

Sinful “Surnames”

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The idea for the following article is from one authored by Steve Gibson several years ago. At the time he wrote it, Steve was sound in his teaching and behavior. Lamentably, he has since apostatized, and likely no longer holds the same convictions. However, the principle behind his material (from which I adapted and enlarged the following) is still as true as it was when he wrote it.

- **Theistic evolution** is wrong because **evolution** is wrong.
- **Social drinking** is wrong because **drinking** is wrong.
- **Chaperoned dancing** is wrong because **dancing** is wrong.
- **State sponsored gambling** is wrong because **gambling** is wrong.
- **Legalized adultery** is wrong because **adultery** is wrong.
- **Legalized pornography** is wrong because **pornography** is wrong.
- **Legalized abortion** is wrong because **abortion** is wrong.
- **Legalized prostitution** is wrong because **prostitution** is wrong.
- **Legalized tobacco use** is wrong because **tobacco use** is wrong.
- **Legalized homosexual behavior** is wrong because **homosexual behavior** is wrong.
- **Legalized same-sex “marriage”** is wrong because **same-sex “marriage”** is wrong.
- **Postmodernism** is wrong because **modernism** is wrong.
- **Neo-Pentecostalism** is wrong because **Pentecostalism** is wrong.
- **Neo-Calvinism** is wrong because **Calvinism** is wrong.
- **Doctrinal “Unity in diversity”** is wrong because **doctrinal diversity** is wrong.
- **“Little ‘f’ fellowship” with error** is wrong because **fellowship with error** is wrong.
- **Fellowship with the “pious unimmersed” persons** is wrong because **fellowship with unimmersed persons** is wrong.
- **The Independent Christian Church** is wrong because **the Christian Church** is wrong.

It is impossible to change sinful institutions, practices, or doctrines into those which are innocent by prefixing harmless “given names” to “sinful surnames.”

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