

**From:** Brian Jones [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** I would like to discuss your doctrine  
**Date:** June 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Pastor Rowe [REDACTED]@gmail.com



Scott,

My name is Brian Jones and I'm the Senior Pastor at Calvary Bible Church in Ypsilanti.

My dear friend, Pastor Wesley Rowe has informed me that our church ordained you to the gospel ministry many years ago, before I came to Calvary. He has also said to me, in writing, in person, and on the phone, that you have departed from the understanding and proclamation of the gospel that you professed when you were ordained. Specifically, he says that you have denied that salvation is by faith alone. He says that you are now teaching that salvation is by faith plus works and that a person can lose his or her salvation. I have been made aware of other issues with your teaching and leadership, but your doctrinal departure from the gospel is the most troublesome.

Pastor Rowe has always been honest with me. The elders of my church, including me, hold him in high regard for his consistent integrity. So, we are highly inclined to believe that what he says about you is true.

Ordinarily, apostasy of the kind he has alleged should be dealt with in the local church. A church that functions with a plurality of godly elders, as the New Testament teaches, should be able to rebuke a false teacher and remove him if he is unrepentant, as the New Testament also teaches. I see from your website, however, that your church has only two elders—you and one other man. That is insufficient leadership for dealing with a matter like this.

So, given that Calvary Bible Church would never ordain a man who is teaching what you are alleged to teach, our church has been asked to rescind your ordination. Our elders, including myself, are highly inclined to do that based on our trust in Pastor Rowe and in the volume of documentation we have been provided.

However, I think it is only righteous and just to give you the opportunity to respond before we make the decision.

Here, then, is the point of this email: Will you join Pastor Rowe, me, and any elder here at Calvary who can participate in a recorded Zoom session? The purpose of this session will be to give you an opportunity to either repent of your false doctrine or to refute the allegations of false doctrine and ungodly leadership that have been made against you.

Please respond via email quickly. If you ignore this issue, we will act based on the information we have.

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