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Ministry Update: Winter 2014

AN URGENT APPEAL!

2013 Was a banner year for C.P.R. Ministries! We have reached out further; counseled more individuals and couples; connected with more ministers and teachers around the world than ever before; and translated and printed both books, because of several faithful supporters of this ministry. We have conducted new seminars in several states and telephone conference calls on a regular basis.

We have been attacked by several and called groups "heretics" for teaching importance of holiness in the life of believers. I have had pastors invite me to breakfast, only to assail my position on divorce and remarriage. But NONE of these things move me! I keep reminding them I am not giving my opinion on ANY of these subjects, but only what the Word of God consistently teaches.

Am I aware we are losing the battle for the hearts of most Christians today? Yes! But I am reminded how Jesus told the Apostles; "If they reject what you say; they are rejecting Me, and if they reject me, they are rejecting the Father. Just turn around; leave the city; shake the dust off of your feet; and it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment." *Matt.* 10:14-15

Let me be clear about this: Jesus NEVER said it would be In fact, He said "men would turn away from the truth, to men's misguided ideas and doctrines of demons." II Tim.. 4:2-4. Because of this, I wonder why so many Christians are amazed and confused when church leaders tell them to LEAVE if they believe Covenant Marriage is FOR LIFE. Many today want to float on clouds of ease on their way to heaven. Paul said: "Don't be surprised to see compromising leaders in the church.". Remember, if Jesus says people will hate you if you speak truth; you can take it to the bank; it WILL HAPPEN. God speaks NO UNCERTAIN WORD.

The real question is: HOW WILL WE RESPOND to those who come against us? Will we PULL BACK and reconsider the cost? Will we CLOSE DOWN and stop declaring the truth? OR, will we not be ashamed to speak His truth? It is our choice!

After getting both books translated and printed this past Fall, our regular offerings

suddenly dropped dramatically. checking with After other ministries, I found several others have had the same experience. The ministry; for the FIRST TIME EVER closed out 2013 in a LARGE DEFICIT position. First, let me tell you, Pat and I are thanking the Lord for this experience, because it gives us the opportunity to TRUST him completely. HIS WAY IS PERFECT! We told the Lord over thirty years ago, we would do the work of the ministry, BUT we would trust Him to take care of the finances.

We have many projects for 2014, with the opportunity to continue expanding our outreach like never before. The work of the enemy is to discourage the Lord's disciples and to rob them of their assets, so he can hinder God's work. Pat and I only request your PRAYERS in behalf of this ministry. Ask Him to raise up "artesian well Christians; (Those who don't need constant pumping up, to flow.) Ask Him if each person who believes this truth concerning "Covenant Marriages, will KNOW what part God would have for them in getting this truth out. Paul said clearly: "How shall they preach, EXCEPT THEY BE SENT." The Lord knows there are enough people receiving this newsletter who, if they went mere curiosity as to beyond whether or not we are going to survive; and would instead, ask the

Lord what part He would have them to do; Our finances would be sufficient to complete all our goals in 2014. Please pray with us. Your response, will indicate how the Lord wants Pat and me to proceed.

We have been so blessed for all of these years to have such precious partners, who have made this ministry outreach possible. Then we have consistently had a group who have followed "afar off." If you have been one of these, may I just encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit if He would have you become a vital part of all we do. Some people have been taught NEVER to give outside of their own movement. remember: Christ is NOT coming back for a MOVEMENT: but for a redeemed PEOPLE. We may not cross all of our Ts or dot our I's the same way, but there are many churches and a world out there full of people going to hell if they don't get THIS TRUTH RIGHT, while we argue over trivial differences

One good example of a goal for 2014 would be our website. We have had a young man who is married and has a family of his own, trying to update our fifteen year old website on a volunteer basis, because we do not have the finances to accomplish this critical problem. In the meantime, we are getting E-mails from individuals, saying they "tried" to send a gift, or they tried to purchase a teaching from us, but

the website didn't work. Because the young man has to make a living to support his family, we have to stand in line until he is able to find time to complete it. This is a critical need now that we are reaching others around the world and are trying to provide teaching materials for them on the internet.

Another roadblock to increasing our outreach is the lack of funds to advertise the new Spanish version of our books. Just having the books in our office; translated and printed for cash, does no one any good, if no one knows they exist. They have to know they exist or they can't order them. Advertising is very expensive today; but so is sitting back and doing nothing because of a lack of funds.

Do we really realize how healing the divorce and remarriage problem in our country would heal many of our other social failures? Healed marriages would reduce abortions, crime, poverty, immoral and illegitimate, lifestyles "blended families. REMEMBER: No nation, city or church is any stronger than the individual families within them. We have the answer to make marriages 100% successful.; but unless we can let them know this, it is all to no avail. Will you join with us in this vital endeavor?

Pat and I are available and willing to go anywhere and do anything; but there MUST be those who will help us carry the torch.

We are very careful to use all of our gifts to this *ministry very* carefully, knowing in that day we will have to answer to the Lord for our stewardship.

If you will please PRAY ABOUT THIS; we will be content with whatever the LORD TELLS YOU TO DO. We will watch expectantly to see how many ENVELOPES are returned this month. Thank you for praying. Thank you for your support and encouragement. We look forward to 2014, knowing God's economy is NOT impacted by recession, inflation, or the stock market. If God's people will ONLY do what He leads them to do; EVERY NEED will be MET IN 2014.

We are now scheduling seminars for 2014 and some churches are conducting seminars with our 6 DVD set, with positive results. One church in Wisconsin finished the electronic seminar mailed us a love offering and ordering multiple copies of our books; informing us they were making the DVD set available to several other churches in their area. The seed IS bearing fruit!

May God richly bless and lead you as you consider how you might become a vital part of this ministry in 2014. We will look forward to those sheep, who "HEAR HIS VOICE" in this matter.

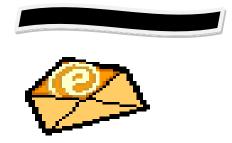
Drs. Joe & Pat Webb

Points To Ponder





IT'S BETTER TO WALK ALONE, THAN WITH A CROWD GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION:D.G.



Brother Webb,

I emailed you a few months back to discuss divorce and remarriage with you. Your email was encouraging because my wife and I often feel that we are alone on the divorce and remarriage issue. I am emailing you now to ask you to pray for my family. My wife and I believe, without a doubt, that remarriage is adultery. However, the churches that we have attended in the past, and the one that we were a member of, upholds remarriage (adultery) . Not only do they uphold it, but elders and deacons are remarried, the pastors preach against divorce vet will preside over remarriages, and members will talk about how God blessed their second or third marriages. I have become grieved

to the point that I cannot go to these churches any longer.

I am amazed that pastors in these congregations do not see how hypocritical their actions are. Do they not see how they are only adding to the problem?

Regardless, we are without a church home. We will have scripture reading, prayer, and worship at our house again this morning. Would you and your congregation pray that God either give us a new church home, or equip me to start a new church (I was called to preach three years ago and have done so until the church turned on me for preaching about the effects of divorce on children)?

Thank you and God bless you.

J.M.

Brother J.M:

I am receiving E-mails like yours on a regular basis. Many committed Christians have been thrown out of their churches for defending the permanency of the marriage covenant. The majority of pastors; just like me; have been taught only the "Matthew/Pauline Exception" position concerning marriage and divorce. Consequently, they become very defensive lest by suggesting any other possibility you stir up trouble in their congregations. They don't know any other solution and

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realize they could lose their church, their ordination and possibly their retirement, if they were to take a stand on the permanence of marriage in today's environment. Be assured, many pastors today are being thrown out their churches for just questioning the remarriage position.

As a ministry, C.P.R. has made available to many couples, sermons on many subjects, to feed them and help them grow spiritually, while they look for a godly shepherd. We know the importance of "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." As you "Study to show yourself approved unto God," you have to find a source of encouragement without being compromised.

To show you how prevalent this wrong teaching is today; several years ago I gave 43 cases of theological books to a younger pastor. I had to warn him to be careful, because every one of them took the Erasmian position concerning marriage and divorce. There is very little material available in Christian bookstores today for those who want to be established in this doctrine of covenant marriage, and it is vital that we help them become established.

You can go to our website and find many materials available to help you grow and become established. Remember, however; whenever you decide to teach the New Testament position on this subject you will be derided, cussed, attacked and belittled by other pastors and church members. They MUST stop this teaching, or have to humble themselves and clean out their membership. What pastor, in his right mind would want to get rid of his best givers; hardest workers and closest friends?

I am not being negative; I am being realistic! This is where the Church is today.

Let me know where you live and if I know of anyone faithfully teaching this truth in your area, I will let you know. I do know of another brother; Daniel Jennings, who graduated from Liberty University. He began to teach this truth and was thrown out of his church. He now lives in TX. and is attempting to start a Bible study group who are interested in learning about the permanence of the marriage covenant. Today's Church refuses to teach anything that causes discomfort to sinners. Someone said: Jesus Christ didn't tell us to go into all the world and tell them they are alright. He told us to preach repentance and faith.

I trust this will help you count the cost of taking this position in today's world. For over 32 years now, my teaching on this subject has made me as popular as a ham sandwich in a Jewish Synagogue; because I have refused

to compromise on this issue. But that is ok! I am only the delivery boy. Jesus said: "If they reject you, they reject me, and if they reject me, they reject the One who sent me." Again, He said: "Don't think it strange if the world HATES you. They hated Me first."

"Having done all to stand; STAND THEREFORE."

Dr. Joseph A. Webb ##

Dr. Webb,

Thank you so much for the email. Just knowing that you agree with the position that my wife and I believe to be true; all remarriage is adultery, gives us comfort in these trying times. Everything you said in your email was pinpoint accurate. Before I had done much study on the subject of remarriage, I had a pastor tell me that marital unfaithfulness "dissolves" marriage. Really? Now I know that this is not only unbiblical but just plain dumb. If adultery dissolved marriages then why would Jesus even have to define adultery as a state of being? Truthfully, Erasmus did nothing more but give people an excuse to commit adultery.

I had time to search through your ministries' website earlier, but did not see your viewpoint on husbands and wives being able to return to their original "God ordained" marriages. I know one radio broadcaster who believes that

they cannot return to their original spouses because of Deuteronomy 24. Personally, I see that Jesus clearly defined marriage as a joining of one flesh, a covenant before God, and Paul declared that it was for life. I just wondered your view on this issue.

I am currently a fifth grade teacher and I am currently completing doctoral work at Liberty University. Please pray that God assists me through my education, and that my education can open doors for me to teach the truth about who God is, and that repentance brings forth revival.

God bless, and thank you. *J.M.*##

Dr. Webb.

Greetings in Christ's Name! I just got through watching the DVD set on Till Death Do Us Part? I will be forever grateful to my close friend and minister for giving me the set! I want to thank you for your honesty and willingness to teach the true word of God no matter cost. what the I am administrator/speaker/counselor at a faith based counseling ministry in Ohio. I am young in the career of only four years and am always desiring teaching from veterans like you that are not afraid to speak the Truth. Sadly so many teachers, pastors, and counselors water everything down today due to desiring popularity and title. I receive lots of ridiculing from our

local community for counseling the occasional couple that's divorced and re-married. People think you should throw them out as trash until they repent. I was refreshed as you talked about loving them where they are, but not accepting their sin. My philosophy was if I don't help them when they ask; who will? A divorced couple is obviously needing counsel. We at the ministry will work with the couple as if they were singles, not bringing them into emotional connection at all. We will help them acknowledge, confess and repent of their sin. We also share with them one big reason they struggle in their relationship is because they are in adultery, instead of a relationship endorsed by God, and they have no foundation to build a relationship here until they repent and go back to who they were married to first. One of the biggest things that helped me was how you explained that marriage is for life and as long as you're married there is no such thing as a second one... you cant leave the first, making the second one adultery. And thanks for the encouragement in standing for what's right no matter what it costs you. We face that weekly at the ministry as the enemy is busy confusing and rationalizing with J.C. believers.

Dear J.C.

Thank you for your kind E-mail. It is always encouraging to hear from other Biblicists. C.P.R. Ministries is always available to help others take a stand for Biblical truth. I have conducted seminars in OH in past years with wonderful results. The biggest problem is after individuals learn these truths and go back to their churches, where they are almost crucified and called all kinds of names. Many are told to leave the church. Most cannot stand the pressure and slide back into silence. They do not realize the difference between Peacemakers and Peacekeepers. (You might appreciate the sermon: "Peacekeeper or Peacemaker; Which are you?" on our home page.

We just completed both books in Spanish and have both books on one CD for those who would rather have the books read to them than to read them for themselves.

I am sure you know you now belong to the elect MINORITY in the Church. May the Lord give you wisdom and strength.

In His service:

Dr. Joseph A. Webb ##

Dear Dr. Webb

Thank you so much for your God given biblical and divinely inspired teaching regarding divorce and remarriage. I prayed that The Lord would help me understand what

almost physically and spiritually destroyed me. All of your teachings have been an answered prayer. I want to be the one who stands for truth. Bless you! You all are for making a difference for God's Kingdom!! I was wondering about your perspective concerning question I am often asked when discussing what the Bible teaches divorce and remarriage.

The question is: Can someone who is d/r be a real Christian while they are living in that situation?

J.M.R.

Dear J.M.R.

Before anyone can answer this question, they must be able to define who a "genuine Christian" really is. The clearest answer in scripture to this question is one I have never seen on a refrigerator door. Luke 14:25-35. Here Jesus gives us the definition of "coming to Him." After minutely explaining what was involved in "coming to Him" really meant: he said: "they CANNOT be my disciple." He said this THREE TIMES.

The first question we must ask is: Did He really mean what He said here? Was he exaggerating? The scripture says: "He speaks no uncertain word." It also says: "God, who CANNOT LIE." If coming to Jesus just means, "Believing in Him: then the devil and demons will be in heaven. Satan believes and TREMBLES,

but you cannot convince me that Satan or the demons will be in heaven.

Another convincing portion by Jesus, when defining what He expects from each of us is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with ALL thing heart, with ALL thy soul; with ALL thy mind and with ALL thy strength." Did He mean it?

Paul declared: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus Christ as LORD: (Kurios) = supreme Lord and Master of your life; and (as a result of this confession) believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead; (Then and then only) THOU SHALT BE SAVED."

Jesus also said: "He that SAYS he loves me and KEEPS NOT my commandments (Is an average, everyday church member?" NO: "IS A LIAR, and the TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM."

Until we acknowledge all of these requirements: we cannot apply God's promises. Whenever we meet God's requirements; God is duty bound to fulfill His word in us.

Our problem today, in our churches is a case of: "The blind leading the blind." Pastors and leaders smother their hearers with GRACE AND MERCY; and forget "our God is a consuming fire, who says: depart from Me, you that work iniquity.' They

ignore Jesus' statement in Luke 16:18; "WHOSOEVER divorces his wife and marries another, COMMITTETH ADULTERY." (Pastors today say: It can't mean that!) In I Cor. 6:10,11; Paul said: "Be deceived: not neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor ADULTERERS: etc: shall INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD." (Pastors today say "that is judgmentalism; legalism: Paul couldn't mean that because it is INSENSITIVE."

Again we must ask: Whom shall we believe? God the Father, who gave us ten suggestions: or as some would radically believe, commanded: "THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY: THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE; etc.; or Jesus who said: "Let your yes be yes and your no, no; all else is SIN." Or Paul, who said: Rom. 7: 2,3; "For the woman which hath a husband is BOUND by the law TO her husband so long as he liveth: But if her husband be DEAD, she is loosed from the law of her husband. (Marriage covenant law.) So then, IF while her husband LIVETH, she be married to another man, SHE SHALL BE CALLED AN ADULTERESS: (Not today!) but IF her husband be DEAD, she is FREE FROM THAT LAW, so that she is NO ADULTERESS, though she be married to another man."

OR! Will we believe present day rationalism, humanism, and

secularism who say: "God certainly couldn't mean that! QUESTION: Isn't that exactly what Satan told Adam and Eve?

NOW, to answer your question: If scripture says unrighteous, adulterous, fornicating lifestyles SHALL NOT INHERIT God's kingdom. And Paul says He and all other disciples "Preached REPENTANCE AND FAITH." WHY SHOULD THAT NOT APPLY TODAY? Who has a right to teach differently? THUS: IF someone says: "I am a Christian," but is walking in darkness; being deceived by today's teaching; can we say they are ADULTEROUS CHRISTIANS? They can be former, repentant Christians. I Cor. 6:11; "And such WERE some of you, but you are WASHED, but you are SANCTIFIED, but you are JUSTIFIED in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God."

The real question is: how can you call a person, living in a state of adultery: a CHRISTIAN, if he/she CANNOT inherit the Kingdom of God? I am not in any way suggesting "SINLESSNESS, for all have sinned. I am talking about HOLINESS; without which, NO ONE SHALL SEE THE LORD." Not just **POSITIONAL** HOLINESS. but Experiential holiness.

I trust this will give you a biblical basis for future questions.

"EXCEPT YOU REPENT, you SHALL PERISH."

God bless you in your quest for consistent Biblical truth. I have included some of this information in my book, "Till Death Do Us Part".

Dr. Joseph A. Webb

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Bro Joseph,

If I may compliment you also. Your videos on the permanency of marriage (you tube) have been viewed by me several times and they are without a doubt the best videos available for convincing man kind of the fact that a man and wife are bound to each other for life and only death can separate what God has joined together. Hundreds if not thousands are joining the bandwagon across this great land in an awakening to God's truth, thanks to you and your many articles and efforts being put forth to get the word out. However the Holy Spirit and the power of the word, is a fruit or seed of God's truth on the matter.

I underlined your phrase you used in your e-mail, and I will use it later when talking to others of like precious faith and truth..."I am always thankful to The Lord whenever he raises another voice to proclaim the permanence of marriage".......amen and amen...

I have told many about your videos and how good they are..

Keep up the battle. we are a watchman; as if you didn't know. We are standing on the wall and plainly see the enemy.(the devil)

God Bless BH - TX ##

<u>Truths To Remember In Trying</u> <u>Times</u>

- 1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
- 2. Prayer will still be the most powerful force on Earth..
- 3. The Holy Spirit is still moving
- 4. God will still honor the praises an obedience of His people.
- 5. There will still be Godanointed preaching.
- 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
- 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people. 8. There will still be room at the Cross.
- 9. Jesus will still love you. 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him. The Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. I Peter 1:25

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