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Responding to untruth!

We at C.P.R. are constantly being bombarded with attack letters and name calling, regarding the "HERESY" we are supposedly teaching. We have come to expect it and try to kindly respond to each attack.

Recently we realized many of you are being confronted with similar confrontations and accusations, because of your desire to share biblical truth with those around you, and many of you don't always know how to respond.

We have decided to respond to the following letter received by a precious sister, (B) from one

of her former friends, (T). She was kind enough to forward it to us, and we felt it would be worthwhile to insert biblical responses to this person's harsh confrontation with our fellow Covenant marriage partners. We trust the answers will encourage you to see there are answers to these diatribes.

Peter, in I Peter 3:14 – 16: ***"But and if you suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to GIVE AN ANSWER to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that FALSELY accuse your good conversation in Christ."***

I am going to insert possible biblical answers to the charges made to this dear sister. I trust the answers will equip you to stand stronger than ever, as we see persecution of true believers coming over the horizon. Will we all be faithful to learn and to help others hear this truth? Pray for us!

The E-mail, with names abbreviated, the writer is rejecting outright, any consideration of the "covenant marriage" concept, as being totally flawed.



Miss B-

I regret that I gave you any impression that I am in agreement with this dogma

DOGMA

C.P.R. response: DOGMA:
1. "A doctrine or body of doctrines of theology and religion formally stated and authoritatively proclaimed to a church or sect." (Webster's Dictionary.)

that you have attached yourself to. I know that you would come back to me with the thought that "this is what the Scriptures say and

not what I personally am saying. That each one needs to allow the Holy Spirit to guide him/her as to what he/she does with 'the Truth of the Scriptures'."

This dogma promotes divisiveness --in existing marriages and in the body of Christ.

DIVISIVENESS

2. Divisiveness: No, TRUTH promotes divisiveness. In Luke 12:51-53; Jesus clearly said: "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you NAY; but rather DIVISION: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against the daughter in law; and the daughter in law against the mother in law."

All denominations are DIVISIVE. Acts 30:29b "Trying to draw disciples after them." Many church attenders today put their confidence in a "label" instead of a personal

relationship with Jesus Christ, as Lord of their lives, and the totality of the Word of God as their rule of life. When these labelers feel threatened, they attack the messenger instead of searching the scriptures to see if these things be true.

There is a great difference between "divisiveness" and being separated unto the whole truth of God's word. When she speaks of "EXISTING marriages" she is referring to covenant marriages and adulterous relationships equally, with no scriptural distinction. The teachers of "covenant marriages are not divisive; but the ones who ignore scripture concerning the permanence of the marriage are the real "dividers." They want us to celebrate what God hates: ADULTERY.

This dogma is pharisaical,

PHARISAICAL

3, Pharisaical? Actually, it is the opposite! The Pharisees promoted divorce and remarriage, while God the Father hates divorce; Jesus & Paul denounced it, and John the Baptist was beheaded for preaching

against divorce and remarriage. Why would these people promote a doctrine that was never heard of until the last 80 years of Church history?

the letter of the law produces death and not life.

DEATH

4. No, Adultery produces death: Rom. 7:1-3; I Cor. 6: 10, 11; Hebrews 13:4.

I know that you are sincere in your beliefs and that you genuinely believe that you will be helping people "escape eternal damnation". I know that you are genuinely concerned with people's eternal destination. Yet, you are deceived.

DECEPTION

5. Aren't you being pharisaical and judgmental by your conclusion?

When you asked me to NOT share the contents of this book and NOT to show Bob the book you gave me to read, you were asking me to keep this from my husband, my spiritual covering. That is divisive. Do you have a spiritual covering? Are they not your pastors? Have you

given this book to them to read?

6, Paul the Apostle gave us the pattern of who we should follow: "**Follow me, AS I FOLLOW CHRIST.**" In other words: If I quit following Christ and his word, quit following me. To submit to anyone teaching false doctrine, opens you to the same deception and leads you away from Christ; not to Him.

What do they advise you to do? I believe you will receive wise biblical counseling from them. On the other hand, you can always choose to do "what you want to do" without adhering to the spiritual covering you supposedly have submitted yourself to. Perhaps you will give the argument that you must do as God commands and not as man commands. Yet, God has given us spiritual coverings for a reason, so that we will not become "weak willed women", easy prey to any and all dogma out there.

TRUTH

7. Spiritual leaders are not what make us strong: but knowing the truth does. "**Ye shall KNOW the truth, and the**

truth shall make you FREE:" FROM BONDAGE.

There is no mercy and grace in this dogma.

GRACE

8 This message is FULL of biblical grace. Titus 2:11-14.

Where is the hope of Jesus' forgiveness and redemption in this book?

FORGIVENESS

9 All forgiveness is possible when anyone REPENTS of their sin. Genuine biblical repentance and just saying, "I am sorry," are two totally different things. "**Except ye repent, ye shall all perish.**" NEVER confuse sin with a covenant! God will forgive any sin we repent of, but He will not change a covenant. You can violate a covenant, but you cannot change the conditions of a covenant. Hebrews 12:17, concerning Esau and his birthright.

What about Gal. 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who love me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing"? What about 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come"? What about Gal. 3:10-11, All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.' Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because "the righteous shall live by faith."

RIGHTEOUS

10. All of the above verses are only applicable after one very important pre-condition. Have all who cling to these verses fulfilled the required prerequisites described in Luke 14: 25-36? Unless one has fulfilled those prerequisites, they cannot apply any of the above verses to themselves. Yes,

salvation is free, but only to those whose love for Christ, when compared to their love for anyone else, is like love and hatred. Only for those who have truly "died to the old man and taken up their cross daily and followed Jesus as Supreme master of their lives: and for those who have disowned, denied, and died to themselves: Otherwise; "He CANNOT be His disciple." Everything else is RELIGIOSTY.

The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." How about 2 Cor. 3:17? "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

FREEDOM

11. The only "freedom" the Holy Spirit brings is the ability to know and do the will of God. When you defend adultery, and call this message "condemnation preaching," you are exposing where you are spiritually, according to

our Lord's own words. John 3:19, 21; "And this is condemnation, that LIGHT is come into the world, and men loved DARKNESS rather than LIGHT, because THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. For everyone that DOETH EVIL, HATETH the LIGHT, neither cometh to the LIGHT, lest their lest their deeds should be REPROVED. But he that DOETH TRUTH, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." The covenant marriage teaching is the teaching of the true Church of Jesus Christ from the first century on, until Neo Orthodoxy theology introduced a false teaching of compromise concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage, and it has swept through the schools of theology throughout the world. Scripture predicted it would happen "in the last days," "As it was in the days of Noah, ..so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man...marrying and given in marriage,.. until the whole earth was corrupted."

I believe that marriage is a serious vow that a man and woman must take seriously. One should endeavor to pursue their married state until death parts them. Are there any other circumstances that may result in divorce? Apparently Jesus knew the heart of men and knew they were incapable of any commitment without the Holy Spirit. Luke 2:24-25 says, "But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man." (Jer. 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond all cure. Who can understand it?") Man is sinful, corruptible and fallible. Man will sin. Man will break vows. But, there is forgiveness and redemption if we place our trust in Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Each couple's story is different. I am NOT their judge. If there is violence or threat of physical harm, the "innocent" spouse must leave. That doesn't mean "divorce", but separation. There are many who have found themselves in abusive situations, abandonment situations, etc. I will NOT judge them. Only God knows the "innocent party's heart". I know that Dr. Webb would say that

regardless of "innocent" or not, divorce is NEVER permissible, let alone remarriage. I disagree.

HUMANISTIC

12. This paragraph is filled with humanistic, double minded rationalizations that conflict with each other throughout.

A. Marriage is not a serious vow: it constitutes a Divine covenant: Malachi 2:14b.

B. "I am not their judge" No man is to be another man's judge, but we are required to say what God says on these subjects, if we are to be "faithful stewards" of God's word. If God says marriage is for life and to divorce and remarry another is ADULTERY; regardless of the reason, then that is what I must also declare. In my book, I quote scripture to prove God recognizes Christian and unbeliever's marriages. I show how God's word says: 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 (without exceptions). (Now reality.) But and if she DEPART, let her remain UNMARRIED, or

be reconciled to HER HUSBAND." (Not another man.) Why? Romans 7:2, 3: For the woman which hath an husband is BOUND by the law (Universal law of the marriage.) to her husband (singular) AS LONG AS HE LIVETH; but IF the husband be DEAD (In the grave/ physically deceased), she is loosed from the law (Universal law of the marriage.) of her husband. SO THEN if, while her husband LIVETH she be married to ANOTHER MAN,(Unconditional) SHE SHALL BE CALLED AN ADULTERESS: but if her husband be DEAD (Not unfaithful, not abusive, but DEAD.) she is FREE FROM THAT LAW; so that she is NO ADULTERESS, though she be married to ANOTHER MAN." (note:) For us to say this is not judgmental, IT IS BIBLE! It is settled forever in heaven, and pure as silver seven times refined. It is ABSOLUTE TRUTH! To deny it is to call God a LIAR!

TRUTH

Furthermore, I know that I am a new creation in Christ. I also know that Jesus brought my partner, a redeemed sinner too, and me together to live as husband and wife "until

death do us part." It is not a "feeling", but the real thing. I believe that God is using our lives as a testimony of what God can do to two redeemed people, filled with the Holy Spirit, living for Him. I am not proud of my past, but I am glad that God is using me in spite of my past. I desire to be a "light in the darkness".

VOWS

13. If your relationship is your first time for each of you and you have never declared marriage vows to another person, who is still alive; then your statement is correct. If however you feel you are an exception to God's clear teachings on marriage, and are living in a second relationship; for God to recognize it, would require Him to violate His own holiness, righteousness and justice. The State cannot divide what God has joined together, and your present relationship is forbidden in scripture. How you feel about it, has nothing to do with TRUTH. Go back and re-read your original marriage vows and see if you are now living a lie, and trying to cover it with a non-biblical GRACE. Biblical grace is

the power to KNOW and to DO God's will every day.

My friend, this dogma is poison. If your book is anything like Dr. Webb's book, you will be "poisoning the well." Non-believers will find no HOPE/LIFE in the Good News of Jesus Christ and will NOT want to accept Jesus if they are told, you must leave your current wife and go back to your first wife. Or, if that is impossible, remain celibate all the days of your life. Think of what you are promoting.

HUMANISM

14. Here is the unvarnished teaching of HUMANISM! "God wants me HAPPY, not HOLY." "Jesus can be Lord as long as I am Prime Minister!" Remember: Jesus said: "*Whoso keepeth his life shall lose it but whoso loseth his live for My sake and the Gospel, shall FIND IT.*" "*For it is not the HEARERS that are blessed, but the DOERS.*"

ERASMIAN

Friend, I love you as a person. You can say that you knew that "Jesus is asking me to suffer for Him and so, I guess having conflicts with other Christians over this matter is my lot in life." Choose life, Friend, and not deception. You used to tell me that another brother walked in deception. Well, I am telling you that you are walking in deception. Perhaps God has sent you here to clear your vision and bring you a healing that you may need. Listen to your pastors. They want only God's best for you.

This book only causes troubles and consternation in all believers because they see no MERCY, GRACE and no LOVE OF JESUS. IT IS NOT the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.

I had to tell you the truth and not let you continue to be deceived in this matter. If you sever our relationship, I will be saddened. You need to know the truth and may the truth set you free!

In Christ, Miss T.~~~~~

Postscript: Please note: this person is very sincere. She has totally

swallowed the Erasmian view, because it allows her to continue to violate her conscience. Let God be true, and every man a LIAR. If you truly believe the world needs to hear this truth, more and more as we “see that day approaching, please join us and pray for us. We would love to hear from you this month.

Joe & Pat Webb~~~~~

Pastor Joe & Pat;

So appreciate your loving concern for me...and for all those victims of Satan’s lie; that God’s people can marry again and again. How few voices there are speaking the truth, or even know the truth. God knew what He was doing when He called you to speak for Him on this thorny issue. Bless you both! A.M. / NE~~~~~

The Coronation of Dr. Mike Gorrie:

A dear brother and warrior for Jesus Christ

and His Kingdom was recently diagnosed with 4th stage cancer of the brain, spine, kidneys and liver. While brother Mike was fighting this physical battle, the Lord impressed on his heart to write a book that has been on his heart for many years. Although weak and exhausted much of the time, he finished the book and his wife Marion, with other friends are having it published and available online in the near future.

Pat and I have known Mike Gorrie since 2006, when he and Marion came to the United States from New Zealand and spoke at the Marriages For Life Conference, held in Orlando, FL. Our spirits were joined immediately and we have continued to keep in touch with them over the years. Several years ago they came to the U.S. and Mike spoke in several churches and homes. Mike had a Barnabas spirit that constantly encouraged everyone he came in contact with. He would

call me and always ask if my tail was up and wagging for Jesus Christ. Whenever our phone conversations ended, Mike would pray earnestly for us and CPR Ministries; always assuring us he and Marion were praying for our ministry several times everyday.

We are going to miss this brother and know he is rejoicing in the presence of Jesus right now and hearing “Well done, faithful servant.” Our memories of Mike and Marion will always be a sweet savor in our hearts. May our Lord continue to bless, protect and show favor to Mike’s lifetime partner in the ministry.

Please pray for Mike’s family, as they adjust to the next chapter in their lives. Their future is as bright as the promises of God!~~~~~

Pastor Webb,

I recently received a box of books I ordered. This is the second batch, I have been giving them out to who the

Lord leads me. Thanks for the extra materials, I will put them to use.

Please allow me to share a short version of my story. After 29 years of marriage and with 3 under age children, my wife left and we ended up divorced. I was a deacon and adult Sunday School teacher at our local church. I resigned as a deacon but kept on leading the Sunday school class. Our church of about 1100 basically has no ministry for troubled marriages and I was left to search out other avenues to try to seek help and counsel. My Pastor, and at the time friend, ended up doing more advising on how to protect myself and move on in life rather than reconciling the marriage. I never felt right in my heart about moving on after the divorce and held on to hope. Well Praise the Lord, 2 1/2 years ago my wife and I started

working on it again and are back together. We have not civilly gotten remarried and we plan to when the timing is right. During this time period my Pastor's wife died and a year later he got remarried to a lady in the church, (who is divorced with her spouse still living). He had me removed from my Sunday School class because I am living with my wife, (which he deems is improper). After being challenged by him to what I knew was right and true in my heart, I started studying diligently about what the Bible really says about marriage. I came upon a number of different books and materials that explain the permanence of marriage concept. (I guess it is more than a concept, its the way it is). I have found your materials to be the most helpful in explaining this teaching and I have a burden to get the word out within my

sphere of influence. I have invited a number of people from my former Sunday School class to start a Bible study group on Wednesday nights. We start this Wednesday. How do I obtain a license to show your video to our group?
Thanks LD ~~~~~



Waiting to hear from you.....

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