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Knowing the Truth

As I was praying about what to share with you in this issue, the Lord impressed on my heart a burden to share with you about what is happening in our society.

Many millions of dollars have been spent by Christians and Christian organizations to stop Sodomite marriages in our society, trusting we could get our secular officials to pass moral legislation on this issue.

Now, after millions of hours of efforts and many millions of dollars spent, a landslide of laws are now being passed to legalize it in state after state. Many states have announced their intent to legalize it completely.

God's word tells us to "*preach the word*" and "*they shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*" With the present day church, having rejected the biblical truth about divorce and remarriage, how can it speak with authority concerning these other social tragedies? Until we can challenge the Church to clean up its own act concerning marriage, God will not bless any efforts to change any other societal problems.

I was driving down the street the other day and the car ahead of me had a bumper sticker that read; 'Marriage; one man, one woman.' This grieved my heart because it is not scriptural, but the

Church has swallowed it completely and ask anyone who disagrees, to leave. This past week I have had two more people who notified me their church has told them to leave because they believe marriage is for life. The scriptural truth is; one man, one woman, FOR LIFE!

Many know if they preached that, their congregations would flee and they would lose their leadership positions and possibly their ordination. Brothers and sisters, this ought not be! If ever there was a time when we need to go on the offensive, declaring this truth, handing out books and CD's to make this truth known, it is now. Most church members do not know this truth and will not hear it from their pulpits. If they ever hear, we will have to lose our timidity and fear of rejection and tell the truth. What they do with it is their responsibility and their blood will not be on our hands.

There are so many projects we need to accomplish in this ministry, but monies are being diverted to other ministries that will not bring the church to true repentance and revival. We are patching old wineskins instead of restoring New Testament truth. Every revival the Church has ever experienced required true

repentance. It came about when a few people began telling others what they didn't want to hear. If the Church does not repent of its adulterous teachings, our next generation will not survive spiritually. Instead it will be cloning itself with another generation more determined to disregard moral truth than the present one.

In Revelation 2:10 Jesus was writing to the church in Thyatira. His charge was a very modern charge. *"Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication,"* (The Living Bible says it this way: *"to teach my servants that sex sin is not a serious matter; she urges them to practice immorality..."*). This teaching today carries the title; 'The higher mysteries of Christian liberty.) We are told, "all you have to do is say 'I'm sorry, and it is over. When it comes to divorce and remarriage, while our covenant partner is still alive, it is not just sin, but the violation of a covenant. We can say we are sorry till we are blue in the face, but until we repent and turn away from that violation, there can be no forgiveness.

Basil the Great, A.D. 135; was born in Caesarea and educated in Athens. He is considered one of the great fathers and doctors of the Church. Basil became "Basil the Great" because of his outstanding personal integrity and holiness as well as his brilliance as a theologian and defender of the faith.

Basil said about the marriage covenant: "...the

woman who lives with an adulterer is an adulterer THE WHOLE TIME...A man who marries another man's wife who has been taken away from him will be charged with adultery."

Dear ones; THIS is the message the Church needs to hear if we will ever see a genuine Holy Ghost revival! Right now is the time to take the offensive in this matter. Pat and I are working day and night with people around the world who need this message and pastors and church leaders throughout this country need to get "Divorce and Remarriage" into their hands now, while they are seeing their churches disintegrate and morals evaporating. There is no other remedy and our greatest hindrance to accomplish the enormous task is a lack of funds. We are presently able to maintain, but there is so much more that needs to be done.

Would you pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will raise up more who will catch this vision and help us really go on the offensive at this most opportune time when believers are trying to figure out what is wrong with the church picture. Pray your church will want to become involved in this endeavor. This need is bigger than any church; it is a worldwide tragedy. How we covet your fervent prayers about this matter. We would love to hear your reactions to this situation.

Until the Church gets the marriage issue right, the world will not listen to us and neither will the Lord. May God send us a genuine Holy Ghost revival and may He start with each of us because, *"Ye shall*

know the truth, and (only) the truth will set you free." AMEN!



Ministry Update

The past few months have seen internet counseling increase from around the world. There are so many hungry hearts seeking truth concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage. This week we sent a case of books to the UK. I know this is because of your prayers for us, and we truly appreciate it.

We have also had opportunities to be interviewed on radio programs with more on the way. For some reason however, the stations asking me to be interviewed refuse to send me a CD of the program like they used to. Still, lives are being touched and orders continue to come in from new individuals every week. How we thank the Lord for this.

Please continue to pray with us for new doors to open. As we watch, we see the continuing decline of our nation and around the world. we see these as signs of the times. Many Christian leaders are again giving a date for the return of the Lord Jesus for His own; even though the Bible clearly states; "no man can know the day nor the hour." It does behoove us to keep our eyes on the sky and not forget to keep our hand on the plow. May he find us continuously fighting the good fight of faith

and being willing to stand alone for His glory, even if others wish we would be quiet.

There has been an avalanche of people who have written lately, telling how they have had to leave their church. The majority of Christian leaders have acquiesced to social pressure and do not want anyone who makes waves in their congregations. How we need to hold up the hands of those who are without a church home. We have been providing teaching CD's to them while they seek out a new church home.

I received a call from a gentleman last week who told me, after eight years of being separated from his wife and family and finally learning Biblical principles concerning how to be a godly husband; he and his wife are again communicating and he is encouraged.

SUGGESTION:

I would like to share with you how you can make a positive impact in your own area. May we encourage you to contact your local bookstore and request they stock a few copies of our newest book in their store because you are sharing it with others and want to send them to their store to purchase it. They can purchase it directly from Xulon Press by calling 866-909-2665. Thank you so much for your consideration of this matter.

Points to Ponder:



There are times when we find articles that say something we would like to say, but says it better, comes along. In those cases we want to make them available to you. The following are such articles.

We trust they will be a blessing to you.

Thou Shalt Not

Three words remind us that God once gave a law. He wasn't afraid to cut straight across men's and women's natural bent and say, "No, no!...Thou shalt not..."

The first four of the Ten Commandments straighten us out concerning our relationship to God. The last six teach us how to relate to each other. After the fifth commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother" the remaining five are all negative (Exodus 20):

- 6. Thou shalt not kill
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness...
- 10. Thou shalt not covet...anything that is thy neighbor's.

We offer them here again as a reminder that certain things do not change. God is still God. His standard is absolute. Jesus Christ died to offer us grace to live by His

laws, not to offer a way to get around them. At the end of our short life span, every one of us will face God at the judgment. *"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works"* (Revelation 20:12).

Western society is like a float with props of cardboard and tinsel being pulled along a predetermined route. It offers personal liberties ranging from modest and immodest dress, divorce and remarriage, to gay rights and abortion. To our myopic vision, it may seem that we're the universe, and that God's signposts are changing and irrelevant. But as surely as He let us get on the float, and as surely as He let us arrange the props, He will bring us to our predetermined appointment with Him at Judgment. Don't ignore the signposts.

Our wagonload of non-values has served us a spectacle all the way from the White House to the lowest-class neighborhoods. Scenes of a nation on skids flick across the T.V. screen like soap operas.

We just passed the *"Thou shalt not commit adultery"* sign again. Is there any way to get off this wagon? *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out"* (Acts 3:19). There are

eternal values to delight in. Things I once loved I now hate. Also old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

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He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End! He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all! He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times. He always was, He always is, and He always will be ...unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone!

He was bruised and brought healing! He was pierced and eased pain! He was persecuted and brought freedom! He was dead and brought life! He is risen and brings power! He reigns and brings Peace!

The world can't understand him, The armies can't defeat Him, the schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't ignore Him. Herod couldn't kill Him, the Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and the people couldn't hold Him! Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him, the New Age can't replace Him, and "Oprah" can't explain Him away!

He is light, love, longevity, and Lord. He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God. He is Holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.

His ways are right, His word is eternal, His will is unchanging and His mind is on me.

He is my Savior, He is my guide, and He is my peace! He is my Joy, He is my comfort, He is my Lord and He rules my life!

I serve Him because His bond is love, His burden is light and His goal for me is abundant life. I follow Him because He is the wisdom of the wise, the power of the powerful, the ancient of days, the ruler of rulers, the leader of leaders, the overseer of the over comers and is to come.

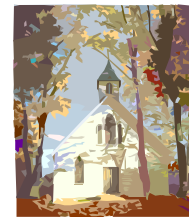
And if that seems impressive to you, try this for size. His goal is a relationship with ME! He will never leave me, never forsake me, never mislead me, never forget me, never overlook me and never cancel my appointment in His appointment book!

When I fall, He lifts me up! When I fail, He forgives! When I am weak, He is strong! When I am lost, He is the way! When I am afraid, He is my courage! When I stumble, He steadies me! When I am hurt, He heals me! When I am broken, He mends me! When I am blind, He leads me! When I am hungry, He feeds me! When I face trials, He is with me! When I face persecution, He shields me! When I face problems, He comforts me! When I face loss, He provides for me! When I face Death, He carries me Home.

He is everything for everybody everywhere, every time, and every way. He is God, He is faithful. I am His,

and He is mine! My Father in heaven can whip the father of this world.

So, if you're wondering why I feel so secure, understand this... He said it and that settles it. God is in control; I am on His side and that means all is well with my soul. Every day is a blessing for GOD Is! - email



Upcoming Events:

PA Mennonite Marriage Conference Ephrata, PA: 10/8-10 at Ephrata Business Center. For more information contact: Daniel Pollard at 718-551-6876.

Pittsburg, PA Second National Marriage's for Life Conference: 10/23-25
For more information contact: Susie Almgren at rothel@comcast.net. If you email her please put in "subject" PGH Marriage Conference or the email will not be opened.

Hinkeltown, PA VBS
Speaking nightly, Sunday morning thru Thursday night, 7/12-16. For further information contact: Tracey Fox at tfox@ptd.net

Sponsor a Meeting:

If you would like to sponsor a marriage seminar in your area, please contact our office and we will be glad to work with you. Those who sponsored a seminar in Iowa and Oklahoma are now working with those who attended the first, to invite more to a second. They will eventually have enough convinced believers to have a strong voice in their community and a personal support system of like-minded believers.

If interested call 407-834-5233 and we will explain how to proceed.

We will be in Pennsylvania this coming July and October and are working now to set dates in Iowa, Oklahoma, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia and Florida.

In July 12-16 I will be teaching about marriage each evening at the Hinkletown Mennonite Church. Hinkletown, PA. See above for contact information.

On October 8th-10th I will be teaching at the PA Statewide Mennonite Marriage Conference. See above for contact information.

October 23rd and 24th We will be conducting our second Marriages for Life Conference in Pittsburg, PA. The speakers will be Dr. Mike Gorrie from New Zealand, Dr. Jim Birkitt of VA, Rev. Ken Nair from AZ and myself.

We wish to urge as many of you as possible to be

a part of this incredible opportunity, by attending and inviting others to come.

For complete information concerning costs, accommodations and time of meetings, see above for contact information.



Letters From You

This month will mark 4 years since my husband departed to his heavenly Father. Though these past few years have not been easy for me, I have been blessed many ways, all provided by my Lord Jesus. The memories since my husband and I met in 1954, and throughout our years together are rich with blessings. Of them all, the difficulties in our marriage relationship were the richest- for through them, I was broken...I clung to the rock of my salvation for survival. God held me and nourished me through His Word but also through other means by which and of whom I was touched. More and more, He has stripped me of SELF and continues to do so. Oh, the marvel of His grace!

In my most desperate hour at the peak of my despair, I took my eyes off my husband and our problems and began to focus on God and His Word. Early one spring morning in

1979, He touched me! Praise His Holy Name!

I knew with every ounce of my being that God loved me, faults and all. I also sensed that He loved me enough to allow my pain. Jesus instantly became my first love! I have lived my days since then to better know and yield to Him and His ways. At times since, I have erred and made unsound decisions, the most crucial of which was seeking divorce from my husband in 1986. Several reasons influenced my decision, the chief, to restore our marriage. I was misled, for restoration was not my business! The couple who counseled and remarried us in 1992, led me to see my sin for which I repented. My husband graciously and thankfully forgave me.

The remainder of our years together were not without challenges but ultimately became our best years together.

Though all receive blessings by various means, our Sovereign Father is the source of all. He desires and deserves to be first in our life and be acknowledged as our Creator and sustainer of life. A clear understanding of this truth continues to evolve in my life. I am compelled to point others to Him and the truth, that they too may find the richness, the peace, the joy which He has given me. Nothing in this world compares!! Jesus is the Treasure of treasures!!

I am so thankful to God for calling me into His kingdom and the personal relationship I have with Him through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. My desire is to magnify His holy name and glorify Him in all that I think, say and do. Praise His Holy Name! Amen!

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Due to limited space some of your letters had to be edited, but we thank God for your support and prayers.

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Thought for the Day

In honor of mothers:

WONDERFUL MOTHER

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows
old;
He made her smile of the
sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of
pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright
shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you
see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother
to me.
~By Pat O'Reilly~

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them." Deut. 28:13



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