

Who is Apostle Renato Carrillo? Are his teachings biblical?

So-called apostle Renato Carrillo (2 Co 11:13) is a prosperity teacher (2 Pe 2:1) and false christ (Mt 24:4-5, 24). His ministry, *Jesus Is Our Shield Ministries Worldwide* (2 Co 11:14-15) teaches *revival unto perfection* (Heb 13:9). Carrillo hosts a radio and television program called *Time for Miracles*. He claims that every Philippine will bow down to him one day (Mt 15:8-9). If they do not; he claims that revival in the Philippines will not happen. Carrillo accepts the worship of others (e.g. allowing followers to bow down and kiss his feet [Lk 4:8]). He claims all churches will be under his feet (Ps 110:1).

Prosperity teachers promise God's blessings for those who give to their ministry. They do not speak for God (Jer 23:21) and their motivation is greed (2 Pe 2:14, 15) not the gospel of Jesus Christ (Jn 14:12). False teachers point to themselves not to God (Ac 20:30).

Christians are not sinless. They sin *less*—in other words they do not live habitually in sin (1 Jn 3:9). Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1 Co 15:50). Those who trust in the Lord are awaiting the redemption of their bodies (Ro 8:23). Jesus said to be perfect (Mt 5:48). While in the flesh, the only way to do this—to meet his standard—is to walk in the spirit (Ga 5:16). The Christian is seen as positionally perfect before God when he trust in Jesus (2 Co 5:20, 21).

Compare Carrillo to a true apostle—Peter. When Cornelius, a religion gentile, met Peter, he attempted to worship him by bowing down at his feet. Peter prevented him from doing so (Ac 10:24–26) because such an act would have been idolatrous (Ex 20:1–5). Peter knew that God alone was to be worshipped (Ex 20:3) and glorified (1 Pe 4:11).

The conditions for revival (a renewed zeal to obey God) include: humility (2 Chr 7:14), prayer (2 Chr 7:14; Jas 5:16), a broken heart (Ps 34:18), confession (Ps 66:18), repentance (2 Co 7:10), turning from sin (2 Chr 7:14; 2 Ti 2:19) and a complete surrender to the Lord (Ac 9:5, 6; Ro 12:1, 2).¹ When those things happen, revival can occur (Ps 33:12).

¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). *Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index* (p. 533). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.