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If the Salt Has Lost It's Savor

Will Christianity as we know it today survive beyond another decade? When speaking to an international church denominational leader about conditions within the present day Church, my concerns were affirmed when he said; "Brother Joe, the underbelly of international denominationalism is exposed and I give it no more than ten more years."

There are more teenagers alive today than ever. Today, 34% of adults claim to be evangelicals. Present day studies predict by the time today's teenagers become adults only 4% will be evangelicals. This is because 76% of 'born again' believers today do not believe there is any such thing as 'absolute truth,' and 8 1/2 teenagers out of every 10 attending church regularly today, will be attending no church two years after graduating from high school.

One of the major reasons for this numerical hemorrhage is the inability to find leadership exemplifying true, consistent Christ-like character for the youth to emulate.

One leader after another is falling and being set aside due to moral or social failure. The second highest segment of divorce and remarriage in the U.S. is now pastors.

Many, exposed for unscriptural behavior, don't even miss a beat. They stand before a congregation declaring "a mistake" and are cheered on to become bolder in their failures, giving their congregations

carte blanche permission to do as they do.

We are supposed to be able to trust our leaders to guide us, by example and precept through the whirlpools of daily living, but instead, they are also falling.

The Word of God is replete with examples of failed leadership, to be a warning to us, lest we fall also.

If the Church is to survive beyond the next decade there will have to be a Holy Ghost revival that will restore true character to leaders and families.

Myles Munroe; senior pastor of Bahama Faith Ministries International said, "Character is the inherent, predictable nature and moral fiber of a person. You could also say it like this; integrity.

The root meaning of "integrity" is "integrated" or "to be one." In other words, who you are, what you say, what you do and how you appear are all one. There is no dichotomy of division in your person...character is present when what you say is what you do.

Until our teens see true character and integrity in their parents regarding the keeping of vows and moral honesty, and see that same integrity in Christian leadership, they will continue to go elsewhere seeking answers to life. I have always said you can be a hypocrite from Sunday to Sunday and fool the Church, but teenagers can smell a phony a mile away. Most of the time they won't say anything, but they will make life changing decisions inwardly that

will manifest themselves in rebellion after their fifteenth birthday. If you and I don't intend to pay the price of walking in the light of God's inerrant word everyday, don't act astonished when the teens leave and the church as we know it has disappeared.



Points to Ponder:

"As far as the Bible is concerned, the function of transmitting truth and educating the young belongs to the home and church...As with so many other divine ordinances, however, man has sadly corrupted God's plan, especially in these latter days, until finally the educational activities of mankind—as formalized in vast systems of public education—have become a chief instrument for turning man away from the truth..."¹

Many, with a rebellious attitude, say, "Well, I'm not afraid of the devil." In reality, that is not the question. The questions should be; Is the devil afraid of you?

The theme song of many who profess Jesus Christ as their savior is: "Take my life and LET IT BE." Instead. We should be saying to our brothers and sister in Christ, what the French Foreign Legion spoke, "If I falter, push me on. If I stumble, pick me up. If I retreat, shoot me!" We need to be shot with Christ's promises and commands. A.J. Gordon said "there are two classes of Christians: soul winners and backslider."

An article in a Houston newspaper displayed a picture of a full grown woman with her ear against the chest of a full grown man. The caption

¹ Morris, Henry M., "Christian Education for the Real World," (1991, 3rd Ed.) El Cajon, CA: Master Books p23

explained that this man had received a heart transplant from the woman's son. She was listening to the heartbeat of her son. Do you suppose if God put his ear to our chest He could hear the heartbeat of His Son?

C.P.R. Upcoming Seminars

**The Witness of Marriage and the Family Conference
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For more information contact: Daniel Pollard 136 Cleveland St. Brooklyn, NY 11208 or call Daniel @ 718-277-0345 or John Yoder @ 574-849-3314. Email: marriageseminar@yahoo.com

**"Building Stronger Homes"
Feb. 29th- March 2nd**

**A family oriented conference with
Dr. Joseph Webb
Hosted by The net Gathering
Christian Fellowship
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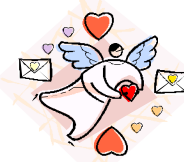
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email: info@thenetgathering.org
Pastor Webb looks forward to meeting you.

Sharing Our Hearts

The past 2 ½ years have been a time of incredible testing for Pat and me, both personally and ministry-wise. The Lord in His faithfulness has

forced us to cast ourselves upon His mercy and grace. We have had to learn many lessons we never thought would be necessary. Through them however we have learned to empathize with those experiencing indescribable pain and heartache so we could more effectively encourage others in their time of need. The testing has caused our love for the Lord and each other to grow and mature.

The other aspect of our testing has been in a financial way. Like all other ministries, we have felt the economic crunch while at the same time our having to move our offices three times and upgrade most of our electronic equipment to stay abreast with the electronic standard as it continues to grow, has left us in a deficit position. This comes at a time when we are needing to print our new book, increase our seminars and schedule radio interviews. I felt the Lord told me to share this with of you who know the importance of this message. Please pray with us, and for us as we lay this need before you. This is His ministry and He has never failed us yet! If God leads you to pray for us or send a special gift to help us get current, please know we will be very grateful and thankful. We have always said all it will take to end this ministry is for you to step back. We need to hear from many of you now. May the Lord Bless you.



Letters From You

Dear Joe, I want you to know you've put perfectly into words your "How did CPR Ministries Begin?" How I feel on so many levels. I continue to stand with you in spirit, prayer, and financially thru the long

haul.

May God Richly Bless you and Pat. B.T.; OR

Dear Pastor Webb, As I read your story in your July newsletter of being called by God into this marriage ministry, I felt as if I was reading my own story. Just as God had to continue to impress upon you to become involved, it was not originally my idea to stand for my broken marriage. It was His idea. Early on, following my husband's divorce, I spent uncountable hours pouring through Holy Scripture looking for any small loophole releasing me from my vow and allowing me to follow the world's advice to "get on with my life." I found none. I suspect that other readers are seeing a similar parallel in their story as well. After that initial scriptural search for a way out, I began a search at Christian bookstores for an answer from The Church. As in your discovery, the information was encouraging until I came to the concessionary "BUT," the "BUT" that nullified the comfort of all the preceding chapters within the book. Interestingly, I accidentally came upon an early edition of your book, 'Till Death Do Us Part, in a secular bookstore and I was certain that it too would contain the discouraging "BUT" of previous books. Pastor, as I paged through the table of contents, I knew then that it was the hand of God that caused me to stop at the display counter where I found your writing lying on the top of the pile of discontinued books. I took the book home, read it almost non-stop, then drove back to the store to purchase the two remaining copies. Then I wrote and thanked you for saving my sanity. That was four years ago. Since then I have purchased a number of revised copies to hand out and eagerly await your next edition of Divorce and Remarriage: The Trojan Horse Within the

Church.

You are not the only pastor I have written over these past 15 years. Each time I heard a TV/radio message regarding divorce and remarriage, I wrote to the speaker citing my concerns that their message did not line up with Holy Scripture. I received the answer that God's grace and Jesus' death covers the sin of believers and thus our sin is no more, and on one occasion was told that I was unteachable. God's holiness was never addressed.

About five years into my stand, long before I knew of your ministry, I began to lose my grip. Family members challenged my belief, friends said that I was due a biblical divorce and was eligible to remarry, pastors did not support my Scriptural findings and I was getting pretty raggedy. I cried out to the Lord that I was tired, that I wanted to stop my defense and immediately, in the midst of a major boohoo, He asked me the simple question, "Then, who will pray for your covenant husband? That's all that it took for my turn-around and the continuance of my stand.

I, too, come from a family steeped in the practice of divorce and serial marriage. My "unusual stand" remains something of a novelty in the eyes of my loved ones, but I notice that whenever we talk they are eager to know the status of my commitment. I am sad to write that three of our four children continue to adhere to the divorce/remarriage error of the Church. My husband is recently divorced from his non-covenant spouse and my children hold onto Deuteronomy 24:1-4 that their parents can never be remarried.

You are so correct in saying that there is a price tag for our obedience to the Lord's revelation on holy matrimony. No matter how gentle, how low-keyed I am in my stand, people challenge and dispute me. Like you, the Lord often shows

me affirmation in unexpected ways. Some time back, He brought a couple into my life who are separated (not divorced) but are in the process of reconciliation. The man is a retired pastor who told me that in all of his years as a pastor, he had never counseled a couple to divorce. In fact, he and his wife are living out I Cor. 7:10-11, the scripture that tells us that should we divorce we are to remain single or to reconcile. I am unable to recall all the many, many instances wherein the Lord has affirmed my assignment or provided me with His favor, but His Fatherly love and concern bring a frequent smile to my face when I see His hand at work in my life. Thank you so much for sharing your story; it affirms my assignment as well. There is one more thing that I need to add, my husband is a non-believer. It is for him that I pray often but it is for the Lord that I stand, along with out precious grandchildren who need to witness faithfulness in a grandparent regardless of circumstances. Pastor Webb, thanks be to God for your faithfulness and obedience to His call. I love you guys, C.B.; TX

Dear Friends: I finished your newsletter a few hours ago. It was very interesting. I had known some about how you came to the position you hold on divorce and remarriage. We had heard some of it on some tapes we got from you.

We praise God with you for your ministry and opportunities He has given you. I do not understand how anyone who studies the Bible with an open mind and an honest search of the Scriptures can arrive at the conclusion they do.

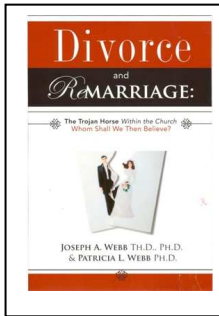
We are so glad for someone who is willing to go against the flow and take a stand for what the Bible teaches, even if it is not

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popular or politically correct.
I pray that this ministry
keeps expanding and that people

will be exposed to what the Bible
really says. Enclosed is a
contribution for the enhancement

of your ministry. God Bless you.
E.B.PA



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We've been anxiously waiting to be able to make this available to you!

"I have been pleased to receive and review your manuscript on *Divorce and Remarriage-The Trojan Horse Within the Church*. You have done an outstanding job on presenting the Biblical view on divorce and remarriage. The readers cannot help but be impressed with the scholarly research that you have done on this subject...for those who sincerely want the truth, your book will be a valuable resource."

—Bill Gothard

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Matthew 28:18-20



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