - Consultant

Retired Pastor

self employed- retail

Non-profit

Editor

PCA/Caregiver

evangelist

sales associate at WalMart as a retirement job

Transportation industry

Elementary Principal

Full-time ministry--singing, speaking

composer

Customer Service

Retired

Finance

Mission adm. assistant

Retired

Office Manager

Sales

School Administrator

Army Chaplain

Psychologist

Headmaster

freelance writer, just started at McDonald's :)

Guest speaker on sexual abuse

music ministry

auto glass service

bank

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architect

Librarian

Historian

USPS Mail Carrier

wal mart dc worker

retired teacher

Management - retail

freelance writing

car salesman

Retired

Retail

Retired editor

Graphic Designer

retired pastor, now part time chaplain

carpet cleaner

retired missionary

FireFighter, hotel worker, Before School Supervisor

Finance

security guard

technical customer support

Christian Worker - Printing Educational Material

Church Planter in NYC

retired

Webdesign

hospitality

warehouse worker

Crisis pregnancy center director

self supporting evangelist

Hospitality

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911 dispatch

Evangelist; Dir. of U.S, Church Planting

Itinerant Preacher

Pilot

Marketing graphic design

medical billing from home

retired bus driver

Investor

Social Work

Project Management/Publishing

School Administrator

wildlife biologist

Government

mechanic/ homeschool dad

Banking

Bicycle mechanic

Active Military

civil servant

Financial Services

Letter Carrier

Independent Scholar

Government employee

Care taker for an elderly woman ~ past jobs were clerical in nature

retail grocery management

maintenance

journalist

Campus staff

pastor-retired

Writer

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Retired

College Administrator

E-commerce

Retired

Railroadman

Freight Broker

cellular electronics technician - field

writer

marketing

banking

evangelist

government worker (USPS)

Navy Chaplain

Navy Chaplain

retired

Nonprofit director

evangelist

Publishing

Mission staff

journalism

U.S. Navy

dorm counselor; possible future missionary

Counseling

writer

author/editor/publisher

college administrator

Cleaner

Publishing

Administrator

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Severe anxiety has prevented me from working.

office manager for Christian educational membership organization

Bank Compliance

Executive Events Coordinator

Editor for publishing company

Inspections

business consultant

Executive

Bi-Vocational Pastor (Home Medical Equipment Delivery Tech)

Service Representative

Corporate Training Consulting

Realestate

Textbook author

Christian School Administrator

Pilot

Financial Industry

Administrative Assistant

Graphic Designer (Primary Career)

Carpenter

direct sales p/t from home

Editor

In ministry transition...currently in management

Marketing

free lance writer

Executive Director, parachurch ministry

Writer

Chr. college administrator

retired mental health nurse

Banking Executive

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Delivery

rather not

Advertising and Design

Volunteer Youth Worker and Administrative Assistant

9. When you visit the site, what do you usually read? (other)

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missions section

RSS feed

everything

nothing anymore

Check on Hot issues

skim the front page articles

Generally, I've followed an RSS link to an article that interests me.

PM

Moderator-specific info

I usually search for specific topics.

I skim the titles for the front page, filings, & forum, but only actually read those that interest me.

interviews (audio)

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

1

Discussion easily morphs into attitudes

all non-calvinist views are shouted down. Separatist positions are almost ridiculed, despite the fact that this very issue was the basis of the split between fundamentalists and the "new" evangelicals in the 50s.

I have sent in multiple requests for an account when the site switched (since my old one no longer worked), but I have never gotten an activation or an e-mail response, so I just gave up.

In this forum I keep my opinions to myself

Personal preference to not post on blogs - opinion could change later

little feedback from my posts, seems like a private club

I often think that if I post an unpopular point of view, it would affect my ability to get meetings

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I am at this time just trying, as an 73 to be retiree, trying to support my "high standard of retirement."

Often, someone else has already post points I would have made.

could not figure out how to rejoin in new format

When I was a registered user using an alias, I would post but once the moderators decided to rid the forum of Alias's for my safety and that of my family I chose not to participate, as I putting my name online for reasons of personal security.

SI is too influenced by the Bob Jones 'Network'

The mission board I'm advises caution

the pride and arrogance of many of those that post is hard to tolerate and leads to fruitless arguing and not genuinely edifying discussion

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

3

too difficult to navigate the forums quickly

not very confident, overly opinionated, or intellectual

Couldn't be bothered

I have trouble logging in :) forget my password

just looking for news/happenings

I get ideas to preach on

I appreciate reading what others think and defend

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I just haven't taken the time to do so. I am sure they are very good.

It is largely Neo-fundamentalist

Too much drivel

people don't/won't argue a point w/o launching a personal attack

I like to observe. Most of what needs to be said usually is by someone else

Sexual abuse is what God has called us to deal with. Most of your readers are not interested in taking a serious look at this issue. Arguing seems to serve little purpose.

I have only recently come back to Sharper iron after several years

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

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I'd rather lurk

I access the site via Google Reader

I post only if I can add something meaningful. I do not post just to see my words on someone's blog.

privacy concerns

I come to see what the trends are not to instruct

Discussion usually not at a very high level...a few dominant personalities make it less appealing...why fight that?

Folks argue for arguing's sake; tired of reading non-thinking argument

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

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There are some individuals who post heavily who like arguing for the sake of arguing and insist that their view must be absolutely and always the right answer. There is no point in trying to maintain an academic discussion with those who maintain such a mentality.

just haven't gotten there yet-too new

Usually need to wait and think about what I would say and then I usually do not go back and post.

just do not take the time

takes too much time, so I do so infrequently

Scholarship leaves something to be desired...

I don't visit the forums

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cannot remember login name/password

I don't meet the criteria for membership

I find most people's opinions are already set in stone - arguing about them is a waste of time to me.

Haven't become member

"Relationship drives specificity" I don't know these people well enough to comment.

The online forums do not seem edifying to me.

The main articles are worth reading. The discussions usually have little value, so they are not worth the time getting involved in.

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As a female homemaker, I often feel out of place "talking" with a bunch of male M.Div's and PH.d's - but I like to read what they write..

Don't see that much value in doing so.

it is hard for me to express myself articulately in written form

There is a 'slant' towards certain institutions. Myron Houghton (Faith Baptist Theological Seminary) was slaughtered for a Faith Pulpit article he wrote on how to choose a bible version (to the point that it seemed like many were delighting in pointing out his flaws). David Jaspers (Marantha Baptist Bible College) resignation, on the other hand, was handled with the utmost respect. This severely lowered SI's credibility in my opinion. I still read to keep up in the world of Fundamentalism, but I have moved from 4-5 times a week to once or twice a month.

The topics aren't as interesting or thought provoking as they used to be.

(not a member) At only 27 I have seen many of these issues argued and have moved on to other things. Other issues I feel are important and "debatable" and thus profitable to discuss . . . it is these that I take interest in.

Failure to discuss things rather than the 'mob' mentality of the majority rules. Sophistic discussion styles of many posters.

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Not the ministry God has called me to ... now. Used to really get into it!

There is little I could add to the discussion.

Over the last year, the forum topics have not really been worthwhile/interesting enough to engage in.

not qualified

Few readers are willing to consider views outside of their traditions.

I don't want to offend

don't have much to add

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thought I had to be a member

I'm at a public university and some of these threads could be problematic

I am Southern Baptist and feel that I would not be welcomed to post.

The forums are dominated by New Evangelicals claiming to be fundamentalists

I prefer to stay outside the discussion

I don't have anything good to say.

The same arguments are rehashed every few months. I've said my piece a long time ago. No one listened to the arguments. No one dealt with the ideas.

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don't have that much to contribute

I see an overall mindset of those who post that their position is the right one and no real give and take on the issues presented

Proverbs 17:28

I am a missionary supported by approximately 50 churches. I know of missionaries losing support by their statements on SI

I'm sort of an evangelical separatist, many or most would not consider me fundy due to some of my associations, etc.

Time Time Time

Three or four individuals with way too much time on their hands dominate the forums.

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I will not engage in foolish arguments

I often don't see the value in posting. Many opinions are usually well represented. If I see an opportunity to add something new, I will.

backbiting and gossip among born again believers

I'm involved in other forums.

seems like the same few people are always posting

You don't allow anonymity without approval

Don't read the forums too often

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

have tried to register but each time I get on it was a hassel, so I just read now

most of the contributors are too young to know if they are right, and the older ones aren't open to change

I'm not a fundamentalist, therefore I can't join.

forums, in my experience, are rarely about real discussion. Everyone is talking, and no one is listening

Too much of the posting is by people who are not wise and who do not argue fairly and intelligently

I'm not a member.

I want to ask questions, but I don't know how well they would be recieved. There's an air of "let the adults talk"

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I used to post then JJ sent me an email saying I couldn't. He wrote "guest" under my name and I haven't been able to log in since.

When I don't post, but wish to, it is often because even though I think I have something I want to add, I either don't have the time or I'm not prepared to support what I have to say fully.

I am not a member and not allowed to

I feel comfortable to post on anything

Too many opinions not thought out.

Even though I am 60 years old and a Pillsbury College grad and attended Central Sem. for several years, I have always considered myself having a viewpoint of today's young fundamentalists. It is apparent to me that being too honest on this site is not generally welcome by the new publisher and owner. BTW, the site has noticeably deteriorated in the past year in debate quality and thought-provoking information provided. Hence, even though I have considered posting, I have resisted. And to further clarify FYI, I do consider myself a historic fundamentalist even though I share a YF view.

Often I believe that making the argument is pointless, as I rarely ever see anyone move from their original position.

10. Reasons for not posting more (comments)

Not sure how to post

Neo evangelicalism dominates

don't care for the way some people (including at least one moderator) are so set in their views that there is little true discussion - it's "my way or the highway."

I'm simply not as verbally skilled as the majority of the posters here.

too difficult to post for an old man

It seems to me that most of the stuff on the forums is unimportant and not really worthy of debate.

I have just never been interested in jumping in and adding to what others are already saying and probably better than I might write.

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Posting quickly turns off topic into verbal "one-upmanship"

mainly I am learning from the articles

When I've tried, I've not been allowed to post due to technical issues with the site, I think.

I rarely have anything of value to contribute. The discussion tends to be more educational for me than for others to benefit from my input.

I don't have time to make well thought out posts, and I'd rather not just post and run without thinking things through

1) not a member, 2) I read it to learn

comments are often nasty

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My views could be construed as being my employer's views, and as such my posting is unprofessional at the very least.

too liberal in that Si is more about and for evangelicalism than fundamentalism

more interested in what others have to say

I'm very disappointed with the SI viewership's (not the owner/moderator) lack of participation in the Christian education forum. We like to say that we value education, but look how long time passes between new threads in the Christian education forum. And the discussions that take place now are just like previous discussions, not much of anything is new.

Discussions too quickly turn into foolishness many times

Won't let me be anonymous and my views do not necessarily reflect those for whom I work or with whom I am associated.

I hate to type.

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often turns to petty disagreements and backbiting

I grew up in Fundamentalism, but now identify as an evangelical so I enjoy just checking in to see what is happening in the fundamental world but don't really desire to participate in the conversation.

It seems the forums are dominated by a handful of individuals who either dismiss or ignore comments from new people.

I don't often feel I have much to contribute. Plus, aside from an assertive lady or two, it's pretty much a boy's club. :)

The forums are mostly populated by the same frustrated experts pushing their own views who do not seem to be able to engage in genuine intellectual debate.

I prefer to voice my opinions face to face. Many times people attack others, via blogs, without talking to them first. That is not scriptural.

my experience in the forums is that there is generally little profit to the discussions

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I'm just interested in what others are saying. I am not trying to convince others of my position.

I find myself getting to emotionally involved. In the end, its not worth the angst. I do enjoy reading other peoples posts on occassion.

would be a waste of time

Others tend to say what I am thinking already.

There is a lot of folly that is written as people vent their feelings and thinking - not helpful

They're not located on the front page, so I rarely go to them

Topics rarely remain positive action based.

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I am a Reformed Covenant Baptist who used to pastor in strict IFB churches. While I have many friends and relatives in the "movement", much of what IFB teach and believe is just not very biblical. I don't post for the simple reason that I have enough in the area of battles of theology without creating more in places like this where I am content to simply read the posts and keep up with IFB thoughts and direction.

I would love to do so from time to time, but cannot without joining.

Better material is available elsewhere, and the proliferation of ignorance among those who do not know better

Dont type

People around me get enough of my opinions

Some folks get very rancorous in forums. Not a battle worth fighting.

Mainly enjoy reading the dialogue

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i am a private person

Posting in online forums doesn't usually have much profit. The media is not the best for serious debate. I do enjoy reading the comments, though.

As a missionary, its too easy for supporters to read my opinions and make haste judgements based on their misunderstanding of what I posted.

personal reasons

"SI is just too dominated by Calvinistic..." should have been a choice, Moderator bias, track record of moving away from Fundamentalism toward evangelicalism

most come with minds made up so why bother

Don't want to say something unless constructive

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a few think that they have all the answers

Usually the comments of others reflect what I would say

I really need to remain anonymous. A lady at church read all my posts as attacks on her though she wasn't even on my mind when I wrote them.

don't have an opinion or knowledge about that particular subject

In some cases, I don't feel I have anything edifying to add. In others, I think my positions would offend more than edify. Still other times, I simply don't see a willingness for people to learn and I don't want to waste my time on that.

forums don't interest me

14. Too much influence to wrong people? (comments)

1

ill-mannered is a problem

The mods are almost all biased toward the reformed tradition. Some of the mods can be flatly rude to others with an opposing view. I suspect my comments here, when read by the admin team, will be dismissed as having no merit. We never tend to see our own biases.

Front page articles are generally well informed. The forum discussions run the gamut.

Not informed enough to say

The arguments of those who know a subject little get tiring. I suppose that is part of the system. But it does get old.

It is wrong to think of another as being ill informed just because they have a different interpretation of the Word of God than you do. They may be wrong from a scriptural standpoint but Jesus still died for them as well. They are free to have the right to be incorrect. Those who are ill mannered should be asked to mind theirs.

It depends on the topic... however things seem to be moderated well overall!

sometimes

I don't often read the forums, so I don't know.

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I haven't been around your site long enough to know

It's a forum. That's how it works. People who are vocal speak. People who are non-controversial don't.

Yes, to some degree. But I would say that is more the nature of the beast than anything else, though there might be things that could be done to curb it.

I don't know how you would limit those with a persistent axe to grind, but it detracts from enjoying the site

don't know - too early to judge

I understand that "it is what it is."

not sure

perhaps

no opinion

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3

it is inevitable that some talk too much

I'm not sure, I'm new

I do not recommend this website to church members because the forum has the potential to cause unnecessary confusion. I think it is good for pastors and pastoral staff, not the general congregation

They only have as much influence as moderators allow. This seems to be improving.

maybe, but not sure how to fix without sacrificing something more important

yes/no You can't regulate influence . . . unless you further regulate who posts (but in my opinion, that needs to be broader anyway . . . do you really feel that people a little broader than you couldn't "sharpen your iron"?

Not really sure...not paying attention any more.

Sometimes ill-mannered

not sure

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4

i dont know

I have not read it enough to know.

not sure.

there are too many who have some kind of degree who think this means they know it all, and when called on it, they accuse the questioner of being ill-mannered

I haven't found people ill-mannered but ill-informed. I grew up on the mission field in France and still return occasionally to visit. I find people in the US a little ignorant of history in general and church history in particular.

really can't say, don't visit the site often enough

sometimes

Ill informed people may post a lot, but the # of posts doesn't = influence.

about right

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at times

maybe a little; when it first started, it seemed like many were trying to make a name for themselves on SI; such behavior seems to have dwindled

Not sure

Maintain a delicate balance by monitoring for courtesy, not points of view

not sure

In the past there were times when accusations and slander against individuals being discussed was permitted; I haven't seen it in a while.

depends on the issue

don't know

Sometimes

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Sometimes comments become too harsh and a moderator should perhaps step in. Overall, I like the balance.

sometimes

No but...I do see a lot of arguments over what I consider trivial stuff.

SI is given to too much conversation between people & too little actual conversation about the articles / ideas being presented.

sometimes

Self-proclaimed "experts" who take over discussions

I don't know

Undecided

No; just because someone posts doesn't automatically cause influence.

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Probably no more than if this conversation were held in a face-to-face closed room, but the virtual venue allows their lack of courtesy to be magnified.

not a good question

The answer here depends too much on the point of view one takes.

I don't know what you can do about it in a forum setting besides enforcing forum rules. You can't really limit the ill-informed -- can only try to inform.

perhaps not influence but too much voice

occasionally

it used to...e.g., [names edited out]. Some have been banned, others no longer around.

I think everyone has a right to speak their mind. How else will they encounter better viewpoints if not by being challenged? Bans should only occur for unrepentant sinful behavior.

sometimes. How can a 25 year old stand in judgment of a 65 year old when it comes to a discussion about Bob Jones Jr. or John R. Rice? Especially when the 65 year old knew both men personally. Some of these kids need to sit down, shut up, and learn the facts before they speak. "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." 'Proverbs' 17:2

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perhaps in the forums page, where often stubborn persistence and long posts seem to dictate the discussion rather than logic and reason

I don't have enough experience with the site to say.

Occasionally that may be true, but not regularly.

The same people (with their same positions) being the main contributors of comments discourages me from getting involved.

Occasionally, but you do a pretty good job

I Rarely read the posted comments because so many post with little grace in what they say.

I think people are generally bright enough to figure out who has no credibility.

at times however I dont know how one would monitor this differently

it's one thing to challenge the status quo, it's another to chart the correct course

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sometimes

It often allows those that are ill-informed to have a place to post, but other posts usually point out their flaws.

It gives them too much opportunity to speak/write.

I don't know

It seems to me that the young computer geeks get all the space. Older gray beards who have thought through the issues and have the Bible knowledge are scared of computers. As a result it isn't good balance.

Some ways yes, but when it happens I think there are people to come to the rescue and say it how it should

You're talking about censorship, you have moderators deciding who is ill-informed, and personal bias often gets involved, SI has a history of allowing non-Fundamentalists to join.

perhaps

[name edited out]

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not sure

I would say ill-informed and ill-mannered people try to exercise influence here, but I wouldn't say the SI "gives" them that influence. Plus, I cannot see how that can be effectively regulated in this environment.

you are fighting fights of the past. bunch of young guys that think they are the first to think these things, and think that everyone else is STUPID

sometimes the personal attacks get to be a bit much, but I realize that is a challenge...babysitting always is. =)

Not sure

Don't know

sometimes

15. Most welcome changes (comment)

Open forum debates enable Bible students to prove and improve their understanding.

Delete "total depravity" from the Doctrinal Statement. There are fundamentalists who claim not to believe in it because it reeks of Calvinism/Augustinianism.

none

Too many "posters" openly claim no association with fundamentalism, except as defined by SI's doctrinal statement. Yet these same individuals post consistently in the forums. If this is a "conservative evangelical" forum, then drop the fundamentalist label and be honest about what is going on here. Far too often, posters who would never grace the doors of a fundamentalist church wax eloquent about the past and present "wrongs" in fundamentalism, while at the same time refusing to hear any criticism of popular conservative evangelicals (eg. MacArthur, Piper, etc). I've simply been "worn out" here. The few "conservative fundamentalists" have long since be chased off the forums and what had been a valuable resource has become a mutual admiration society for conservative evangelicals masquerading as fundamentalists. Without separation, you cannot be a fundamentalist. This was the whole reason for the split between fundamentalists and new evangelicals in the 50s, It is intellectually dishonest to ignore those battles and claim the label based on the original 5 fundamentals. Even the New Evangelicals claimed these fundamentals. By ignoring separation you are revising history.

Front page articles dealing with doctrinal positions under attack (Calvinism, emergent, new perspective)or that should be publicly reworked. (econdary associations)

I'd like to see a way for people to ask questions whereby their identity wouldn't be revealed, so that the question can get out into the forum and be answered, without attaching a stigma to the initial question poster. I would post Many such questions if this was available.

I'm sorry, I'm just not that familiar with all of this.

don't care

No changes,,,

Promote true fundamentalism. What about PCC? What about West Coast Baptist College? What about other schools in fundamentalism that are growing and doing a great job. Let's promote these schools and what they offer!

I am interested in thoughtful writing period.

Encourage contributions from those leaders who are clearly Fundamentalist and well respected to express their convictions in a non-combative format. Maybe a moderator can field questions to the contributor on behalf of those with serious and searching questions.

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I'll leave that to those who visit the website more than do I.

Less arguments and name calling

Recognize that some would hold to the observation that SI departs from Traditional Fundamentalism.

Easier to navigate through the site.

I do not know enough about your site to comment

A page for full-time placement and openings for Christian service. (pastors, youth, teaching, ect...) something informal. With our independent churches, there seems no source for that. You are a great source.

A wider variety of articles and people on the blogroll. Would like to see a broader spectrum.

Not just SI, but the internet in general exercises what I perceive to be an unbiblical egalitarianism. I welcome the views of younger people, but age, education, experience, and achievement all deserve deference and respect they too often do not receive on internet boards.

Not discouraging or eliminating people like [name edited out]. SI was much better when he was posting.

Holding to only the true Biblical fundamentals, rather than man-made and added traditions. More recognition of the fact that most younger Christians are not holding to the legalistic realm of "fundamentalism."

Perhaps limit the length of each participant in a discussion or debate.

seems fine the way it is

I think if an author posts a front page article, he should be obligated to respond to good faith questions.

Less Fundamentalism and more real Christianity - Stop all the separation stuff

Better books need to be chosen for reviews and the sites purpose needs to be better defined and the posts need to be more geared to that (even if the purpose allows for broader posting topics).

I can't think of anything I'd change

More openness towards doctrine of preservation

A clear definition of Fundamentalism. The legalism of contemporary Fund. is not the same as the Fund. adherence to doctrine 80 years ago.

easier login for postings

No suggestions

Open forums

None that I can think of

Address questions of biblical worldview and Christian school education

Nothing

It is difficult to know how to make it better. As someone who doesn't live in the states, sometimes I feel definitely "left out" of what's happening in the states, but SI doesn't always address the issues that happen that may be important to me as a person. Sometimes I have to hear these things from someone else as they might be considered "gossip". For example, so called "scandals" are pretty much left off of SI (which is probably a good thing, but as a missionary, you can get yourself in hot water pretty fast if you make allusion to someone who has gone into immorality or done something "major big time bad"). If we don't hear it from someone else, how else are we supposed to know? So, because things like Baker's suicide in Canada were carefully limited in their scope on SI, I had to go somewhere else to find out the "rest of the story". That's okay as that keeps SI "clean". At the same time, "the rest of the story" shouldn't be such a bad thing. I feel like I'm back at a my alma mater, sometimes, where you aren't allowed to know what's really happening. I do have mixed feelings about it. I wish that the events section of the forums also covered the Hyles camp or the S of the Lord camp instead of the few that it covers. For example, did you realize that Schaap came out with the KJV one day Conference last year? It was never covered on SI. He actually came out almost where the nonKJVonlys are with lots of information that made strict KJV people feel like he has abandoned them! FFF mentioned it. I was sad that SI didn't even mention that he was having one. I do think that a lot of people have quit reading here at SI. It can be saddening that so called traditional values seem to have been abandoned by mainstream fundamentalism. Blogs can take a lot of time and when "most people" writing are pro Mahler, pro-other big name SBC guys/conservative evangelicals, the people who never have been nobbed in that camp feel like it isn't even "fundamentalism". I felt like the attack on Sweatt (was that last year) was way beyond what should have been. by people all over the web and I quit reading a lot of Christian blogs at that time. I started reading more Personal Finance blogs and other things that interest me and that help me on a personal level. I wish more were covered that included the "up and coming" schools like West Coast, Heartland, etc. I wish that there were more issues dealt with including the Quiverful movement, Gothardism, the Duggars, etc.--and not in the Women's forum. I don't go there even though I'm a woman.

My daughter age 23 (smart and thin and accomplished) would appreciate a fundamentalist "e-harmony". You could call it "Separatists Unite" or something. :)

More authentic, born-again believers who aren't so wrapped up in this world and its teachings, controversies and pop culture.

I miss a lot of the guys and girls (!) who used to post regularly (in forum discussions). It seems like the forums now are dominated by men (either a lot older than me or a lot younger than me) who like to chew theological rags or talk about current happenings in religious circles I don't care about. Nothing wrong with that, of course...Those topics just aren't as interesting to me.

RSS that actually works rather than a calcified listing of old posts.

seek a broader constituency

Definition of what a Fundamentalist is per SharperIron and its majority members. This is vague in definition as it is in so many real life churches.

More articles that show fundamentalism encompasses those who are not independent baptist pre-mil. I am an A-mil Baptist, but I'd like to see some articles from OPC, PCA, and Founders oriented Southern Baptists.

There's too much 'clutter' on the front page, it's hard to follow. I come here much less now, since the changes, just because it's harder to follow. Perhaps getting rid of so much 'stuff' and streamlining things down would be helpful. When time is short, it's easier to follow when there isn't so much 'stuff'. :)

The earlier lay-out was easier to read.

I miss the sermon postings. When I first found the website, I was stationed overseas and spiritually starving at my church. Pastor Markle's sermon posts fed me during that time and I deeply appreciated them.

more info on what is really going on

Satisfied to simply read and learn

Broader exposure! It seems the same few people participate in discussions or leave comments.

Same here. I have not read it enough to know.

It seems to me that it is a little FBF/Bob Jones blog. That gets real annoying. The world of fundamentalism is much bigger than what is given focus and who is allowed to write most of your posts.

challenge assumptions

It needs to be much more positive and Christ-centered--that's why I lack interest--too negative and too many hills to die on--ugh!

I enjoy the site as is!

A worldview among members which is actually consistent with fundamentalism, so you believe in the fundamentals of the faith, if you're living like the world, so what?

stay independent and don't get sucked into being beholden to any school or group

Write articles on something other than Fundamentalism, the history of fundamentalism, the young fundamentalist and their disdain for fundamentalism.

None of the above. It's fine the way it is.

no comment

More discussion (prompts, maybe?) on the forums. They're kind of dead.

xxx

Mutual book study groups, fairly well structured with a clear leader

bla bla

nothing comes to mind

I think it's sad that some of the younger edgier fundamentalists (Janz, Rivers, etc.) are no longer associated with site.

None of the above

I stop reading when silly comments are made that have no basis in scriptural truth, and the reasoning is done with little experience behind it.

I am fine with the site showing different points of view. I like hearing others opinions, and appreciate it sharpening my points of view.

Less emphasis on the non-fundamentals such as "young earth creationism". Provide both sides of arguments on topics such as inerrancy, young earth creationism, dispensationalism vs covenant theology, premillennialism vs amillennialism, etc.

Some comments on front page articles moderated before they post, according to the desires of the author, and only if this gains new authors.

More divergent points of view within the Fundamentalist rank; some segments of Fundamentalism are not well represented; Fundamentalism is a broad spectrum

Separation gets way too much attention. There are other Christian doctrines out there.

I wonder if you would consider allowing one forum category that specifically allows non-members to input comments, although they could be restricted from starting a new topic. This would allow opinions from outside fundamentalism, if anybody ever wanted them. You could consider having these comments moderated before posting them.

I'm going to nominate a mobile version again because more often than not I'm closer to my iphone than my computer. Please count this vote twice. :)

Define the brand of fundamentalism SI wishes to encourage/salvage/develop and that which SI is opposed to.

I like the forum - live argument style, i realize it's a turn off to people but there's something to be said for the free exchange of ideas.

More wide-open discussion, like it was, say, a couple of years ago. The new SI seems to have squelched a lot of the open dialogue. Now it seems like it is just a handful of people participating.

Get rid of the moderators... I think SI is dead and that is partially because of the Gestapo like tactics of your moderators...

loosen up the forum discussions and blogroll a little bit without letting things get out of hand...the typical control mindset apparently rules with a heavy hand!

Transcripts of interviews. Because my husband is Deaf, audio only items hold little interest for me.

more careful moderation of posted comments

More variety and friendly treatment of those with differing veiws than the mainstream SI crowd.

no opinion

ANY kind of material that pertains to single Christians. There have been countless articles about marriage. Most of the blogroll people are married men. But there's not much for us singletons :)

Make it simpler to get access on-line, to comment, and post questions. Limit those who feel they have to comment on everything every time.

More time could be spent posting about the Gospel and its relevance to our lives

I would welcome more relevant articles on apologetics and true issues (like, personal holiness in regards to living out the Gospel), not bickering about things that are non-issues. It also seems like (especially in the Filings sidebar) that this blog is turning into one of those "watchblogs" where all we like to do is talk about the evil in the apostate churches and the unregenerate world and get all excited about how terrible it all is. Why is that so exciting? Unsaved people are going to act unsaved. Not worth reading about.

I can't think of anything that should be changed. Online courses could be a good thing. Like I said earlier I am mainly using SI as a learning tool. Since we are out of the US, much of the controversial issues are in some ways new to me. Or rather I have missed the details. I have appreciated SI for how these things have been handled. The discussions have made me study my Bible more, so that is a good thing.

broader approach to current trends and how a new Fundamentalist should respond to them. It would be nice to see how we should react to different things that come up in culture

In part because of my age, I don't know.

I would like to see less arguing and more sharing of resources and problem-solving on the real, practical local church level.

More careful monitoring of comments. Moderation seems to permit some comments that appear disrespectful or inconsiderate.

I wouldn't change SI's format

Hmm. Courses through SI. An interesting thought.

moderators who moderate

More openness to conservative points of views. More moderation of more moderate and liberal commentators. The liberal/moderate has more latitude at Sharper Iron, reflecting what we see in the culture at large. There is little freedom or interaction with more conservative points of view, even with scholarly presentation. It seems SI is afraid.

Emphasize evangelism and discipleship topics, be more practical and relevant.

I got the most out of SI during the Janz administration when people were more free to post what some people think might be "controversial" ideas. I greatly appreciate the time, energy, and money that the new owner (and moderators) have put into the current SI, but I feel like SI has regressed. It feels more like a glorified Fighting Fundamentalist Forums than it does a well balanced platform to discuss fundamentalism and issues related to it. I understand the desire to keep discussions on track and to prevent personal attacks, but it seems to me that there has been a lot of premature stifling of legitimate discussions.

Think outside of the box. Since Jason left, it seems to have moved dramatically "rightward" and become more controlling. I'm a fundamentalist, but I need the sparring that comes from people to the left and the right of me. I like free-wheeling dialogue. The front page articles have become very much dominated by boring book reviews, denominational (GARB, FBF,) stuff and stuff I'm simply not interested in. I like the stimulation that people like Tetreau, Burrell, Smith, Bixby and others used to bring....these were people that are conservative, but free thinkers. The filings are dominated by super-conservative [name edited out] -- broaden those a bit more with more contributors. The blogroll has become very dull and theological and notice how many of them are simply parroting what the others people on the blogroll say. The worst one on the blogroll is the music guy who hits the same notes all the time. He doesn't live in the "real world" of where most people in our churches are and what they have to deal with. Sorry to sound so critical, but I'm giving feedback as requested.

More Evangelical connection, we are not the enemy.

None of these really appeals to me.

more transcripts of interviews too more exegetical work on fundamentalist distinctives

Re: young earth creationism: the contributions of Answers in Genesis have convinced me that we need a solid YE creationist base for effectively evangelizing today's unbelievers.

More comments from a broader membership. Not sure how to achieve that, though. It seems like it's mostly the same 10 or 15 people talking in circles. Once those people have hashed out their issues, discussion stagnates. It doesn't help that when someone new comes along and brings up an already-discussed topic, the oldsters make comments like "We've already discussed this to death - see this link." That's a quick way to kill discussion and drive away new members.

Some how encourage more pastors and successful (well balanced) laypersons to get involved in the discussions.

An additional forum category, something like: Bible (specific verses and passages) interpretation

Don't change-it took me a while to figure out the latest change and I am too old to do another one. :)

I adamantly do not like the new layout and others I have talked to have voiced the same opinion. It is not as user friendly and it takes more work to find the general discussions that are taking place. The central focus seems to be solely on the front page. I used to be part of the ladies forum which now appears defunct.

More openness to those who are vitally interested in what you are saying, but may hesitate to "join" SI.

Perhaps user reviews to rate the effectiveness of a particular members contributions (was this helpful? translate into some kind of rank or score as in many answer type forums).

More articles/info for women. When I was a member, I was disappointe with the women only section. Not much going on there. But that was over a year ago.

It is one thing to question fundamentalism, it is another thing to provide right answers. There are bigger problems within (right-wing)conservative envangelicalism, but I do not often see those on your site...

full RSS feeds

I would caution about diversifying what you do too much. Be sure you are able to do what you do well. Will doing other things spread your resources so thin that you are no longer able to do well what you are currently doing??

If you want a store I might be willing to sell you www.CertainSound.com. The already built web site would be \$6,000. I would have to figure out what the inventory is worth.

greater balance and depth

Those who write articles should be required to discuss it on the forum, or else it should be marked so as to not allow discussion. The issue is, if you write an article that is highly debatable, then you should be required to defend it. It is like showing up to a debate and sharing your view, then leaving before you heard the other side and provide a rebuttal. That is probably the one thing that puts me off to reading the articles.

Not much should change. You've got a good balance right now.

Forums are difficult to access/keep track of current conversations with new system.

While this survey might be helpful to you, the horse left the barn. You already lost virtually every non-Calvinist, balanced Fundamentalist. You have little idea how many have been driven away by your hosting, backing and running interference for Bauder. You aren't going get any one back and the rest aren't going to join SI as it is still moving toward evangelicalism and promoting those views and practices. You're too late! No one believes SI can be returned to a balanced, biblical Fundamentalism because under Janz it never was in the first place and is still moving away under Blumer. You're too late!

I would love to see more interviews with men (Dr. Michael Barrett of Geneva Reformed Seminary or Dr. Brown of God's Bible College) and women (pastor's wives, singles, etc..) that are in the orb of fundamentalism but not well-known. It seems to be that there were more interviews back then (Kent Hughes, Chuck Phelps, etc...) than the present. This would give me a broader scope of the like-minded people.

Since I use SI primarily as a news source, I have little concern with what else the site does. I like the filings.

it seems to work pretty well the way it is.

don't know

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none

A rejection of the term 'fundamentalist' as being useful in the 21st Century.

Not sure

SharperIron store that WE could sell on; I have a ton of used books I'd almost give away that many on SI would like.

not really that interested in getting MORE involved in something

I would welcome the inclusion of a section for younger Christians, a little more concern over people who dominate discussions to the point of militancy where Scripture is not clear, and a greater humility among the board members. The last two issues had a great influence on my opinion of SI. In the end, I had to walk away.

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

1

A well intentioned desire, a weak foundation in human effort: bigger is better.

I am an Historic Fundamentalist

Employed at Fundamentalist institution

This is a little bit hard, because Identify with what I was taught in my church and my seminary education. But the name Fundamentalist in Europe has come to mean religious radical (perhaps dangerous religious radical)

I identify best with the Fundy Movt sans King James Onlyism

I am an old-time Fundamentalist, putting Biblical scholarship first.

I have a lot of friends there.

I feel that fundamentalists tend to spend too much time defending God's Word and too little time actually living it.

fundamentalist is like evangelical. Both have lost their meaning due to too many people using the titles that do not fit the characteristics. I am conservative and I hold to all of the fundamentals of the faith as stated in the Bible.

post-Fundamentalist, Remnant Christian

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

2

Somewhere between the first two choices

Seperated from Fundamentalism

I believe the Bible. . nothing more. . nothing less.

I am a militant, old-fashioned Fundamentalist

I am personally a local-church only believer who only identifies with the Bible and my own church, not movements or denominations

I used to be a Fundementalist.

I am not embarassed to use the term.

Ultra-"fundamentalist"...Bible believer

I'm trying to find myself...

What is the definition of fundamentalist? I define my self as fundamental but find my views much different from those defined as 'strong' fundamentalists on the forums.

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

3

A formerly dyed in the wool fundy who feels burned by the movement and isn't sure how close to it I want to be anymore.

Conservative in practice, Fundamentalist as it relates to the original meaning of Fundamentalist

I am a Christian with fundamentalist principles.

I believe the fundamentals...and secondary separation is not one of them

Seeking to be historic fundamentalist.

I have been an apologist for fundamentalism, and no longer find the movement biblical or vibrant.

I am a part of any group although I am very fundamental

An Historic (first century) Fundamentalist

True Fundamentalism no longer exists

I love Fundamentalists; I love the idea of Fundamentalism; I belong to Fundamentalist groups. I don't care two pence about the abstract movement called Fundamentalism.

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

4

Would at time claim movement but not sure what that means currently.

conservative evangelical

I attended BJU and left fundamentalism because insistence on conformity with non-essential views (such as young earth creationism). I finally decided I wasn't going to check my brain at the door of the church. Most fundamental churches don't require (or want) members to bring their brain to church.

I would be classified by most as Fundamentalist, but I am a Baptist who does not like Fundamentalism's interdenominationalism

former fundamentalist

Fundamentalist - not sure if "with the best of the . . . movement"

Historic Fundamentalist with appreciation for conservative Evangelicals

your choices say it all...you apparently thing that a conservative evangelical cannot embrace the historic 5 fundamentals of the orthodox bibilcal faith...however that's what I consider myself

I don't know anymore. frustrated fundamentalist I guess

While associated with Fundamentalism through family and church, I like the term "neo-fundamentalist." There are many things in Fundamentalism I do not wish to be associated with though I am one.

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

5

number 3 is close. i grew up fundy, but will not claim to be one now. i would describe myself as very conservative ebangelical.

I view fundamentalism as on slipper slope being where evangelicals were 20-35 years ago

Conservative believing in the fundamentals of the faith

Emerging Middle

orthodox and reformed protestant

I try not to carry a label, but just say that I am a Christian who follows the Bible. Labels can be real problems.

Have grown up in fundamentalist circles, will probably be in them for a long time; VERY open to "new" ideas that are Biblically (not traditionally) based

I am not ashamed of the Fundamentalist label. It is a timeless application of the biblical mandate to defend the truth. This isn't an obsolete task.

liberal fundamentalist

Grew up in fundamentalism but now identify as an evangelical

16. Relationship with fundamentalism (other)

6

Biblicist without "essentials/non-essentials" error

A moderate identification with historic fundamentalism, but not in the mainstream.

What would be a biblical understanding of "Fundamentalism"? It seems that an individual who is concerned with letting the Bible speak for its self and then following what it says should be considered a "Fundamentalist". I don't agree with the modern-day movement. I consider myself a "Fundamentalist" because I believe what I see the Bible says is "Fundamental" to Christianity. As a Calvinistic, Covenant, Amillennial Baptist in my old

I claim the idea and am quite happy to maintain relationships in any camp, wherever that idea is present. Occasionally, the idea is present in fundamentalist circles.

I grew up in FUNDAMENTALISM, but have discovered there are people who are godly who aren't FUNDAMENTALIST

I am a fundamentalist who recognizes there are issues with the movement

Go to fundy church

Reformed and separate based on a confession held in common with others.

I would no longer identify myself as a Fundamentalist, though I agree with the Fundamentals. The movement has come to be far too judgmental of people. This may be truth in some cases, but it is not "speaking the truth in love." I consider myself a Christian, a non-demoninational one, who has been hurt by Fundamentalism and their emphasis on doctrine to the point, sometimes, of neglecting the character of Jesus.

17. Church type (other)

non denominational

Bible

Bible Church Movement

Reformed Episcopa

Non Denominational

Independent Bible

Baptist union

Independent Baptist that is Non-Calvinistic

Open Brethren

Evangelical Free

17. Church type (other)

2

I am a member of the IFCA International

independent, fundamental, Bible

Evangelical

Dutch Reformed / Messianic ? There is only one true church, consisting of all those who are truly born-again. Unity between all these are more important than doctrinal differences (as long as salvation is not at stake). I identify with any congregation that keeps the Bible as God's word both in doctrine and in practice.

Bible Church

Conservative Baptist Association

Baptistic non-cessasionist

IFCA

Independent Baptist, but elder led

other Baptist (Baptist General Conference), but my current church doesn't have Baptist in the name

17. Church type (other)

3

atheist

non-denominational

I am a Presbyterian by doctrine, but member of an Independent Baptist church because of the issue of separation

New Testament Body of Christ

non-denom

independent Reformed Baptist

Reformed Baptist

Calvinistic Independent Bible Church - could say Baptist

<http://www.fellowship.ca/qry/page.taf?id=14>

Mennonite

17. Church type (other)

Bible

Non-denom Bible church

Dependent Baptist

Landmark Baptists, though not a Landmarker. Go figure :-)

GARBC

Independent Bible/Foreign Language church

confessional, reformed baptist

Regular Baptist

conservative Mennonite

Indep. Bible church for the time being

17. Church type (other)

5

Regular Baptist (regional not National)

Baptist now in exile in a Presbyterian church

Regular Baptist

independent Bible church

Reformed Baptist

Independent Bible Church

evangelical non denominational

A hybrid- I have bee the pastor of both an Indy and SBC

Baptist, but neither Southern Baptist or Independent

Evangelical Free

17. Church type (other)

6

GARBC

Evangelical Free Church (EFCA)

EFCA (Evangelical Free Church, as in TEDS)

newspringish. sound doctrine, but contemp. music.

Conservative Baptist

GARBC

born again bible believing Christian, Member in Particular

Sovereign Grace

Independent Bible

Free Presbyterian

17. Church type (other)

7

Free Will Baptist

Conservative Baptist

nondenominational church

Seperatistic ModerateCalvanistic Baptist

nondenominational Bible

Bible Church

non-demon. conservative evangelical

Conservative Baptist in association but nondenominational in church name

GARBC

Non-Denom Bible Church

17. Church type (other)

8

GARBC

Unregistered Baptist

Reformed Covenant Baptist

Independent Reformed Baptist

GARBC

GARBC

Evangelical Free Church of America

Currently pastoring a Baptist Church affiliated with ABC-USA.

Bible

Open Brethren

17. Church type (other)

Currently at an independant Pentecostal church

House Church

Non-denominational

Independent Bible (non-denominational)

I go to a Cof E though I se it as in much error. I never claim any denominational affiliation whatever church I attend because it is of secondary importance.

Independant Bible

Non-Denominational

Ref. Bapt.

19. Attitude toward Calvinism (other)

1

I believe the Bible.

I reject hyper-calvinism and am not a Calvinist but do have some beliefs in common with Calvinists though not taken to the end that even moderate Calvinists would

Calminian...

At present, I can agree with 4 points with my definitions and reject 1

I don't believe in following a man's system, but to test all by Scripture

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When someone asks me what I am I usually respond by saying "I'm both"

I am Calvinistic, but am not into "How many points are you?"

Calvinistic but why do I have to be locked in a man-made system?

I choose the name Biblicist. I agree with Calvinism when it agrees with Scripture. I have met very few Calvinists who go beyond Scripture.

19. Attitude toward Calvinism (other)

2

Not sure... I am still "seeking" when it comes to this topic

I'm trying to figure this out now, but lean towards Calvinism

I do not classify myself in this manner.

I think I'm Calvinist, but don't know enough to debate or "hold" firm

none of the above

The 5 points of Calvinism are in error but this does not void all of John Calvin's works or license one to simply dismiss his contribution to theology seeing his works do not all revolve around the 5 points.

I am neither a Calvinist nor an Arminian; I believe both to be serious and damaging error and stick to scripture.

I am neither Calvinist or Arminian

Not sure on details

in transition, raised Plymouth Brethren, educated by reformed Baptists, now a Mennonite

19. Attitude toward Calvinism (other)

3

Sort of a 4.5 pt. Calvinist--I was Reformed for years and am reevaluating the issue

I am a 5 ptr. Why do we not ask if someone is an Arminian or Ameraldian?

Biblicist

the Bible proves both Calvinism and free will.

The beliefs that I hold are in line with Calvinism, yet I do not claim the name

I was chosen bt a Soverign God before the foundation of the world. This substitutionary atonement dealt with every sin I've ever committed or will commit. Someone else will have add up my "points"

Defined historically, I do not accept any points of the so-called "five points." I believe that the Arminianism and Calvinism debate is a false dilemma (do not accept either).

I have several beliefs in common with Calvinism, but I cannot explain or fully understand the biblical tension between points like free will and predestination. I am comfortable in rejecting any label and seeking to serve the Lord with what I do comprehend.

Calvin was Catholic, Baptist killer, French and did I mention Catholic

Highly Calvinistic regarding salvation

19. Attitude toward Calvinism (other)

4

christ centered cross centered and gracious

I more or less understand and accept the five points, but I prefer "reformed" to "Calvinist"

dumb question. this is a human idea

don't want the label, don't want to approach biblical truths exactly this way

20. Christ's return (other)

I believe in the Pre-Wrath rapture of the Church (VanKampen)

Although, I am confident of my view, I do not consider this issue to be one that defines fellowship

Historic postmillennial

I think God will surprise us all in the end, but will be true to His Word.

But my wife is amillennial. So it's not like I'm being very pushy with my beliefs here.

No rapture, still studying the rest.

Pan -mil It will all pan out in the end.

unsure (used to be a dispensationalist, pre-millennialist, etc. . But no longer certain.)

Christ will return. There may or may not be seven or one thousand year events.

Christ came at 70 AD.

20. Christ's return (other)

I believe the bible doesn't have a clear position, individual books have one.

I don't currently have a position.

Again, still trying to figure out what I believe... I have always been taught about a pre-trib rapture.

Taught pre-trib view growing up, but couldn't really defend it. Debates on covenant vs. dispensational need to distinguish covenant premillennial view from covenant amillennial view. Some critiques against covenant theology are really against amillennialism and don't apply to covenant premil position.

I do not worry about Christ's return since I may or may not be alive at that time. I believe that I should be the best Christian possible every day regardless of anything else going on around me.

Christ comes again--rapture and second coming are the same event. This is the a-mil view. Why wasn't it listed? Most of the church was a-mil or historic pre-mil until the twentieth century.

The so-called Church age is what the Revelation describes symbolically as a 1000 years. It will be followed by a short-lived rebellion and the general resurrection and judgment. I am Amil and while I can allow latitude in the historic views of Pre- and Postmillennialism, the Dispensational view is utterly contradictory and unbiblical.

I prefer not to respond to this question.

Unsure, lean most toward mid-trib dispensational

I am in the uncomfortable position of leaning post-trib but belonging to a pre-trib church with the excuse that I'm not certain. It's not something I make an issue of, and I didn't want to hurt people by withdrawing membership.

Amillennialism

wait and see.

I believe Christ is coming back--but "rapture" "tribulation" "thousand years" number of months, years etc. are not clear enough for me to preach to my people.

amillennial

Not worth dividing the body of Christ over but worthy of indept discussion.

I have believed the 1st option listed for as long as I can remember (because that is all I have ever heard preached), but am reconsidering the issue over the last year or so.

A "panmillennialist," just waiting to see how it all pans out.

Rapture happens at the end of the 7 year 70th week of Daniel. Then comes the wrath of God to earth. After 1040 days the Lord Jesus returns to rule and reign in the Millenium.

I'm not dogmatic about any position but probably lean partial preterist.

I believe my position is the most reasonable interpretation, but I am willing to be proven wrong when it actually happens. I think "very confident" is too strong, but "not very certain" isn't strong enough. If it happens differently than I expect, I will be surprised, but it won't really matter (the ultimate outcome I AM certain about!), so I don't exert a lot of effort worrying how we get there. :)

20. Christ's return (other)

I align myself more with the Amill. position.

I don't think Scripture speaks definitively to the timing of the Rapture. I am Premillennial, but I believe the 1000 years could be a symbolic number for a long period of time.

I believe that the church will be raptured before the 7-year tribulation and that Christ will reign for 1000 years after his return, but I'm not dogmatic about the timing. I could be wrong.

I am very confident about my beliefs regarding the Millennium. I am less confident about the pre-tribulation rapture, though I still believe it best explains the data.

I still recognize that other committed, Bible-believing Christians might disagree.

Christ will return after some sort of "Tribulation", the dead will be resurrected and enter the final judgement, then believers will reign on the new earth with Christ forever.

Faithful overcoming believers will be taken up before a seven year period of tribulation, then Christ will establish His kingdom on the earth for a thousand years. Unprofitable, lukewarm servants will be spewed out of the mouth of Jesus and into that tribulation.

I see no profit in spending so much time trying to figure it out. Christ will return when He is supposed to. We are to work hard to spread the gospel whether it be to get people into Heaven or to hasten His return.

been mostly premil, but living in a persecuted culture, i want to rethink my ideas of christians being "rescued" from the tribulation--is that an american idea b/c we've never had physical hardships b/c of our christianity?

21. Attitude toward Reformed theology (other)

1

The Word of God does not need reforming, only belief.

Unsure. I think I probably could check the 3rd choice but don't fully understand what "Reformed" means.

I don't believe in following a man's system, but to test all by Scripture

I grew up Reformed, but think that we have just part of the whole truth found in the Bible. We err seriously in some respects, but correct the mistakes of others in the Body of Christ on earth.

It depends upon who is defining "reformed". I believe much or most of reformed ideas but I hold to the Bible exclusively as inspired and authoritative.

Reformed, not in baptism but including eschatology

I'm not sure what your definition of "reformed" is, as to all of the details. I'm on board with the 5 solos of the reformation and the 5 points of calvinism. I am a baptist who believes in believers baptism only and I am pre-mil and pre-trib.

I am Reformed and appreciate its eschatology and baptism, although I am not paedobaptist

I follow in the footsteps of those who never associated with the "Catholic" church - therefore, I am not "Reformed" and not "Protestant"

I think believer's baptism rather than infant baptist is more "correct" but I don't freak out over infant baptism. I am post-trib/pre-millennial.

21. Attitude toward Reformed theology (other)

2

figuring this out...

Committed to Dispensationalism

Please provide the precise definitions (or links) to this type of classification since it appears to vary significantly, even on this site.

Reformed but broader

hmmmm.

I think I am, but don't know it all to say for sure

I rarely put labels on my beliefs, except for "Biblical".

I used Reformed teachers where they excel but do not adhere to Reformed theology.

Having lived in Greenville SC for 15 years, I find too many young people (and some now in their mid 30's) who put way too much stock in the reformed tradition and creeds to the point that they have been led into error. I would not claim to be reformed any more than I would claim to be Roman Catholic. You would have to grow up in France as I did to have a greater appreciation of what it leads to, to be Protestant (reformed) or Catholic.

Huh? If one is not "reformed" in baptism one is not reformed. Are you sure you don;t jsut mean "calvinistic" when you use the word "reformed?"

21. Attitude toward Reformed theology (other)

3

Reformed Baptist--I reject the idea of "Reformed but not in matter of baptism"

mixed thoughts here

attend reformed sbc church but not strongly reformed the best church in the area

I am Reformed in soteriology, but not in eschatology, baptism, or ecclesiology

do not care.

Reformed in soteriology, not in ecclesiology / eschatology (since most modern reformed are not pre-mil & certainly not pre-trib.

Reformed Baptist

I don't fully understand all that a truly Reformed perspective entails, and I think that I am not alone in that. This conversation is perhaps one of the most divisive discussions of modern times. I think it is fully possible that Satan is stirring up such discussions so that true believers are straining at gnats and failing in our true mission of evangelism and edification.

I am dispensational.

I appreciate the Reformed tradition of upholding the holiness of God but reject their view of covenants, Bible interpretation, Eschatology, and what they do with Israel

21. Attitude toward Reformed theology (other)

4

I probably "appreciate much" but I don't encounter the term's meaning on a regular basis, so my head's a little foggy on exactly what it means to be "Reformed."

I am probably Reformed by your definition, that is, I should have checked the 2nd box, but it is a mistake for dispensationalists to say they are Reformed since by common consensus, Reformed always includes Covenant Theology.

I appreciate some of the Reformed tradition, but I think it is being abused today in a manner that is causing serious damage in the church today.

Reformed Baptist & Pre-mill

I am reformed in everything but baptism. I am baptisitic.

I am a reformed baptist. I'm not sure it is possible to accurately identify a "Reformed" position on eschatology or baptism.

Reformed, excepting paedobaptism (assuming that's what is meant in the second answer choice)

I have some commonalities with a Reformed soteriology, but Reformation theology gets ecclesiology and eschatology completely wrong.

I appreciate elements in R tradition, but also reject other elements.

I am a Reformed Baptist. I differ with Presbyterians on Baptism and multiple church government. I do accept multiple elders

21. Attitude toward Reformed theology (other)

5

I am pursuing a biblical Christianity and am not concerned about the label and definitely would not follow a tradition.

I am solidly Dispensationalist - view certain parts of Reformed Theology as unbiblical. Your bias is showing with the way you formed the question!

I am Reformed in my Soteriology but nothing else

22. Opinion of home schooling (other)

1

God gives parents the responsibility to school their children, the options that they have are public school, christian/private school, or home school. they should use the one the believe God wants them to use.

It requires total dedication on the parents part.

the matter of home schooling is not a one-size-fits-all approach to education. It must be considered according to the needs and context of each family.

We should always consider what is a Biblical training for our children

Home schooling has generally led to Christian college work. I'm not for fundamentalist Christian college, so I'm biased against homeschooling.

A very poor option for many others

I spent 10 years in the public school system where I was throughly sexualized and learned to think and emote like a 21st century American. The detox has taken 10+ years. I would never subject my child to that,

I am a very enthusiastic supporter (was home-schooled myself and am home-schooling my kids), but I would stop short of saying "Every family should home school if possible".

All Christian families should home educate, but not neecesarily home school.

I do homeschool...

22. Opinion of home schooling (other)

2

Depends on the child. In general, I prefer an excellent Christian school over homeschool. Christian school should be considered as an adjunct to the parental role, not a direct ministry of the church. Church is not responsible for general education of children. Parents are. View that puts Christian school fall under "teaching to observe" part of the Great Commission to make it fit philosophically under the ministry of the church, I the parent's hold primary educational responsibility regardless of where the child is educated

Home schooling is great if the parents are smart enough to understand the curriculum.

up to the family, the child and the situation

It is an excellent option and should be seriously considered by believers, but every child is different and every school system is different

The public school system is the bastion of Satan and his angels, it exists for the indoctrination of children in a socialist/communist/pagan/atheistic worldview. If you send your children there you do not love them and are handing them over to the devil.

It's a great option. I homeschooled our children through Algebra 2 after which they attended a Christian for more advanced math. Also I find boys become young men by the age of 14 and struggle for independence. Putting our 3 sons in a Christian school around that age gave them the freedom they needed.

If at all possible people should homeschool or find a solid Christian school

It is a family concern. I did not choose it.

An viable option, depending on many factors.

22. Opinion of home schooling (other)

3

We did it out of necessity for 3 years. But we prefer a good Christian school that gives a Christian world view.

some very good, some very bad

Homeschooling is not the panacea that its true believers advocate.

Each family should do as the Lord leads as they are responsible for their family.

I was homeschooled and never encountered the difficulties people usually whine about. It was great!

God wants education to be in the home and influenced by the parents...whatever education system implements this other than homeschool I'm cool with as well

I believe homeschooling or Christian schooling is best for most children and most situations, but the decision to do one over the other should be determined by the individual child and the ability of the parent.

should be totally up to the family to decide - IF the family is capable of providing a real and quality education

We home schooled 3 children in jr. high

Not a huge fan of homeschooling but not against it either. Homeschooling is not a doctrinal issue as some make it out to be.

22. Opinion of home schooling (other)

4

but please don't fault those who cannot/will not

I home school by conviction but not all of my convictions apply to other people!

A child's education is the parent's responsibility - period. How they achieve that education varies by family. The government needs to butt out of parental obligations.

Parents are responsible - three tools available (public, home school, priv.charter), choose well and know their strengths and weakness', be open to change with the child.

It's a great option for many; not for everyone; each family is responsible for their family's education (whether public, private, home)

It depends on the context of the family's current situation and each kid.

I am convinced that Christians ought to give their children explicitly Christian education. Homeschooling is an excellent way to do this.

Charles F Potter and the Supreme Court understand that secular humanism is a religion. It is confusion and sin for Christian parents to take their children to a Christian church on Sunday and then send them to a secular humanist church Monday through Friday.

how do your children do the great commission behind closed doors