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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 is getting these truths around the world. "The fields are white already unto harvest; BUT the laborers are few."

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# Heartbeat

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Message by Dr. Joseph A. Webb:

# "This Man, Who Is He?"

**Matthew 8:25-27** Tells us of how the Disciples experienced; "Slowness of mind," when it came to comprehending who Jesus really was.

"And the disciples came to Him, saying, "Lord, save us: we perish. And He saith unto them, 'Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea: and there was a great calm.

But the men marveled, saying, 'What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"

The Disciples had spent close to three years with Jesus and still didn't realize they were in the presence of Divinity. They were still asking: "Who is this guy?"

In Matthew 16:13-16, Jesus asked: "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John The Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say YE that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

May I ask: **WHOM DO YOU SAY HE IS?** A Prophet? A great Teacher? A great MAN; or THE SON OF GOD? What we believe about Him will affect every area of our lives. What we DON'T BELIEVE will affect every area of our lives also. Let me suggest who I believe Jesus Christ IS!

## 1. JESUS CHRIST IS A MANLY MAN.

He was not effeminate, nor afraid. He did not flee from confrontation. He did not hesitate to speak Divine truth, even when it was unpopular. He gladly endured horrible punishment: being beaten with rods; crowned with many thorns; spit upon; endured having his beard torn out of his face, and his back scourged by a cat of nine tails.

Not only did He endure this, but scripture tells us "As a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth." Having endured the pain and suffering He knew we deserved, for hours on end; His final words were; "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He took OUR punishment! Jesus Christ was A MANLY MAN!

You and I need never be ashamed of the one we are following, because we know He has promised to INDWELL His true followers, and will make us STRONG, as we DENY OURSELVES every day, and put our total trust in Him, and His perfect work, alone.

Another reason we should be willing to follow Jesus, is because:

## 2. JESUS CHRIST IS A MODEL MAN.

This truth is confirmed from four sources.

- a. Judas: After betraying Jesus, after being with Him for three years; he declared: "I have betrayed INNOCENT BLOOD."
- b. Pilate: After interrogating Jesus; declared: "HE was without blemish or spot; he did NO SIN."
- c. Peter: (After being with him day and night for 3 1/2 years; said:) "In Him was NO SIN."
- d. God the Father; three times, said: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, and, in Him there is NO GUILE, Hear ye Him."

NOTE: Jesus Christ was who He said He was, or HE was the greatest deceiver who ever walked the earth. He is either the Holy, undefiled Son of God, or He is despicable!

One only needs to read the scriptural account, to realize He was everything He said He was, and is. WHY? Because Jesus Christ was not only a Manly Man, and a Model Man; But:

3. **JESUS CHRIST WAS A MISTREATED MAN:** Jesus Christ was mistreated because He exposed the false religious traditions of His day. He called the religious leaders of His day: "Whitened sepultures, full of dead men's bones." See **Matthew 23:14**: He healed on the Sabbath; forgave sinners, instead of condemning them. He exposed religious hypocrisy in every form. Consequently; because He exposed the hypocrisy of his day; He was horribly mistreated.

The Song writer said it this way. "See from His head, His hands, His feet; sorrow and blood flow mingled down. Did ere such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown."

Another songwriter said it this way: "Wounded for me; wounded for me. There on the cross He was wounded for me. Gone my transgressions, and now I am FREE; all because Jesus was wounded (MISTREATED) for me."

May I have the freedom to suggest Jesus is being MISTREATED today? Recent surveys, by evangelical fact finders say: "There is virtually NO DIFFERENCE in the moral conduct of the world and the average church goers today." If a pastor is brave enough to speak out against the moral decline in our society, he is labeled as "judgmental; unloving; insensitive; legalistic and

a pharisaical bigot." He is told; "A little sin humbles you." If that is true, does that mean the world is more humble than true Bible believers; or the carnal church members are the pillar and groundwork of the Christian faith?

We are told the Church is a "hospital for the sick." This is only true, if when sinners come in, we don't coddle their worldly ways; but can say: "Take up thy bed and walk;" and "Go and sin no more, lest a worse thing comes upon you."

Jesus said: "He that SAYETH he loves me and keepeth not my commandments, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM." I know, this is called "holiness preaching." All of the New Testament Saints preached and practiced holiness. Jesus said, in John 14:24; "He that loveth me NOT, keepeth NOT my sayings." Jesus also said, the words He spoke, He received directly from His Father, and each word was very clear and explicit. He said what he meant, without fear or favor of men. David; "a man after God's own heart", said; in Psalm 12:6; "The words of the Lord are PURE WORDS: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES."

The Apostle James clarified this truth, in **James** 1:22-25: "But be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, DECEIVING your own selves. For if any be a HEARER of the word, and not a DOER, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he, being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the word, this man shall be BLESSED in his deed."

Our churches today are filled with religious people, living lives that mistreat our Lord Jesus. A recent poll says 94 out of every 100 church members, will take their coats off to fight for their denomination, but have never been willing to crawl on the altar and die to themselves and their own goals and purposes. Luke 14:25-35 tells us these same folks have never had a genuine born again, New Testament experience. These same religious people are mistreating the Son of God, who demanded we "Love the Lord our God, with ALL our hearts; with ALL our souls, with ALL our strength; and with ALL our minds."

May the Holy Spirit help us to quit MISTREATING our Lord Jesus.

Last, but not least:

### 4. JESUS WAS MORE THAN A MAN.

Peter said- "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Nathanael said- "Thou art the Son of God."

God, the Father said: "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: HEAR YE HIM."

John the Baptist said; "Behold, The Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

The Apostle John wrote: **John 1:29**; "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." Again, in vs 34, John says: "This is the Son of God."

There is more documented historic, undeniable proof that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin; lived a sinless life; was crucified, buried, and rose again; appearing to over 500 witnesses, who were willing to die for this fact, and has impacted the earth like no other historic individual that EVER lived.

This same Jesus who ascended before hundreds of witnesses, said: "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, you shall be also. If it were not so, I would have told you.

This same Jesus is the

"Water of life."

"The Living Word."

"The Light of the world."

"Alpha & Omega, the First and the Last."

"The Son of God."

"King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

QUESTION: WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TO YOU? He is Lord of Lords:

but is He YOUR LORD AND MASTER? He is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Him."

Have you submitted your heart and will to Him?

Or are you willing for Him to be Lord and King of you, so long as you can still be Prime Minister of your life, making all of the day to day decisions about your future?

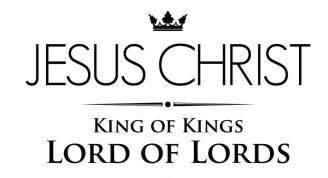
**Jesus Christ IS MORE THAN A MAN!** He says, someday: "Every knee SHALL bow, every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of the FATHER."

### **CONCLUSION:**

Will you trust Him everyday? Will you acknowledge, "He has promised "Never to leave you or forsake you," and "As for God, His way is PERFECT?"

If someone asks you, "Who is Jesus Christ?" Can you tell them He is YOUR LORD AND MASTER, AND YOUR SOON COMING KING? If not; Let Him rule in your heart NOW! Don't "take your hand off of the plow and look back, or you will not be FIT for the Kingdom of God." "Occupy till He comes!"

AMEN! DR. JOSEPH A. WEBB



# A HUMOROUS, BUT TRAGICALLY COMMON STORY

The Bible says: "In all things, give THANKS, for this is the will of God for you."

#### **ILLUSTRATION:**

A pastor visited a lady in his church who was a potato farmer. He had heard about her incredibly successful crop of potatoes she had just harvested. It seems every vine was loaded with nothing but large, marketable, perfect potatoes.

When he was invited into her farmhouse, he said: "Let's give thanks for your large #1 potato crop."

The lady replied: "Yea, BUT where am I going to get little potatoes, to feed my pigs?" Do you know anyone like this?



# Blessing Report 7rom C.P.R.

We are receiving new reports of families being restored every week! We recently had the privilege of conducting a "renewing of vows ceremony" with a couple with four children, who read our materials and were impacted, and restored as a family.

Our Spanish books are being advertised on some of the largest Spanish Christian stations around the world, offering the opportunity to download our books FREE, to anyone who would like to know what the Word of God truly has to say about the permanence of marriage.

As our last Newsletter went out Online; 82% of those reading it have never visited the site before. Individuals from ten foreign countries visited our website, and over 650 individuals watched our marriage seminar Online! This is MONUMENTAL! Please pray their lives will be impacted by what they hear.

Our counseling is increasing exponentially, as scores of people are reading or listening to our Online materials and are seeking solutions to their problems.

PLEASE KNOW: Without our faithful partners, none of this would be possible. We are only scratching the surface of what we COULD be doing, if we could find many more who have a CONVICTION about the permanence of the covenant marriage, and would participate with us every month, to get the message out.

NOTE: If you are a SPECTATOR, and not a PARTICIPANT, we do not need to hear your complaint about "BEGGING."

We have never had to BEG. Our supporters appreciate being informed about where we are financially, so they can pray intelligently for C.P.R. Ministries. If you are NOT a participant; don't let it bother you: it doesn't include or affect you.

Paul the Apostle; who was a man of faith; constantly wrote to the churches and clarified their responsibility to support his ministry. Paul knew they were not his SOURCE, but he

said: In I Cor. 9:11: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap YOUR carnal (material) things?"

Paul then went on to say: (paraphrased) "For me To remind you of these things is right; but let me make it clear; God is my total source, and I don't want anything to interfere with that. I work making tents so I won't have to depend on ANYONE. But the spiritual principle still stands: God gives a message and ministry to certain ones; and places a desire in the hearts of many others to support that ministry."

If God hasn't placed this ministry on your heart: I AM NOT TALKING TO YOU! Just stand by and relax until I get through reminding the others of God's principals for supporting ministries.

For over sixty five years, I have made the my Lord, Jehovah Jireh (The Lord who provides.) as my TOTAL SOURCE. He has worked miracles in my life over and over, without exception. I will NEVER allow anyone to become my SOURCE. I believe and have experienced: "My God Shall supply ALL my needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." He has brought people into my life for a moment to answer a need in my ministry, and I never saw them again. I would NEVER give up Him as my total source; But, neither will I fail to instruct other sheep the Biblical principle of being faithful stewards with what the Lord has provided to them. GIVING is a gift of the Spirit. Those who have that gift, God always seems to trust them with MUCH. Consequently, they will be held as responsible for what they do with what they do with that which the Lord puts into their hands, as He will me, if I am not a good steward with the gifts He has given me.

I had a man walk up to my door many years ago and say; "Brother, no pastor should be driving a new Cadillac automobile like you have. You are worldly."

I said; "That is very interesting, because the person who owned it before told me and my congregation the Lord told him he was to give the car to me. Either he was wrong, or you are. Let me know when you find out."

It really doesn't matter how big our house or car or bank account are: our graves will all be the same size; so STAY HUMBLE AND THANKFUL EVERY DAY.

I wonder what gift has the Lord given to those who seek to find something to complain about, because they do not understand the difference between teaching biblical principals and "begging." Many times in my ministry, I have refused monies because those offering it, wanted to place me in a place of compromise concerning the Word of God. I tell many who ask me about giving; "If you are thinking about giving to this ministry, because you think it would be a good thing, keep your money. The only money I want for this ministry, is money given because the Holy Spirit told you to give it. Again; If the Holy Spirit hasn't told you to support this ministry; I AM NOT SPEAKING TO YOU, and I don't need a response from you.

Nehemiah had a grumble crew visit him during the time he was rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, and told him to stop and discuss the futility of his work. His reply: "I don't have time to come down." That is where I am in my work: get off the wall!

I know this can sound harsh. Many of you do not realize how many ministries have given up in despair because they have been eaten alive by critics who never support anything, but have the gift of criticism. The Lord knows my heart, as do many of our faithful supporters. Pat and I

have reduced our income time and time again. We have reduced our business expenses every year. We have moved into a home less than half the size of the home we once lived in; which the Lord provided for us. Sometimes we have been three and four months without a paycheck; but we told the Lord we would never operate in the red. We do not believe such business practices honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

I realize this isn't enough for the critics. They won't be content until we stop teaching stewardship, which is a vital truth every Christian should understand; and fail to complete His calling in our lives, because of a fear of these individuals.

I won't do it! The Lord has called me to preach the whole gospel. Paul said, "I have withheld NOTHING from you." I don't care where a Christian RETURNS His tithe, but I want them to know, if they don't; they are "thieves and robbers." The Bible says they are "covetous;" and the covetous "will not inherit God's Kingdom."

Our responsibility is to know WHERE He would have us sow into His Kingdom. The measure you do this is the measure he will bless you. God doesn't need your money; He wants your heart and your bank account. If you and I are rigid with our giving: (Before taxes or after taxes?) that is the way He will give back to us. "The Lord LOVETH a CHEERFUL giver." AMEN!





Praise Letter from A Standing Partner: Missionary trip to Brazil Hi Pastor Webb and Pat,

I wanted to let you know that I am back home safe and sound, and just catching up to my emails. The trip was awesome, and I will send an email update out soon with some pictures, but I wanted to email you both privately. I did leave you a voice mail before I left letting you know that I did receive the books, and I packed them into my suitcase. I am not sure you got the message based on your email, but they did arrive.

I brought the books and was able to distribute all of them! I handed a number of them out to women who were able to read Spanish and were in need of hearing the message. I gave the rest to Daniel Jimenez who was our national contact in Brazil. He is in ministry in a number of different areas of Brazil, and he read your intro, and exclaimed that it was a MUCH-needed message! Praise the Lord. He realized it is not a friendly message but a much needed one.

In addition, I was asked to give a word of testimony during the Sunday church service, and I was able to speak about my marriage testimony and the hope we have in Jesus to stand for truth in the face of adversity. I also shared that I became a believer after marriage and that is when the enemy really started to attack. Apparently, my testimony touched a number of people, so they asked me to speak at the women's fellowship on Tuesday evening. I shared with girls and women from age 15 on up. I shared the importance of seeking the Lord for your marriage because it is a lifelong commitment. I was able to share about how I was not a believer when I married, yet my covenant is still intact regardless of the choices and difficulties we have had along the way. The testimony was met with a lot of head nodding from the ladies, and applause from the youth. To God be the glory!

Keep praying for the people in Ariri and Sao Paulo whose lives were touched by our presence. More later. E. P.

NOTE: E. P. has been a stander and a faithful witness for many years. Pray the Lord will continue to use her. Also pray the Holy Spirit will burn her witness into the hearts of many women, to become a local witness to others in the area.

Many who receive our Newsletters, are spectators only; not participants. Some are waiting to see if we are going to survive. God is looking for PARTICIPANTS: those who say: "I will be a part of what God is doing to strengthen and restore families. If you are receiving our newsletters, we would love to hear from you again. With your prayers and support we can reach around the world with the "Covenant Marriage" message. If this is not your burden, please notify us in the envelope provided and we will remove your name from our list.

# A Quote by Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill once said; "One man with conviction will overwhelm a hundred others who only have opinions."

QUESTION: Do you have an opinion about the permanence of marriage; or a conviction? If you have an opinion, you will analyze it over and over. If you have a conviction: IT WILL CONSUME YOU! You will realize millions around you are falling into hell every day; and you will feel compelled to warn them, and pray for them through whatever venue you find available.

God warned His prophet Ezekiel of the seriousness of failing to warn sinners of their lost condition.

**Ezekiel 33: 8,9** says: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked [man], thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." REMEMBER: "The adulterer SHALL NOT inherit the Kingdom of God." Do you believe this? Is this your CONVICTION? Do you SPEAK it? Do you teach it? Do you regularly SUPPORT its propagation to the world? If not, yours is only an OPINION; not a CONVICTION.



An update report from Rebecca Phillips in Colombia, S.A.

Yesterday my prayers for a partner in this work that is devalued by many and prized by a few were answered. Pastor O. had me come forward in his church service and told the congregation that for the first time he had found somebody that believed as he did about marriage. He almost cried when he introduced me. He so spoke about our books that afterwards I was swamped with those who wanted them, and they quickly emptied my full backpack. This is a church that does not permit divorce and is so very healthy. Babies and children everywhere, and Pastor O. and his wife were busy for hours after the service counseling couples. They also host a ministry for couples. Everywhere in this church I saw a novelty -couples and families sitting together instead of the usual scene of individuals sitting alone or one parent families. Such a wonderful and healthy church! This is our goal.

Pastor O. promises to connect me and the books with other similar churches among the hundreds here in Bogotá.

The places that have accepted our books for sale: Bible League and a major and some minor bookstores (which are selling them at cost) ran out quickly and have had to be replenished. A great blessing!!! It shows there is a hunger for these truths. Actually, there is nothing similar out there in a country where covenant marriages are less than anywhere else IN THE WORLD.

Pastor Webb and I did not know this response would happen when he was led to send books on this subject and for me to write one. God did; and His ways are perfect.

One lady told me the book that had reached her hands had fallen there like "a pearl". "I was about to trash our marriage," she said. Their children are precious, school-age. Now she has been battling for her marriage and is amazed at the changes that have occurred in her husband. "Let us begin again from zero," he said at a recent outing, and they all did a quick dip in the pool to signify this.

Much love to you and the team working with you, Pastor Webb, and your dear wife.

Rebecca Philips:

Your fellow servant in Columbia, S.A.

## Report from Tammy, in Panama:

Hello. Praise GOD books are all but a few hundred and about 6000 have been distributed. I flew back to Florida in May for health reasons. Please pray for us.

GOD sent a wonderful couple; J. and E., to Panama; who have finished the list of all the Spanish countries with TV and radio stations to offer them free downloads of Dr. Webb's marriage books online. PLEASE pray for this couple, as he is bilingual and will be reaching out to get the commercial aired around the world.

I did not even add USA to the countries list because I was thinking our country is soooooo far gone. But GOD in HIS kind rebuke let me meet pastor R. here in the U.S., who is friends with the production manager for the biggest Spanish TV stations all around the world. He is trying to get our commercial aired for free in all countries; including USA! GOD is not done with our efforts, so PLEASE, PLEASE PRAY for this to be accomplished.

**Blessings Tammy** 

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