

What About ... Raising the Debt Ceiling—Theologically?

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I read an interesting analogy the other day.

Raising the debt ceiling to solve the debt crisis is like raising the legal blood sugar limit to solve the drunk-driving problem

But that would work. Right? We would have less people arrested, less trials, therefore, less money spent on court cases, less for lawyers and judges to do, and less tax dollars spent on supporting repeat DWIs while they sit in prison. Just raise the .08 BAC (blood alcohol content) level enough, and all those problems will be solved. Although it varied from state to state, the .15 level has been lowered to .08 after 2011. So why not raise it instead of lowering it? Of course, the number of accidents, injuries and fatalities caused by drunk drivers (over 10,000 a year in the USA — 10,839 in 2009) would increase. But the immediate problems of those drinking and driving would be solved. Right?

Of course, this is all absurd. So, then, why are we doing exactly that theologically in our churches? Our Christian churches are a theological hodgepodge. For example, according to George Barna:

“The self-described born-again church young people who agree that there is no such thing as absolute truth are as follows:

- In 1991 — 52%
- In 1994 — 62%
- In 1999 — 78%
- In 2005 — 91%
- 4% agree that the Bible is the infallible Word of God and true in every situation.
- 26% of born agains agree that ‘while he lived on earth, Jesus committed sins, like other people.’
- 65% say we cannot know whether any religion is true or not, including Christianity.

- 75% of teenagers have engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity.”

Yet, instead of insisting on biblical theology, we have changed the standards. It’s called tolerance. It’s called being loving. You know, “Love Wins.”

The Apostle Paul told the Colossians:

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ (Colossians 2:8).

But we keep ignoring false teaching, claim theology is unimportant, and encourage people to be part of our rock concert churches where we can praise “Jesus” with less and less knowledge or significance of who “Jesus” is or what He taught.

