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Subject: Concerning Steve Hill

Posted by [mark1124](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 00:52:43 GMT

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Hombre,

One of his previous books is available for sale. It is "God's Covenant of Healing". I received a copy of it when he was still with Faith Assembly. I imagine that it has been reprinted and if so, the FA address (or in his case, "Sound Teaching Ministries") is not on the book.

I still listen to Steve every now and then. Sometimes I have a hard time listening to him preaching the messages that he no longer believes in. But that doesn't detract me from receiving what was said. I will not reject the message because of the messenger.

God bless

Mark Scaliotti  
mark1124

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Subject: Steve Hill

Posted by [william](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 08:13:13 GMT

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Hi Mark, glad to see you made it over here!

mark1124 wrote on Fri, 10 February 2006 18:52

I still listen to Steve every now and then. Sometimes I have a hard time listening to him preaching the messages that he no longer believes in.

Concerning Steve Hill you all may know more that I do, especially Hombre since he had more of a direct exposure to his ministry, but my perspective as one who heard him often at Faith Assembly and via his automatics-- I really appreciated his teaching.

I certainly can't speak to where he stands now on anything but I would hope that he still believes in those messages he taught.

One thing we did receive from Hobart Freeman is a foundation of truth and I would think that it would be hard for any one (Steve included) to completely walk away from that.

One thing is for sure, the decade of the sixties engendered in hearts--a longing for the truth. The

search for truth left many in its wake but it left its mark on those who hungered for reality. For me, I found that reality in the teachings of Hobart Freeman and the foundation that was laid affects me to the present day.

He gave stability to the charismatic movement and those who were being swept away by every wind of doctrine were given a harbor and an anchor.

Steve, when he taught, always gave us something we needed. After Hobart Freeman died there was a need for introspection as well as a need for us to move on (I don't mean anything more than growth into the fullness of Christ here!) in our walk with God. He attempted to do that and was unmercifully persecuted for his efforts--as were the efforts of others at the time (84-88 being the period of which I am knowledgeable.)

As I understand it, he left Faith Assembly in the 90s so there may have occurred things of which I know nothing but what I do know is that he loved God with his whole heart and it showed. My point is that I find it hard to believe that he could have given up the foundation that he received (as well as taught).

I hope that leaving Faith Assembly isn't the criteria that determines whether one still holds fast to the truth once delivered to the saints... if it is then be aware that I left twice. The first time (1977 I believe) to take care of my young sister who was caught up in the middle of my parents divorce, the second time (1988) with the blessings of the pastor... neither time did I leave the truth that I had been taught.

moulder

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill  
Posted by [mark1124](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 20:30:40 GMT  
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The last I heard, Steve had thrown away all of his masters from the FA days so that would tell me that he divorced himself from the message he once preached.

He has embraced more of an Intimacy with God type message, rather than the faith and crucified life message he once preached.

Mark Scaliotti  
mark1124

Subject: Intimacy with God message  
Posted by [william](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 21:50:28 GMT  
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More later on this but I guess this is the type of thing I don't understand--quoting you:

Quote:

He has embraced more of an Intimacy with God type message, rather than the faith and crucified life message he once preached.

I confess that I don't see a conflict. Is it really an either/or type of message? I see "intimacy with God," "abiding with Him," "being one with Him" and "Having a \*relationship\* with Him," all as desirable and much needed if we are to have a vibrant faith. And certainly we won't be able to live for ourselves and expect to have a close walk with Him.

moulder

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Subject: Re: Intimacy with God message  
Posted by [mark1124](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 22:26:37 GMT  
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I guess I better clarify myself. There is nothing, absolutely nothing wrong, with an intimate relation with God. We should all desire to do so. What I meant to say is that I think his message has changed from the deeper life (crucified life, faith, etc.) to another emphasis. I believe that after the passing of Brother Freeman, I don't think his emphasis was on the crucified life, deeper life or faith...It was more on having an intimate relationship with God. I could be wrong. I still received his tapes after the passing of Bro. Freeman and yet none of them focused on faith, deeper life, etc. He may have been getting away from the message back then.

I have the tapes he preached on Intimacy with God and they are very good.

Mark Scaliotti

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Subject: Re: Intimacy with God message  
Posted by [william](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:19:58 GMT  
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Ok, that makes sense, although I think that intimacy with God is the deeper life.

Getting away from specifically referring to Steve Hill and speaking more generally now... wouldn't you think that perhaps a different emphasis was warranted? Assuming of course that the "intimacy" message was from God which you agreed at least in principle to believing with your statement:

Quote:There is nothing, absolutely nothing wrong, with an intimate relation with God.

If I'm recalling correctly I believe that Hobart Freeman used to say when asked why such an emphasis on "faith" (or maybe it was divine healing?) he responded by saying that as long as people were building houses without windows he was going to preach on windows.

Faith Assembly needed windows (we didn't have any as I recall!<g>) and brother Freeman preached on windows until he died. But did we not need some other things? Maybe God raised up someone to preach on the heating system--should we have rejected that message just because it was no longer windows that was being emphasized?

For whatever reason, God decided that we needed some other things. But when he raised up ministers who had a different "emphasis" we rejected it because we wanted the old wine-skins and the new wine could not be contained. It spilled out and made a big mess. Instead of "adding to our faith" we started throwing stones in our glass house.

Thoughts?

moulder

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill

Posted by [william](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 00:33:37 GMT

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Hombre wrote on Sat, 11 February 2006 14:15....regarding Steve Hill....

I also wonder if he has been somewhat beaten up with guilt over some of the things that happened, and feels responsible to bring forth this message of 'The Fathers Love' to begin to balance things out vis-a-vis the faith message.

You are probably right. My wife reminded me that Steve had a lot of things on his shoulders during that period. His father suffered the stroke and dies, his father-in-law and pastor dies, his brother-in-law leaves the ministry, all of the deaths and burdens of Faith Assembly, some of his fellow ministers leaving the faith, not to mention the extreme persecution for preaching a message

of revival and intimacy with God at a time when "the old is better" mentality seemed to be the order for the day (even in the face of the obvious need for some introspection). Yes, it was a tough time!

I really couldn't blame him for not wanting to carry some of his negative luggage into the new century, but I do hope he has held on to the essentials!

moulder

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Subject: Re: Intimacy with God message  
Posted by [mark1124](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 14:01:28 GMT  
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Perhaps I can make a comment here. If you are a student of church history, particularly what God was doing since the Reformation, God was restoring back into the church what was once lost. He brought back the truth of justification by faith, holiness, water baptism by immersion only. Skipping to the 20th's century, we know of the Pentecostal outpouring at Azusa street...God restoring the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. Divine healing, the five fold ministry and other things were being restored. The faith messages was restored. And on and on. Do you think that maybe God is continuing to restore the house that was once built, line upon line, precept upon precept?

I know there are those who are holding on to the things of the past and are not willing to move on to what else God is restoring in these days.

I believe that God is continuing to restore the house that He built which was destroyed by the storms and fires of man's traditions. Intimacy with God is just another piece.

I think with the passing of Brother Freeman, God had to raise up someone with a different emphasis. I got a chill up my spine, so to speak, when I was listening to a tape by Steve Hill recently, when he said that when Bro. Freeman passed away, God killed the faith message. I disagree with that because it is just as much an emphasis in a Christian's life as any other teaching we have received over the years.

OK...Mark is off his soapbox and back in his shell.

God bless

Mark Scaliotti

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Subject: Topic Split & moved to Bible Issues  
Posted by [william](#) on Mon, 13 Feb 2006 20:22:59 GMT  
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I was expermenting with the "topic split" and moved the rest of this thread to Bible Issues under "Faith Message" since we had kinda changed the topic anyway!

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill  
Posted by [Anonymous Please](#) on Thu, 16 Feb 2006 14:58:18 GMT  
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If you look at Steve Hills website you'll see he still offers the book, "God's Covenant of Healing".

So I don't think he threw that belief out as you might think

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill  
Posted by [william](#) on Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:20:34 GMT  
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Hi Rueben,

I thought that was the book that he had written back in the FA days but I wasn't for sure. As I recall the book was an excellent book on divine healing.

Steve's messages back then always took at least 2 hours and were filled with thought provoking issues. Some of the ministers were more preachy in their style but Steve's style was definitely one of a teacher.

I hope to be able to hear him again when he comes to Gardendale (just north of Birmingham AL).

What years were you at FA? (If you don't mind my asking!)

William

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill  
Posted by [Anonymous Please](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 2006 21:06:03 GMT

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From around 1975 to 1985. Some of the time I lived in the Warsaw area, the other was at a home church in Ohio where I originally came from.

I went to the classes on Saturday and Wednesdays, even after I moved back to Ohio. A car load of us would drive 2 hours to get to the classes.

I remember in the winter when I lived in the Warsaw area, that some of us rented a high school gymnasium in Silver Lake and played basketball. Jim Brenneman was there as well as Steve Hill and a few other of the ministers. My friend Rick Carey and I would go even though with what we did for a living we really didn't need the workout but we liked to play basketball and it was a neat way to fellowship.

I have an amusing anecdote about one of those times. Afterward we would go into the men's locker room and get changed back into our street clothes. Some of us actually used the showers so we evidently were naked. One of the brothers who came to play brought his kids with him to watch their dad play. After the game one of the daughters of one of these guys was calling for their dad and started walking towards the men's locker room. Steve Hill was naked as a Jay Bird and as he heard the little girls voice get closer and closer to the locker-room He shouted to the Dad that he better stop her from coming in because she's too young for this kind of education. We all laughed so hard.

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill

Posted by [mark1124](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 2006 21:54:19 GMT

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Hi Reuben...

Nice to see you made it over here. Funny story. Thanks for sharing it.

God bless

Mark Scaliotti

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Subject: Re: Prosperity Pouch (or was it pooch?)

Posted by [william](#) on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 23:00:02 GMT

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That must have been around the time the "prosperity pouch (or was it pooch?)" teaching was going around... everyone wanted to show off their belly!

William

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill  
Posted by [Anonymous Please](#) on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 12:58:06 GMT  
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Hombre,

If you would like to contact Steve Hill his email addy' is stevejhill@juno.com.

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [tomax7](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 17:51:10 GMT  
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I recently (couple of years ago) got a hold of Steve. Definately he's softened, but I think that is a good thing. I had the 'priveledge' to ride down to the Indianapolis seminar in his Caddy (remember throwing my gear in his trunk and slamming it many times with him waving like nuts not to because it self shuts haha), but I digress, one thing shocked me a bit was when he preached with his "helmet hair" it was more of a power thing than a love thing.

So hense I avoided his ministry because of the sharpness that came across it.

In dialoguing with him, I can see he has softened and probably somewhere a feeling of guilt of being so rough in the early days. He mentions the spiritual oppression in Hawaii and thinking of moving back to the mainland.

I liked his dad very much, having met him while I was down at FA, a generally wise man with a big heart and thick skin.

cheers  
tom

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [DeWayne](#) on Sat, 26 Aug 2006 09:42:30 GMT  
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Stan Hill was a wonderful man, IMO.

DeWayne

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [Meesee](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 01:59:37 GMT  
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Hi,I have a quick question-what are you listening to that Steve Hill No longer practises???

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [william](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 02:55:45 GMT  
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Hi Meesee,

Glad to have you here!

I don't have an answer to your question because I've been out of touch with most of what has gone on with Steve since 1988. I think I've mentioned elsewhere that we bumped into him at a seminar/convention in Kansas City in the early 90s and last year when he preached in Gardendale Alabama. The only change I could see, was his hair... it looked like his dad's-- very gray!

Hopefully someone else can give you an update.

Welcome to the forum!

William

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Subject: Re: Intimacy with God message  
Posted by [sincerely](#) on Mon, 26 Mar 2007 23:36:38 GMT

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....I remember a fellow named Satan, who walked up to God, and asked Him about this guy named Job. It appeared as though God allowed Satan to afflict Job, in order to test Jobs' fidelity to God.

...could it all be just that simple?

I really do agree that was one reason Hobart Freeman was taken.  
I do agree with a lot that has been written here.

I think the Faith message Truth was restored just like all the other things Mark mentioned. The battle to pull down the Faith message seemed to have been won, but I know God is working out His plans & I do believe we will see His greatest Move of the Holy Spirit yet. The sheep may have been scattered but the message is still alive & well. God didn't fail.

I also agree with Mr William. God's main purpose for man is for intimacy. All the emphases are woven together to make a whole.

If only I could write what I am really trying to say.

God bless,

Sincerely

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [Meesee](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2007 00:09:47 GMT  
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Thanks for the welcome-anyone out there know tom gautchee-not proper spelling-whats up w/him?-thanks

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill  
Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2007 01:15:19 GMT  
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Now you are making me feel really old... I remember the name but I'm not drawing any references!

Sorry,  
William

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Subject: Re: Steve Hill

Posted by [NBF](#) on Fri, 28 Dec 2007 05:56:14 GMT

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Oh, Man! The memories! I remember playing basketball a few times at Silver Lake, with those you mentioned. During one of those games, I went up for a rebound, and came down wrong on my left ankle, with a loud "pop!". I went down on the floor, with a broken ankle, and we all immediately started praying, and I asked God to heal my ankle, prayed the prayer of faith and got up and began walking on it by faith. I took two steps, and the healing was manifested! No swelling, no pain, and years later when I had an x-ray done, no evidence that it had ever been broken.

I attended from late 1975 to mid 1979, right up to when there was a group of people disfellowshipped from Faith Assembly, one of them being my brother, who had worked for years with Faith Ministries, editing the raw tapes to make the cassettes that were sent out and sold at the meetings. All because he differed with Bro. Freeman on a few minor points of the faith message. I left after a conversation with Bruce Kinsey, where he said some things that I just couldn't accept, as they were not biblical. I moved back to Ohio in late 1979. I have continued to walk with the Lord, although I did backslide for a while. God has been good to me, and has blessed me despite my failures. I give Him Praise and Glory for His Faithfulness!

NBF aka Jim

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill

Posted by [NBF](#) on Fri, 28 Dec 2007 06:03:00 GMT

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I loved hearing Stan Hill preach! He could take one passage of scripture, and just drill down and down, deeper and deeper, and draw so much out of that one passage! His sermons were like a 5 course meal.

I remember him saying one time, talking about when he went to seminary, how there those that graduated Magna cum Laude, Summa cum Laude, and then there was him, who graduated Lawdy, how come? Anyone remember what Stan said the 3 surprises we are going to get when we get to Heaven?

NBF, aka Jim

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Subject: Re: Concerning Steve Hill

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Posted by [Meesee](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 00:57:49 GMT  
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WWho was Stan Hill?Steve dad?Sounds like he had a great humor!!!oops,okay def having a blond moment-I went back & looked & to answer my own question-yeah Stan father to SJ Hill

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