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A major doctrinal shift for the Roman Catholic Church:

Orlando Sentinel: 12/8/16: The Pope says most bishops now back Communion for the remarried. Vatican City: Pope Francis says "A majority of the world's bishops back his suggestion that civilly remarried Catholics (Up to now; adulterers) can receive communion."

In an interview, Wednesday with the Belgian Catholic weekly, *Tertio*, Francis said his 2016 document, "The Joy of Love" – was the fruit of two meetings of bishops over two years. It contains the suggestion: "It is interesting that all that (the document) contains, was approved in the synod by more than two thirds of the fathers. "And this is a guarantee," he said.

Some conservatives have voiced increasing concerns that Francis' opening on this divisive issue of communion for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics is sowing confusion among the faithful about the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage.

THIS IS EPIC IN CHURCH HISTORY, and a fulfillment of scripture: *"As it was in the days of Noah; they were marrying and given in marriage. SO SHALL IT BE IN THE DAYS OF THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN."*

Let me encourage you to share this incredible change of course within the Roman church, with your Catholic friends and neighbors, and share our books with them. They have been taught the Church doctrine is pure and must be received without question. How can the Roman Church change 2000 years of unquestionable doctrine? Is the Vicar of Christ now questioning Christ's doctrine of covenant marriage?

Jude 18-19

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual having not the Spirit.



Dear Pastor Webb,

I. In a discussion with a group I lead about the Biblical design for marriage, I was presented with the question of: *If a person is taught differently about marriage, divorce, and remarriage even from a seminary, will God still hold them accountable for getting it wrong?*

I believe the answer is yes, but I would like a more scriptural basis with which to answer this question. Can you help me with this?

Thanks

L. D. MN

ANSWER: Dear L. D.; **READ:** *II Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; John 14:26; II Thess. 2:15; Eph. 5:6; Matt. 24:24; II Cor. 13:5;*

The Christian walk is AN OPEN BOOK TEST. *"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."*

If anyone truly comes to Jesus Christ, he/she becomes His bond slaves/stewards; which means they own nothing and are totally owned by Jesus Christ. The parameters of this genuine faith is outlined in **Luke 14:25-35**. Anything less is not New Testament Christianity. **Jesus said;** *"If any man shall save his life, he shall lose it; but if any man shall lose his life for Me and the gospel, the same shall FIND it."* **Mk. 8:35.**

Many pastors and church members today are the denomination's servants, or the local church's servant, but not Jesus Christ's.

Dr. Joseph Webb

II. Good Morning brother Webb, I received this email yesterday from a gentleman seeking some advice. Before I write him back I would like to get some feedback on what others think of his situation and what advice you think I should give him. I think the main question he needs an answer to is: did a valid marriage take place? And if not, why not? If you have time to discuss this, feel free to "reply to all, so we can all see each other's answers.

God bless you guys, D.J.

Hello D. J., I hope all is well with you.

My name is D., I'm a born again Christian and I have been doing a lot of research on Biblical marriage for a friend and think you've done a very good job explaining the meaning of fornication, and the whole divorce and remarriage issue. Now I'm hoping you can help us answer these two questions. My first question is, **WHEN** does God consider two people married? And my second question is a little more complicated; so please allow me to give you some history to help you answer it. This question is for a close friend who professes to be a Christian, but who has made a LOT of mistakes as an "unsaved" man. Now he wants to get married, but because of his past mistakes he does not know if he is even able to. The **MOST IMPORTANT** thing for him is to do what God says, rather than be in an unbiblical marriage and live as an adulterer (Romans 7:1-3).

With that said, before my friend became a Christian he was involved with many women. You've heard the phrase, "He's got wild oats to sow." Well, he was taught that it is natural and good and right for men in this age bracket to be a bit irresponsible, and to have sexual intercourse/fornicate with as many women as possible. Well, he did it and now regrets it. He also had sexual intercourse with a virgin who wanted to lose her virginity to him. He was promiscuous until he was injured at work, which caused him **SEVERE** chronic pain forcing him to leave his job and go on disability. After the doctors couldn't help him locally, he spent \$30,000 dollars traveling the world seeking doctors in California, Europe and the Dominican Republic. They could not help him either, but made him worse like the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years and only grew worse" (Mark 5:26).

My friend grew worse; spent his life savings; and out of loneliness and despair he joined a Christian dating site, in hopes of finding a wife to help take care of him. He was lonely, distraught and afraid, but was beginning to show an interest in God -- although he was **NOT** saved at this point. So as an unsaved man he joined this dating site and a Christian woman



from the Dominican Republic responded to his ad. She called herself Judy.

He lives in Canada. He was not physically attracted to her, but desperate for emotional support. They began a long-distance friendship. They talked on the phone for over a year and her persistent kindness wore on him. He, being in pain and not thinking straight, agreed to fly to the Dominican Republic to marry her. He flew there alone. When he arrived in the Dominican Republic he had second thoughts and didn't want to marry her, but felt trapped.

He was sick and weak; in a foreign country; and staying in a poor neighborhood with dirt roads. Not knowing the area he thought he would get robbed or kidnapped as a "rich" foreigner, or that Judy's family would catch him trying to flee. Again, he was not making good decisions.

Long story short, he went through with the wedding ceremony thinking it was the only way he could leave the country safely. He never had sexual intercourse with Judy. She was a virgin and she remained one. He never had any sexual contact with her. All he did was repeat the words at the wedding ceremony (not sincerely meaning them). All he was thinking about was leaving the country when the ceremony was finished, and getting the "marriage" annulled when he got back home to Canada. (this was his thinking as a non-Christian).

Note: When he was in the Dominican Republic he discovered that her real name was "Iris," and not "Judy." Judy was just a name she used on the dating site. Anyway, a few days after the ceremony, Judy's family drove him to the airport and he flew home to Canada and they got a "divorce" through the proper man-made legal methods. By the way, this ordeal is what got my friend to give his life to Christ. He was so broken from this whole ordeal that he turned from his sins and gave his life to Christ and has remained celibate ever since.

The wedding story you have just been told about happened in 2005, and after the divorce was finalized, my friend knelt by his bed and held his Bible and looked at it for a minute as his rebellious spirit softened and he prayed, "Lord,

I'm sorry for the way I have acted all these years. I have really messed up my life and hurt many people and starting today I am denying myself and I'm going to do things Your way from now on. Please guide me as I become a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. In His Name do I pray this. Amen."

D., as you know, suffering will either drive you closer to the Lord, or it will drive you away: and it drove him to the Lord. That's how he got saved in 2005. Since then he has become a godly man who desires holiness, righteousness, purity, abstinence and self-control. He repented, and has been celibate for over 11 YEARS. He is changed by the power of God !

However, "Houston we have a problem." Even though he was baptized; reads his Bible and prays daily; wins souls to Christ and is growing in the faith; and has become a mature Christian who has not touched a woman in more than 11 years; now he does not know if he can get married to a godly women who loves the Lord: a Biblical Proverbs 31 woman.

He is studying marriage, divorce and remarriage, but does not know at what exact point does God considers a man and a woman to be married?

His covenant partner has since gone through another ceremony, thinking she is now married to another man. So, he is also wondering that IF they were Biblically married because of a "spoken covenant," but had no sexual intercourse, and they divorced/separated: if Judy, presumably being now married to another man; and having now lost her virginity; does that equal fornication on her part and does that allow my friend to marry, because if she came back to him she would have committed fornication ?

Mr. J., my friend isn't looking to excuse his sinful behavior before he became a Christian. He uses it as a testimony to help others now. It was this horrific experience that helped him get saved. He thanks God for breaking him to save him and if he must stay celibate the rest of his life he will. But, if he can marry, he would like to. Can you offer any suggestions? What constitutes marriage according to the Bible? Did Judy commit fornication? Thank you so much !!!

ANSWER:

Brother D. J.;

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12; Joseph, the husband of Mary also "said" vows; and "Joseph never KNEW Mary (in a physical way), until Jesus Christ was born." They were still married because of their vows, and never consummated the marriage, with physical relations, but were still married. Remember; *"it is better NEVER to make a vow to God and later say; 'It was a mistake.' If you do, I will destroy the work of your hands."* Num. 30:2; Deut. 13:21-23; Eccl. 5:4-7 Jesus said to mankind: *"Let your yes be yes and your no, no. Anything else cometh of EVIL."* Matt. 5:33-37 Our God is a God of covenants!

We also know Esau was not being honest to Jacob, when he TOLD his brother he could have his birthright. In Hebrews 11, we are told he, *"Esau 'Sought his birthright with TEARS OF REPENTANCE."* God forgave Esau for his flippancy and stupidity, but didn't change the COVENANT. Because of Esau's lighthearted, flippant agreement with his brother to acquire something to eat, the Jewish bloodline of divine blessing changed from Abraham, Isaac and Esau; to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and still stands to this day. *"It is better NEVER to make a VOW to God, than to make it and BREAK IT."* Sex has NOTHING to do with the validity of a vow. *"You are snared by the words of your mouth."* Prov. 6:2

Another example from scripture is with Joshua, when God told him to go into the land, He was commanded to *"KILL all the inhabitants in the land."* Deut. 20:16,17.

After crossing over the Jordan river, into the promised land, a group of men approached him with dry wine skins and moldy bread; telling him they were from *"a far country, and had heard how great a king he was."* They wanted to make a 'covenant' with him, where he and they would have a pact to protect each other. **THIS WHOLE STORY was a LIE!** Joshua bought the lie and made a covenant with them.

Almost immediately one of Joshua's men came and said: *"Joshua, these men just lied to you. They are not from 'a far-off country;' they are*

from over the next hill; Gibeon." Upon hearing this, the Jewish leaders said: *"Let's kill them."*

A Jewish prophet immediately spoke up and said: *"Don't touch them! We just made a COVENANT with them."* **BUT THEY LIED!** What they did was upon them, but what Joshua did was upon HIM.

Do you think God would have said, "It's ok, you were tricked into this COVENANT. I understand." NO! 540 Years later, when David was king in Israel, he experienced a drought in the land for THREE YEARS. When he fasted and sought the Lord for wisdom, the Lord told Joshua; *"The drought is because of SAUL."* David asked: *"What did Saul do?"*

HE KILLED SOME GIBEONITES. Remember, this was 540 YEARS LATER. The covenant, born out of a willful LIE, was still in effect, because they verbally agreed to it.

I know of a lady whose covenant husband told her he didn't want to be tied up in a marriage now that she was pregnant. He left her and she had to go to work, while her grandmother cared for the child. Several years later she met a terrific man from a Christian home, and they went through a marriage ceremony. This couple were exemplary in about every way. The man's parents vehemently opposed their son marrying a divorcee, but he did it anyway. This couple lived together for 64 years; had two children and were successful in business. This man passed away several years ago.

Someone asked if their living together for 64 years could have made a difference concerning it still being adultery. My response was: "IF you can name ANY OTHER SIN THAT DIES OF OLD AGE, MAYBE. She was never able to be his wife because she gave TITLE of her body to her covenant husband, and could never give it to this man, regardless of her desires or rationalizations.

We must remember, sex has NOTHING to do with a vow. Sex does not make two one. If it could, there would be no classification in scripture of a *"fornicator."* The VOW to each other does ESTABLISH THE COVENANT. If this man made this promise to this young lady, he made it to God, and God acted on it and made them one flesh. Now, his wife is with another man because he *"MADE her to become an*



adulteress." **Matt. 5:32.** We must realize the TERMS of a marriage covenant: *"Till Death."*

Our God will forgive him for this sin of VIOLATING their covenant, but he should do as Jesus spoke in **Matt. 9;** *"Some are EUNUCHS for the Kingdom of God's sake."* He should also pray for an opportunity to share this truth with his *"Till death,"* covenant partner.

No one is compelled to do this because I said it, but they must do it, because it is consistent with all of scripture. Remember: *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall NEVER PASS AWAY."* *"What God hath joined (glued) together, NO MAN can separate."*

Mark 10:9.



LATEST PRAISE REPORT FROM PANAMA: Tammy

Tammy attended her church in Panama two Sundays ago. The pastor has started 34 churches, and the one he is now pastoring has an attendance of over 500. The pastor asked Tammy to come to the altar and to bring her translator with her. When she stood at the altar, the pastor announced to his congregation how the Lord had revealed new truth to him and starting the following Sunday, anyone in the church, who were divorced and remarried, would no longer be members of the Church unless they repented of their adultery, and attempted to restore their covenant marriage.

The Holy Spirit is doing a work in these nations! Please keep praying.

This week Tammy, working with a television evangelist in Costa Rica, was able to broadcast an ad throughout Costa Rica and Peru, about divorce and remarriage. The ad offered anyone who wanted to know what the Bible has to say about marriage and divorce, and how to strengthen their families, to go to our website and download our materials FREE; for the next

few days. They also encouraged everyone to contact their local radio and television stations and ask them to broadcast the free ad on their stations, to help restore families in their country. Pray for this outreach. This could be the most productive outreach C.P.R. has ever experienced.

One pastor in FL notified me this month he has distributed my Spanish books to pastors throughout So. And Central America, and the islands. Many of these pastors are asking: "Why didn't we learn this truth in seminary?" When this pastor announced, he was taking a stand for covenant marriage, he told me his attendance dropped from 130 to 30. He declared he wasn't the least bit discouraged; because "Jesus wanted QUALITY, not QUANTITY in His Church." Pray for this man of God!

REPORT FROM BECKY IN BOGOTA, COLUMBIA.

This was a terrific morning. A pastor, who is also the leader of a major Christian non-denominational organization, asked me to come to his office and bring 20 books with me. We talked for an hour or two (lost track of time) and he shared how he had been restless and unable to sleep on account of reading the books. (yours and mine). (PLEASE NOTE: This is the genuine work of the Holy Spirit.) He and his wife spent time reading them each evening. He wanted to know what I felt about specific cases of adultery via divorce and re-marriage that ignores covenant. Most marriages, even in the churches here, are in a HUGE tangle. I answered him prayerfully, grateful for this lovely sign that the Spirit of God is changing hearts here in Colombia through using our books.

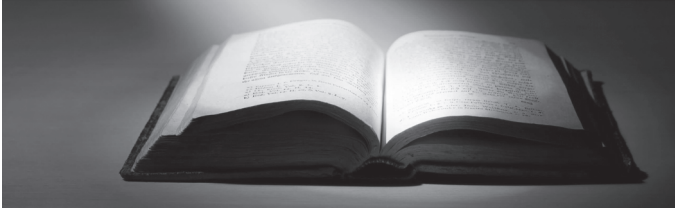
Please pray for us!

Praising Him!!

Becky/ Bogota, Columbia, S.A.



QUOTATIONS *By*



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"We must do what we can do for God, before He will give us the power to do what we cannot do."

"Your doctrine can be as straight as a gun barrel---and just as empty."

I Cor. 13:1

"I doubt that more than two percent of professing Christians in the US are truly born again."

"Children today can tell you in detail what Channel 7 says, but not what Matthew 7 says."

"The only time you can say that Christ is all I need, is when Christ is all you have."

"When there's something in the Bible churches don't like, they call it LEGALISM."

"Everyone recognizes Stephen was Spirit-filled when he was performing wonders. Yet, he was just as Spirit-filled when he was being stoned to death."

"Someone asked me, 'Do you pray for the dead?' I said, 'No, I preach to them!' I think every pew in every church is death row. Think about that! They're dead! They sing about God; they talk about God, but they're dead! They have no living relationship (with God.)"

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The television station I told you about, that invited me to be interviewed about marriage and divorce for two consecutive weeks for thirty minutes has had an unusual ending.

When I arrived for the interview, I was notified the basic structure of the program had been changed. Instead of an interview, they decided they would have three divorced and remarried ladies ask me questions about marriage.

I said that would be fine.

About ten minutes later I was informed, "plan C" was now in effect; because all four ladies refused to be on the program with me.

Plan "C" was to have four employees from the station ask me questions.

I said that would be fine.

Ten minutes later the hostess came back and said we were going to plan "D" since none of the employees wanted to appear on the program with me.

Plan "D" was back to the original plan: with the hostess interviewing me.

Plan "D" lasted for about 15 minutes, with the hostess honestly hoping I would give a little leeway for those in adultery. When she saw that wasn't going to happen, she graciously closed the program and informed me I wouldn't have to come back the next week.

After weeks of waiting, I E-mailed the station, asking them if they had decided when the program would be aired. I was told they had not found any appropriate program schedule conducive for the content of my interview. IF they did, they would let me know. The interview was in August and it is now March.

I totally understand their predicament: If they broadcast my interview, they would lose much of their financial support, because of the preponderance of divorced and remarried couples in churches, gladly supporting "feel good" programming, but isolating any teachings that might make them uncomfortable.

Pray for this station. The workers there are precious, sincere believers, but their true source is people. And people are fickle.

This is why C.P.R. has continued to declare Jesus Christ; our Jehovah Jireh, as its total source. Since the day I declared Him as my total source, in 1952; HE HAS NEVER FAILED! Even today; many people come and go; but He NEVER FAILS! He has assured me "No weapon that is formed against me will prosper." God's economy is not affected by the whims of people, or inflation; deflation; recession or depression. We have experienced our God to be a God of miracles, and NOTHING is too difficult with Him.

We, at C.P.R. Ministries would appreciate it very much if you would forward this newsletter to many of your friends. So few today in our churches have ever heard these truths. Allow the Holy Spirit to birth a curiosity in their hearts. Maybe they will join us in getting these truths around the world.

We believe 2017 is going to be one of the most fruitful years EVER! For the first time, we are reaching around the world, with all of our teachings available, without cost, in most instances. This is a first for us. We are now asking the Lord to help us produce our books in many other languages, and put them online. **"The night cometh, when no man can work."**

Would you like to join us?

God bless you.

Joe & Pat Webb

Please know: YOU are the reason God has allowed us to declare this vital message. Thank you for making all of this possible. May our God richly bless and prosper you. Drs. Joe & Patricia Webb We would love to hear back from you.

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