

What If I Don't Feel Saved? Emotionalism

Emotions in a Christian's Life	Lie #1 - Emotions = Spirituality	Lie #2 - Can't Act Against Feelings
<p>We shouldn't live on a roller coasters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ps 18:2-6 - God is our rock and our fortress - Mt 7:24-25 - we are built on the ROCK <p>Charismatic Movement and Pentecostals Catholic Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - living on feelings <p>Emotionalism - false teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Destructive - Exchanging God's truths for emotions and feelings (Romans 1) - Idol worship - glorifies the emotions over God's glory - Puts emphasis on experience - Music, preaching and the praying that is designed to stir up a frenzy - Downplays the importance of a godly lifestyle - I Cor 14:13-19 - the mind needs to think and process rational thoughts in our worship to God - sound minded - John McArthur - Strange Fire <p>Basis of faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's truth - Gospel - Justification, SANCTIFICATION, glorification - Unchanging Lord of glory - God in 3 persons - Focused on Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we understand truth and worship of God through our feelings - If we feel close to God it doesn't matter how we live - Our hearts would never lie to us (Jer 17:9) <p>God's Word says</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ro 10:17 - faith comes from hearing the Word of God - Ro 10:9-10; I John 4:2-3, 14 - what we confess and what we believe - Acts 26:20; Mt 7:16-20; Gal 5:22-23 - fruit in our lives <p>Emotions are not a definitive sign of the status of our souls</p>	<p>There are times that our out-of-control feelings will rule us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - feelings should be brought captive to Christ (II Cor 10:5) - They can't keep us from pursuing a Godly life (I Tim 6:11) - Ro 12:1-2 - God transforms our mind - This is saying that we haven't crucified self - living in the old man (emotions)

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Lie #3 - Emotions Are Your Guide	Lie #4 - You Don't Love God If You Don't Feel It	Lie #5 - Theology Makes You Lose Your "First Love"
<p>Many people allow emotions to determine whether they accept or reject a teaching in God's Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people reject doctrines because they make them uncomfortable - We become satisfied with our "Christian duties" then spend the rest of the time following the whims of our desires - Following our hearts can be very dangerous (Jer 17:9) - Ps 119:105 - God's Word is to be our guide - James 3:13-18 - our own wisdom is foolishness <p>Following your emotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lead us to be enslaved to our passions - Lead us into fear - Lead us into our desires rather than God's will 	<p>We need to feel God in order to have God in our lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sometimes we feel far away from God - He doesn't leave us (He 13:5; Ro 8:38-39) - We need to draw near to Him (James 4:8; He 7:19; 10:19-22) - Our affection for God (Christ) should run much deeper than our emotions - We can have joy no matter what the circumstances (Philippians) 	<p>Theology is the study of God - you turned God into book learning instead of experiencing Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to study, you see who God is - You see His mercy, His love, His power, His majesty - Accused of being so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good - Go to His Word desiring to know Him <p>Emotionalism is actually what takes us away from our first love</p> <p>Exchanged a truth-driven, Spirit filled life for a counterfeit, flimsy, emotional high that can never last, and won't carry us through the storms of life</p>

Emotionalism & Balance

We Are Not Robots	Understand the Source of Your Emotions
<p>God made us emotional beings We aren't called to be cold and detached We are to have joy in all circumstances We are called to love our brothers (I John) We are called to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, might (Dt 6:4-5; Lk 10:27; Mt 22:37)</p> <p>How do we use our emotions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- we let them run rampant and take control of our lives- Direct them to be used for God's glory	

Take Emotions Captive to Christ

Feelings Not As Important As They Think They Are