

# Letter: Mike Stone files lawsuit against Russell Moore

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RE: [Mike Stone files lawsuit against Russell Moore](#)

When I read the article on Mike Stone's lawsuit against Russell Moore, I said to myself, "This is wrong."

Mr. Stone is acting beyond acceptable Christian behavior. The ideals he preaches Sunday after Sunday are not peripheral to the standard Christian mandates, but are central to the gospel of Jesus Christ—turn the other cheek, love your enemy, forgive the offender 70 times seven.

Mr. Moore, too, injured the body of Christ. While Southern Baptists appear to be in a slug fest, he is enjoying his new position with *Christianity Today*, bloviating on his personal virtue and pontificating about how deplorable most Southern Baptists are. It irritates me to no end when a person bites the hand that has fed him. Ingratitude is as bad or worse than suing a fellow Baptist in my Baptist world.

This war between Stone and Moore is not religious but personal, and the casualties are not merely the two combatants but the whole body of Christ. Often, religious people muddy the issues by spiritualizing the conflict when the predicate is much more primal and carnal than idealistic and spiritual.

Personal matters are addressed better the "pagan," secular way and not the Baptist way. Let them fight it out until there's one man left standing.

Mr. Stone, however, risks the danger of becoming like a marriage counselor divorced several times yet advising couples to remain married because it's God's plan.

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