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Greetings from the
Webbs

Pat and I cannot believe this year is almost gone. We feel like it should be February, or March; not December.

This has been a difficult but blessed and fruitful year for C P R Ministries. How we thank the Lord for everyone of you who have had a vital part in what the Lord has been doing through this ministry in 2009. New opportunities are presenting themselves for the new year as we continue to expand our outreach. How we covet your prayers!

The following is an example:

A Recent Radio Interview:

On Nov. 24, I was invited to be interviewed on a radio program broadcasting from Las Vegas, NV. Eventually, the interview was heard on 60 different radio stations across the U.S. and over the internet, worldwide. The talk show host: Pete Chryss, reported a few hours later, his former record for number of listeners online had been

48,000. Our two hour program crushed that record with over 68,888 listeners tuned in to the program. There have been 216,000 downloads of the program. The volume was so heavy, the computer server crashed several times during the interview, due to overloading. How we thank the Lord for opportunities like these. How we covet your prayers, asking the Lord to give us favor with the listeners and to open their eyes and ears to the truths we proclaim. This is made possible with your faithful financial and prayer support. Additional interviews are scheduled.

Internet Counseling:

During these difficult economic times Pat and I are finding our internet counseling has increased exponentially. Families are being restored around the world through the reading of our materials. Please rejoice with us! (See page 7)

Joe & Pat



Letters From You

Hi Dr. Webb-

I am requesting you email your newsletter so I can receive it and you can eliminate postage!

On another note, I have been faithful to follow what I have studied for the past 3 years concerning marriage divorce remarriage. My first husband died and I was currently married to a man for a long time, and found he has another wife alive. I went thru the worst time in my life, but divorced him, and now have just remarried a man who is qualified to be my husband. I am so happy to have been faithful to what I know is right, and thank you for your continued efforts.

My friend had a question about King David- if he had an existing wife, and yet did not divorce her and had many concubines, then how come he was still God's favorite. I told her that his first son died, and he suffered much loss, but that did not do it. Do you have a better answer for me to tell her?

Thank you and God continue to bless you and yours....

P.H. P.

Dear P.H.P.,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this matter of cost-effectiveness with our mailing of newsletters.

A more complete answer to your question is found in Acts 17:30. *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at:* (This is

speaking about Old Testament times.) *but now* (Since Jesus Christ came as Alpha and Omega: the total alphabet, exhausting God's vocabulary in Christ; having no more excuse for anyone to disobey God's commands.) *commandeth ALL MEN, EVERYWHERE TO REPENT."*

God no longer allows us to live like they did in the Old Testament nor use the Old Testament as a standard by which we should conduct our lives. Jesus Christ has saved us FROM our sins, not in them.

I trust this will help.

Thank you for being such a vital part of what the Lord wants to do through this very important message and teaching ministry.

In His service;

Joe Webb

Greetings, in Christ.

I have just read, (more or less) the book "Till Death Do Us Part?" by Joseph Webb. I admit that I have been resistant to the concepts taught in this book, but I do see the truth, and my way of thinking is changing. I'm a 35 yr old married male (first time married, both) with a good relationship with both God and my wife.

I have a question though, and I am surprised that it was not in the section for questions and answers. (I have the fifth edition printing) Here it is...

What about abuse?

If the husband is abusing the wife, is she supposed to stay and bear it? Easier to understand if it is emotional or mental, but what about physical, or sexual. These are serious situations to be in, and to arbitrarily say, "You can't separate." to a woman this situation, seems extremely cruel

and unloving. I do not believe that our Lord would say such things, but I'm not sure. Do you have any scripture to back this stuff up?

If you could shed some light in on this situation, I would greatly appreciate it, and I am going to continue my own investigation and research on this end. Thank you in advance for your time, and insight.

G.Z.

Dear G.Z.;

Thank you for your e-mail.

Yours is a good question and easily answered from Scripture. I Corinthians 7:10, 11 says: *"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband. BUT AND IF SHE DEPART, let her REMAIN UNMARRIED or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife."*

I have counseled many women to leave their husbands for this very problem you described. Whenever there is serious abuse, separation should occur. The difference however is I tell these women and men NOT to go to the typical churches today while in this situation because they will immediately send you down to the "singles group" and tell you to pick you out a new one.

Paul says one can get a divorce, BUT remarriage is not an option. The separated couple needs this time to seek the Lord and find a solution to their difficulty, so they can reconcile. Although they have separated/ or divorced; in God's sight they are still one flesh and will be until one of them dies. Once the offending partner truly repents and the clear evidence is there, the offended one must forgive and initiate restoration.

In this situation, if we do not forgive, even as Christ forgave, we will not be forgiven.

I trust this helps.
God bless and keep you;

Dr. Joseph A. Webb-

Dr. Webb,

I just read your article "Don't Confuse Sin with a Covenant" and found it highly informative, clearly written, and effective.

Here's my question: Does God ever say that divorce is a sin? That's not a trick question, and I'd appreciate a thorough, academic and theological answer if you have time to provide it. I know you're busier than a bird dog in pheasant season, so if you can't take the time, I'll understand.

I am studying - doing my homework - to deal with a divorce and remarriage of one of our ministers. The answer is important for dealing with some of the objections and justifications you mentioned in your article. I don't want to "poison the well" of your answer by discussing my views or the issues before you provide a viewpoint of a disinterested academic/theologian. After that, if you'd like, I'll go into more detail because we need considerable wisdom and counsel about how to handle this.

Thanks again for the article,

N.O.

Dear N.O.;

I apologize for the delay in answering your E-mail of 9/1/09. The answer I am sending may not be as complete as you might desire, but it will give you a basis upon which you can judge the seriousness of divorce.

A. Divorce is a sin because it is a violation of a vow made to God to: "love, honor and cherish my partner for life, regardless of their conduct." This is why a minister or government official says, during a marriage ceremony; "Then I, as an officer of the State, upon hearing your vows to one another, before God and these witnesses,, do hereby declare you to be husband and wife."

Another vow a divorcee must live with was; "I will cleave to you, and you alone so long as we both shall live."

How important is this? Study Numbers. 30:1,2; Deut. 23:21-23; Ecc. 5:4-6; I Cor. 6:9-10; Matt. 5:33-37. Col. 3:9a.

B. Divorce is a disqualifying act. Paul said to Timothy concerning a bishop, or pastor:

I Tim. 3:1-5; This is not a suggestion, but a command. vs. 2; "A bishop **MUST** be blameless, the husband of **ONE WIFE**," vs. 4, 5; *"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"*

Again, in I Timothy 4:11,12; Paul admonishes Timothy: *"These things **COMMAND** and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be **AN EXAMPLE** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in **PURITY**." Thus, by walking away from a partner we are denying the very symbol marriage is to portray.*

Ephesians 5:31-33;

*"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**."*

C. God's only purpose for divorce is to seek reconciliation; not remarriage. I Cor. 7:10,11;

*"And unto the married I **COMMAND**, yet not I, **BUT THE LORD**, Let not the wife depart from her husband; **BUT AND IF SHE DEPART**, (SUGGESTS A POSSIBILITY) **LET HER REMAIN UNMARRIED**, or be **RECONCILED** to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."*

D. Divorce is a selfish act. It only thinks about what I want and forgets what it will do to our partner, our children, grandchildren, and family members on both sides. It simply says, "I have a right to be happy." It also annuls the possibility that God wants: **HOLINESS!**. I understand there are many who wanted nothing to do with divorce, but were helpless to stop their partner's action. To them we can only say; What your partner does goes on their record. How you respond will be on yours. Keep your heart pure and the grace of God will be sufficient.

I trust this will help you in your deliberations.

God bless;

Dr. Joseph A. Webb-

Dear Dr. Webb,

I spoke to you on the phone the other day. I called from Liverpool, England as I was concerned about whether I was in a lawful marriage based on what God's word says. As I'm studying the word further, I'm beginning to realize the heart of God for marriage and His view of divorce, but I still have a couple of questions.

In the passage in 1 Corinthians 7:10-11, Paul tells the wife not to depart, nor the husband to divorce his wife. My difficulty is with the words 'let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband'. Does this mean that if she divorces she must

stay single and she cannot reconcile with her husband(I know that many use the Deuteronomy 24 passage to bolster this), and therefore that the line 'or be reconciled' refers to those who have separated but not divorced?Or does it imply that no matter whether they have divorced or separated, they can still reconcile?

I went back through the marriage records to double check whether my husband's previous wife's husband was her first husband and it does seem that he was definitely not married before he married her. He was young, as was my husband's ex (Well, now I know that they were not actually married!). This is very troubling for me because my husband and I just left a church because of doctrinal issues, as the Holy Spirit had been leading both of us. We are both feeling very upset and finding it difficult not to be in fellowship with a church at the moment. We've been effectively shunned by our previous church (over non-central doctrines, having to do with miraculous gifts), so we're really wanting to find a place to worship where the Word is upheld. We visited an independent Baptist church the other day and the pastor clearly had a heart for people, but when I spoke to him on the phone recently about marriage/remarriage, he seemed to think the majority way about it, referring to Deuteronomy. We agreed to talk a bit more about it. What do we do? I don't know where to go where the idea of divorce/remarriage being okay isn't taught. I have been praying for this pastor to have an open and teachable heart about these matters, because he seems to be so excited about the things of God and the word of God. He is a well educated man, so I'm hoping he will read afresh what the Bible has to say on marriage. I would like to ask you to pray for us, as this is difficult for us, but

maybe this teaching about marriage has come at just the right time as we are looking for a new church home.

Every blessing!

Y.D.

Dr. Webb,

Thank you so much for your newsletter, I got it today! It is a very strong message: the bride and the prostitute.

I am thankful you mentioned us in Norway and told people to pray for us!

Thank you so much. The bishop I mentioned is living in Norway now, he is old, but he has been a bishop in Pakistan for 40 years. He told me he will spread the book among his friends. God bless you and your important work!

Love from Norway!

A./Norway

Dr. Webb,

I always gain so much from your newsletters and wouldn't want to miss them. I appreciate what you are doing and pray for you to continue to proclaim this much needed message.

God Bless you!

S. R. C.; CAN.



Jesus, born in a manger, came to this earth because He loved us. He loved the widow, the miserable, the sick and those sorry for their sin. Share Christ with someone this Christmas. Tell them there is Someone who will love them like they have never been loved before.



Points to Ponder:

"The cross...by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I undo the world. Galatians 6:14

Only a person with a perfect knowledge of mankind could have dared to set forth the terms of discipleship that our Lord Jesus Christ expects of His followers. Only the Lord of men could have risked the effect of such rigorous demands: "Let him deny himself." Can the Lord lay down such severe rules at the door of His kingdom? He can-and He does! If He is to save the man, He must save him from himself. It is the "himself" which has enslaved and corrupted the man. Deliverance comes only by denial of that self. No man in his own strength can shed the chains with which self has bound him, but in the next breath the Lord reveals the source of the power which is to set the soul free: "Let him take up his cross." The cross was an instrument of death-slaying a man was its only function. "Let him take up his cross," said Jesus, and thus he will know deliverance from himself. No man in his own strength can shed the chains with which self has bound him, but in the next breath the Lord reveals the source of the power which is to set the soul free: "Let him take up his cross."

Taken from: Renewed Day by Day

RECENT CONFERENCES

October - Ephrata, PA:



J. Webb and M. Gorrie

Dr. Webb was one of the speakers at the PA Mennonite Marriage Conference. Many Mennonite pastors attended from several states, some having never heard this message before. Those from other states are now inquiring about having a conference.



Many quality decisions were made by those attending. Daniel Pollard, a pastor from Brooklyn, NY was the coordinator of this conference.

October - Pittsburgh, PA:



Again, Dr. Webb was one of five speakers at this interdenominational conference, coordinated by Mrs. S. Almgren of Pittsburgh. This was a time for learning and many "standers" being encouraged not to grow weary in well doing. Lives were touched and changed as Dr. Jim Birkitt of VA; Dr. Mike Gorrie of New Zealand; Rev. Ken Nair, of Phoenix, AZ also spoke.



J. Birkitt and K. Nair

Everyone we spoke to said they were going away blessed and rejuvenated.

We are now scheduling seminars and conferences for 2010. Please let us know if we can serve you in your area with such a seminar.



Thanks to all of you who have prayed for us this past year. Only eternity will reveal the fruit you have allowed us to bear through your faithful, loving support.

These conferences are truly a ministry of love by all involved. Any thought that these events result in income to any of the participants would be erroneous. Often, the basic expenses are not covered and we are thankful that your giving allows us to continue. Your giving is critical to our teaching, counseling and encouragement to those in need.

We have enclosed in this newsletter an envelope for year-end giving. Also, if you have any questions regarding various avenues of support please contact me. We have many needs involving technology, translations, etc., too specific to outline here. Our ministry is dependent on your prayerful support and your financial support. This has been a difficult year financially in the midst of the spiritual blessing. Many of us have suffered financially this

year and we are well aware of this and we continue to keep you in our prayers.

You can make a difference!

Our desire is to continue to walk through the doors that God is opening to us. You can make a difference by helping to reach persons, nations, and generations with the seriousness of the Gospel and the seriousness of making vows to God. Many marriages have been restored and young people are learning valuable pre-marital principles.

2010 promises to be an exciting year. As we look forward to new methods of teaching and more opportunities in our service to God.

God Bless You!

No More Room!!



Will you rush through this Christmas season wearing a "No More Room" sign?



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Colossians 3:23

Many hurting and lonely people find joy at Christmas in soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other public arenas. The important thing is not to wait for them to seek you out, but find someone who is less fortunate than you are, serve them with a willing heart. Hudson Taylor once said, after being formally introduced, "Dear Friends, I am the little servant of an illustrious Master." As little servants, train your eyes to see those around you in need and see what you can do today, "as working for the Lord, not for men."

Many times, we look at someone, and say to ourselves, "it's their own fault they are in this predicament." We are not here to find blame but to administer healing salve.

Children, moms, dads, husbands, friends, wives, strangers, employees, the man on the street and neighbors can be in need. open your heart this Christmas Season.



A Call To Prayer----

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, 'The Rest of the Story,' and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called 'One nation under God..

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics... We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!'

When it comes to de-emphasizing prayer and the prayer meeting in churches across the land, where are the spiritual results that prove we have found a better way? Jim Cymbala

Couples In Need Of Prayer

The following couples (some separated) and their children are in need of prayer. Please pray for restoration for:

- Becky & Chuck:
- Deb & Jim:
- Joanne & Al:
- Louise & Don:
- Tina & Louis:
- Pam & Brad:

One or both of the partners in each of the above families are seeking answers regarding their marriage. *"You will know the truth and the truth shall set you free."* John 8:32

Please pray that the hearts of the husbands/fathers will be turned toward their wives. Please pray that God will reign in the lives of each individual.

Please pray that each individual will allow God to be Lord in their lives.

Please pray for protection - in the hearts of the children of separation/divorce.

Please pray for emotional strength during personal turmoil. Please pray for these wives to love their husbands.

Please pray that each individual will "hunger and thirst for righteousness". Matthew 5:6
"For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."
 Psalm 5:12

We believe in the power of prayer. This is not a matter of seeking God's will. We know God's will because he has made it clear in His Word. *"But and if she/he depart, let him/her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband/wife."*
 I Corinthians 7:11

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

In James 4:2 is states, *"You do not have, because you do not ask God"*. Let us not fail to ask God and keep on asking Him to reconcile these couples. Passionate, desperate prayer is needed in each of these families and we are reminded in Luke 18:6-7 how Jesus prayed: *"Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though He bear long with them?"*

During Jesus' life on earth he offered prayers with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death and he was heard because of his reverent submission. In Luke 22:42 Jesus said, *"not my will, but Thine, be done"*.

Will you commit to praying for these couples in earnest? Thank you for praying. Your prayers will not be in vain. Isaiah 45:19, *"...Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right."*



CPR ministry needs for 2010:

Freedom from our present internet server and purchase of **new server**.

Updated /interactive **new website**.

Financial freedom to **distribute** more **books** and **audio materials**.

Audio books for distribution.

Books translated in other languages.

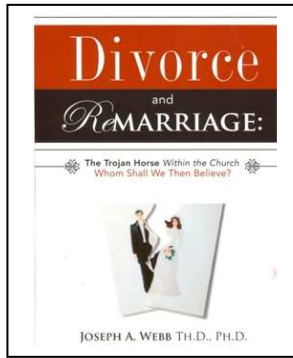
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—Bill Gothard

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

I John 1:3



FIRST CLASS

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ADDRESS

Thank you for teaching our adult class for VBS. Thank you for sharing the message from God on Sunday. How can I be a more obedient sheep? By staying close to Him; Stay in His Word; Listen for His voice; Trust & Obey Him. Thank you for your encouraging words. T.F/PA

Merry Christmas!