

July 16th 2017

Hello Mike:

Please take the following with brotherly intent.

In Reply to your letter on the term amen, I feel you have misunderstood my stance on this issue.

I did one sermon on this and in that sermon, I told everyone it wasn't a doctrine or a edict of the church; they were free to use amen or any other phrase to end a pray, or none at all. I recommended folks doing their own study on the subject, just as I do most other things I speak about.

As far as Frank was concerned, he took it to a level where I would never have, but that was Frank.

IT'S NOT A DOCTRINE of this church. It's not written anywhere and it isn't even on the website because the old archives are listed as of now.

I agreed for your sake I wouldn't push this any further, but you seem to be insistent when there isn't any others brining the subject up.

It leads me to ask, what do you want done?

If you want me to publicly proclaim I was wrong and Frank was wrong, that isn't going to happen, I will resign and leave the church before that happens.

As far as I'm concerned on a personal bases, I will never use the phrase amen and I will spell out to why.

It is a reaffirmation of a prayer or a sermon or statement. The ancient Egyptians used it in the exact same manner but to their sun god amen-ra, aman-ra or amun-ra, however you want to spell it, all are correct.

1. You keep referring to Revelation 3:14 as your sticking point on this.

There are at least three other bible translations that don't use the word amen.

TLB (Living Bible)

“Write this letter to the leader of the church in Laodicea: “This message is from the one who stands firm, the faithful and true Witness of all that is or was or evermore shall be,\* the primeval source of God’s creation:

NLV (New Living Translation)

“Write this to the angel of the church in the city of Laodicea: ‘The One Who says, Let it be so, the One Who is faithful, the One Who tells what is true, the One Who made everything in God’s world, says this:

WE, (World English)

‘Write this to the angel of the church people in Laodicea: Here are the words of the one whose name is Truth.

What he says can be trusted. He is the one who began all that God made.

I don't believe for one second amen is one of Jesus names, nor is God or any other name we use and amen won't be used in His kingdom.

It is not credible that God would invoke the name of an Egyptian god when he regarded himself as the only true God and his own name as above all names. “I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other...” (Isaiah 42:8).

Even the name Lord here is improper, should actually say Yahweh.

But I don't make folks adhere to the true translations either, I even try and not say the word lord, instead I use Eternal if I remember.

In John chapter one He is called the logo's (word) and that is a correct interpretation as well.

But scriptures have been manipulated in so many areas of the bible, its really a matter of where one draws the line.

The word wasn't used before Israel went into captivity, while in captivity there is no evidence they kept their complete language pure or unbroken, it wouldn't even be practical to believe so.

It also isn't practical to assume they worshiped only the God of Israel, they didn't.

It is the reason why the true God did what He did when He brought Israel out of Egypt.

I don't want to go word for word on this with you, all I need to know is what is your solution?

I'm fine with leaving the issue as it is and not bringing it up, but if you want it expunged from Austin's lexicon and Franks archives, you'll have to address the whole Austin congregation about it.

One last thing, I don't in any way consider it blasphemous to our true Father or Christ to limit ones words he uses, especially when affirming another's prayers or statements..

Mathew 5:

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Mike if you feel so strongly about my stance on this, then I gladly step down and you can chart the way of the church for the future. I'm not so wrapped up in this position it would bother me to step aside at this time.

Until then, I'm glad to let those that want to use amen use it, and those that don't, not do so.

This has been my stance on the use of sacred names, and any other thing someone wants to believe.

It's my desire we can get this issue behind us and we can stay friends and fellow workers for Christ but I won't be forced to do something I don't believe in, and I wouldn't expect you or any other person to do so either.

God Bless.