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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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Pat and I wish to express our concern to those who have lost a loved one or are experiencing financial or emotional difficulties. "May you cast all your concerns on Him, for He cares for you."

Like you, we have been quarantined to our residence and most service companies have closed due to the corona virus.

It is during times like these when we should start memorizing and putting into practice some important truths His word gives to us for daily use, as follows.

The trial of your faith, being MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD that perisheth."

QUESTION: Have you ever praised the Lord for your tests in the same way you would if someone gave you a bag of gold?

God says a trial is "MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD that perisheth." Do we believe this? Paul the apostle declared: "I glory in tribulation, because when I am weak, then am I strong."

Have you claimed the promise: "God will NEVER put more on me than I can bear, but will with it, make a way of escape, so I can bear it?"

May these verses bring comfort and renewed faith to you. If you want to understand the importance of trials; consider how it affected Jonah. Jonah didn't get serious with the Lord until he was in the belly of a whale. Someone said, "Even a whale couldn't stomach a backslidden preacher." Another said: "The Lord sent a fish after Jonah and a rooster after Peter, and I haven't heard where He has closed either hatchery."

The Lord uses trials to get our attention. What is God's purpose in all of this? Could this be The Lord giving this world another opportunity to hear Him say to us what He said to Adam: "Adam, where are you?" In other words, World, look at the mess you are in because you won't allow Me to rule over you. You only think you are in control." "Whatsoever you sow, that shall you also reap. You won't enjoy the crop that will come to you if you don't repent." In other words, eternal truth says, if you sow wheat, you will harvest wheat, but if you sow cockleburs, you will harvest cockleburs; it is an unchangeable rule of life! What are you and I sowing today?

Someone once said: "God said it; I believe it! That settles it!" NO! That is false! Truth is: "God said it, that settles it whether I believe it or not." Many today have no idea what the founders of our country did when they first stood on the shores of what would later be called, The United States of America, (especially our young people in our government schools, because they are not being taught any of this history). Those men prayed and dedicated this future nation to accomplish the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, to "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." They dedicated the future citizens of this land to serve Jesus Christ as Lord! Ours is the only nation in the history of the world to do this. They established a COVENANT, and believed their followers would honor that covenant with God.

Few people realize how far America has fallen from where they were as Christians when this nation was founded. Did you know that back then, no one could even run for political office unless they were a professing Christian and produce testimonials could from responsible individuals attesting genuineness of their faith. Today, it is a detriment (hindrance) if you are running for public office and declare yourself to be a serious Christian.

Did you know our federal government promoted the publishing and distribution of the Bible, and required portions of it to be read everyday in all public schools, followed by the teachers praying with the class?

Did you know that when all of our present-day ivy league colleges and universities were founded the ONLY textbook they used to teach all of the major sciences, was the Holy Bible?

In early America, if one were to join a church, they would have to show much evidence of the transformation in their lives, since they repented, and experienced church discipline if they displayed ungodly conduct in their private or public lives.

George Barna, the "Guru of Evangelicalism" recently conducted some extensive surveys of present-day churches. His conclusions: 1. "One can scarcely find any difference between the lifestyles of professing Christians and non-Christians." 2. "I am speaking very conservatively when I say fewer than six percent of present day, regular attending, professing Christians have ever had a GENUINE BORN AGAIN EXPERIENCE. The other 94% are ONLY RELIGIOUS!"

How can any such organization EVER make a SCRIPTURAL DECISION, or expect God to bless their mess?

Other discouraging studies have concluded that a remarkably high percentage of pastors, church officers, and church members (Both men and women and children ages 10 and above) regularly watch pornography.

Did you know when our country was founded, if a man raped a woman, they received the death sentence automatically. Did you know if a person divorced and remarried, they were labeled "adulterers." And were shunned by society?

How could God possibly be disturbed over this or remove His hand of blessing from such a nation?

Psalm 33:12 says: "Blessed is the nation, whose God is The Lord; and the people whom HE HATH CHOSEN, for His own inheritance."

Psalm 9:17 "The wicked SHALL be turned into hell, and ALL THE NATIONS THAT FORGET GOD."

Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

The men who founded our Nation made a VOW to God concerning the nation they were going to build. Other than Israel, I know of no other nation that was founded with a vow to the Eternal God. Why is that so important?

Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 Tells us why this is important for every U.S. citizen to know.

When thou vowest a vow unto God, DEFER not to pay it: for He hath NO PLEASURE in fools: pay (fulfill) that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow

and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be ANGRY AT THY VOICE and DESTROY THE WORK OF THY HANDS?...BUT FEAR THOU GOD."

Again, in **Numbers 30:2** Moses said: "If a man vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond: (Meaning: if a man promises God he will do or will not do something); he SHALL NOT BREAK HIS WORD, he SHALL do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth."

God gives us His solution to our dilemma, in II Chronicles 7:14, He does NOT ask the 96% of religious church members to change. Instead, He commands: "If My people, who are CALLED BY MY NAME, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, (QUIT THEM) THEN shall I hear from heaven and forgive their sins, and HEAL their land." This is God's solution for America!

Someone might say: "But there are so few of us." May I remind you, in the scriptures, God has ALWAYS worked with the minority. Joshua 23:10 "One shall chase a thousand, and two, put ten thousand to flight."

May these truths challenge all true believers to seriously ask the Lord to revive their hearts back to His priorities. A man once told me: "If you are not as close to Jesus Christ today as you were five years ago: GUESS WHO MOVED." Walk uprightly before Him and be light and salt to a lost world. He has promised us;" You and God constitute a majority!

There are times when I wonder if C.P.R. is really making a significant difference, and then I remember it is not my battle, but His. I only need to be available to His leading and leave the fruit to Him. Are each of you proclaiming and supporting the truths the Lord has shown you are eternal truth?

If not; why not? Scripture is clear: "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not; IS SIN." As New Testament, born again believers, He has called us to Live and proclaim our convictions; regardless of what everyone around us might think about it, and only you can know what those truths are. Once He shows us biblical truth, we become totally responsible for what we do with it. NEVER take your hand off the plow or get

discouraged because you don't see spectacular signs and wonders happening. In II Thess. 2:3, Paul said; "There shall come a falling away." Recommit yourself right now, to declare and faithfully support whatever scriptural truths you TRULY believe; weather it's popular or not; and believe the Spirit of God will affirm it to you and reward you for your obedience. If you quit because of a fear of man, you will be "snared" and intimidated. SELAH (Which is translated; Just think of that!)" **Prov. 29:25** "The fear of man bringeth a snare." How many believers do you know today who are snared because of compromising the biblical principles they know to be true, Or they become silent because of fear what others will think of them? The only release I know of for such a situation is what Jesus said; "Don't think it strange if the world hate you." Where would all of us be today if all of God's servants had kept their mouths shut for fear of what others thought of them?

Many believers are stressed out because of the Corona virus, where almost 285,000 have died. May I suggest there is a much more serious virus spreading more rapidly that this virus? To compare this present Corona virus to this more serious one is like comparing the Pittsburg flood with the flood in Noah's day.

An advertisement in the 5/09/20 World Magazine, page 6, promoting a new book: "The Sexual Holocaust" is finally acknowledging what we have been saying for Years. Whereas the present virus has already killed over 250,000, This holocaust is killing billions!

"...very few people take notice of this other pandemic. The other pandemic is not a natural disaster---it is a man-made tragedy. It stems from the consequences of the sexual revolution and the new "anything goes" sexuality philosophy our young people have been taught in our public schools for decades. It is the Sexual Holocaust. Year in and year out, the sexual holocaust is creating, not thousands; but billions of victims. Billions? Yes, we are talking about billions of victims from this sexual holocaust. In this generation, over a BILLION people have become addicted to pornography. During this time, over a BILLION people have been infected

with one or more sexually transmitted diseases. Likewise, there have been over a billion people who have been sexually used or abused. During this time, over a Billion in utero lives have been aborted. During this time over a billion people have been emotionally devastated. There have been over a billion broken marriages and families in our generation. Almost every family on the planet now includes one or more victims of the sexual holocaust. We are talking about a humanitarian crisis of the highest conceivable magnitude. Much (perhaps most) of humanity is now being seriously harmed, OR DESTROYED by this sexual holocaust." For more information: go to sexualholocaust.org.

The REAL tragedy is we have not shut down our nation with isolation until a remedy to this worse holocaust can be reversed. Our government is not passing laws to restrain its growth. (Actually, they are passing laws to increase it!)

ONLY a Holy Spirit revival will reverse this holocaust! But scripture clearly tells us it will be one of the clearest proofs of the coming of the Son of God, as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah." "But, 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.!" If you and I are true Christians, we are commanded to be "salt and light" and to WARN the transgressors, right up to the END. Remember, Noah continued to warn mankind of the coming flood right up to the day God CLOSED THE DOOR to the ark. NOTE: None of them listened to Noah, but he persisted. If our government won't warn our citizens of this worldwide holocaust, will you help us do it?

In **Ezekiel 3** The Lord called Ezekiel to warn the people of Israel of their wickedness, and how Ezekiel would be the mouth of God to them. Then the Lord went on to say, "but they won't listen to you or Me, because they are impudent and hardhearted." vs.7. In verses 8, 9, The Lord promised Jeremiah He would make his head and face as hard as theirs. Then in vs. 9 the Lord told Jeremiah; "fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house." In verses 10 -12 The Lord said to Ezekiel; "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak

unto thee RECEIVE in thine heart and hear with thine ears. And GO, get thee to them...and tell them, THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD...whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

Do we truly believe God's requirements are diminished in some way for those He is calling today? Jesus said we must "Love Him with All our heart, soul, strength, minds. He also reminded us; "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance."

In **Ezekiel 3**, verses 18, 19, After calling Ezekiel, empowering, and sending him; the Lord clarified the danger of failing to obey His calling on Ezekiel. "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou GIVEST HIM NOT WARNING, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; <u>BUT HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THINE HAND</u>. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, <u>HE SHALL DIE IN HIS INIQUITY</u>; <u>BUT THOU HAST DELIVERED THY SOUL</u>."

Who said God's callings are OPTIONAL? "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is SIN!?"

Over forty years ago the Lord placed this message in my heart and in the natural I would have much rather had a call to teach on heaven. When I realized what happened to the first prophet in the New Testament that God gave this message to, (who later lost his head after a very short ministry.) I had to make a quality decision. I decided to obey, and He has never I tell people, "I wear underarm failed! deodorant and after shave lotion, and people still don't want to get near me. It must be something else! Many, who at one time wrote excitedly to me about my message and calling, suddenly experienced the ramifications of facing people with "strong foreheads," and they blinked. They have forgotten: "I am The Lord; I Change Not." Please continue to pray for C.P.R. Ministries. We would love for more of you to come back to what you once believed, and be a part of all the Lord has called us to do.

Edited Responses from those affected by the covenant marriage message:

Dear Brother Joseph,

PERSONAL LETTER: "G'day from Australia... and hallelujah for your timely book, "Till Death Do Us Part?" – so very relevant to our country's present spiritual condition...Exciting to hear how the Lord is using the internet, touching lives with couples repenting and exiting adulterous relationships- all praise to Him...Please pray for Australia! R,&B. P.

PERSONAL LETTER: Hi Joseph, beyond thankful for you and your wife's ministry. After talking to you last week, I ordered 12 of your "Divorce and Remarriage books, I am almost finished reading it. So much truth and great history along the way. I have listened to over 10 hours of your you tube teachings. I also just ordered 12 of your "Till Death Do Us Part?" books too...My adulterous partner of 24 years found your ministry and kept sharing it with me. I was not going to believe for a minute that God could not clean up this adulteress 2nd marriage with baptism and grace... We stopped sleeping together, touching each other and fornicating last week...He left yesterday to be with his parents...I moved to an apartment...so he can stay in the house as he runs his business...out of our shop on our acreage...

I have a business meeting this Friday with an adulteress and her adulterer; they are my friends. I will share the truth in love and know that it could cost me their business, however I care more about their eternity and obedience to God's word than being liked and I have to trust and believe that God is my provider. My faith and commitment is to serve God, and God alone, not mammon. Though it is scary, I have nothing under contract at the moment, and I move out this Thursday."

INTERNET: "Thank you, Joseph, for all you do to help your brothers and sisters in Christ walk out of this GREAT deception, great will be your reward in heaven, much persecution on this end I am sure. I am feeling it hard on my end, much isolation but God will never leave me nor forsake me."

<u>INTERNET:</u> "What this pastor is saying is biblical and true. It is encouraging to hear a pastor speaking this truth, there are so few. God bless him and his family."

From online: How I wish I could find a ministry like this with a pastor who teaches these biblical things and the importance of repentance here in Sweden. God to give me a husband who believes like this; then I can have my own church in my home.

INTERNET: "Amen and amen, glory to God for this message! God bless this man of God, his family and ministry and may he have a long life. I am so encouraged and thankful to you pastor that you are preaching God's word about this important subject. I have only heard from few others before in many years, but only you on you tube!"

NOTE: This next letter came to me from the sixteen year old granddaughter of one of the faithful young people I ministered to in my church in MN, in the 1960s. Her great grandparents were missionaries in Columbia, S.A., and her grandpa became a missionary in Columbia. S.A., and then in Spain. He and his wife had four sons. Months after my daughter and I visited them in Spain, her grandpa died suddenly with a heart attack. All four sons love the Lord, and this young lady is the oldest of 10 children. Pat and I were thrilled to visit their home several years ago and witness New Testament principles being practiced by her parents. This is why I was so thrilled to read this generational letter of faithfulness to teach "our children and our children's children." I trust you will be as blessed as I was to receive this 16 year old young lady's letter. Enjoy!

PERSONAL LETTER:

Dear Pastor Joe and Nanny Pat,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. During this coronavirus time we are doing well and staying busy reading our bibles, doing school, working in the garden, and doing farm chores...On March 26, I turned 16! It felt so grown up turning 16! I had a wonderful birthday, and my family made it so special.

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Several friends were very generous to send me money for my birthday, and I am pleased and honored to tell you that I am giving that money to you to support C.P.R. Ministries.

I am so thankful for the work you do through your ministry, telling people God's truth about divorce and remarriage. As you've told people, Pastor Joe. "It's not me telling you this; It's Jesus and Paul."

This topic has been an important one to me, and I am thankful that my parents have taught me the truth about it from the Bible and what you say in your books. I am always so sad to hear of another person committing adultery by entering into their second "marriage" etc. Also, I have known about your books for a long time and have been taught the concepts in them, but I am finally starting to read them for myself...Thank you for teaching the truth, and I hope and pray that my money will be used of the Lord to reach someone with this truth! (NOTE: This young lady sent ALL of her cash

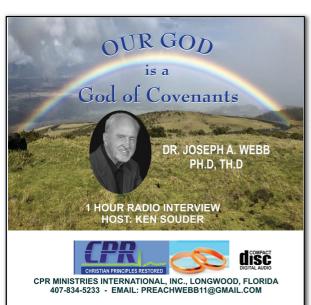
birthday gifts to C.P.R. to enable us to continue to reach out.)

I hope you both are well! "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace!" We sing this song every morning at breakfast. God is good! Love H. R. I love you!

NOTE: If any of you would like to send a birthday wish to this young lady, you can send it to C.P.R. and we will be glad to forward it to her. Young people like this need all the encouragement they can get. All of the 10 children have the same sweet spirit. Also, pray for H.R..

NOTE: The Spirit of God is touching lives way beyond what I could do in the flesh. Lives are being enlightened and redeemed. Rejoice with Pat and me. None of these testimonies could have ever happened without you supporting all we do, every month. We thank the Lord for each of you!

SPECIAL OFFER: NEW CD titled! "OUR GOD IS A GOD OF COVENANTS."



A New, one-hour radio interview CD will soon be available. It is titled: "Our God Is A God Of Covenants." This CD contains an uninterrupted one-hour teaching, explaining in detail, why we scripturally teach the permanence of the marriage covenant. In it I relate several new revelations that affirm this message, insights that are not in our books.

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We want to make this CD available, postage paid, to everyone who sends a minimum tax-deductible gift of \$25.00 to CPR Ministries this month. If you would like, we would be glad to send the CD to all others you think would profit from this complete teaching, for an additional \$25.00

each. If you include their addresses, we will mail them for you informing them of your gift to them.

Radio and Television interviews on this subject are few and far between in this day and age. We would encourage any who feel they would profit from this teaching to order yours today. This CD is a helpful tool in your arsenal, to teach others, who will teach others. We will look forward to hearing from you.

May our Lord Jesus, in this hour of international and personal stress not find us asleep in Gethsemane. AMEN!

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Prayer Requests

In this issue I am including some urgent prayer requests. Please ask the Lord how you should respond. Scripture says: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." NOTE: Those with the gift of administration will know what I mean.

1. Dr. Ed Ware; was a former officer in my last pastorate of twenty-three plus years, and he and his wife, Bonnie have been officers on the board of C.P.R. since its inception. Ed and His wife, Yvonne, have been a continuous blessing and encouragement to Pat and me for all these years. This couple are full of integrity and constantly ministering to others. They have been incredibly faithful to the Lord in every aspect of their lives from the first time we met them.

Ed had one of his kidneys removed several years ago due to a malignancy. He was just informed he has another tumor on his remaining kidney and is waiting to find out what his options might be. His last note said: "Being referred to several specialists." Please intercede in their behalf for the Lord's mercy.

<u>2.</u> Eva Poliquin, A school teacher and a dear sister in the Lord, who has been an energetic witness concerning the faithfulness of the Lord in her life, and a witness to the sufficiency of Jesus Christ to sustain her while she awaits the restoration to her covenant partner, has been

diagnosed with cancer, and has had to quit work. In the meantime, her bills and expenses of life go on and she is struggling to pay the basics each month.

Please pray for Eva, and if the Lord leads you to bless and encourage her with some support, to allow her to concentrate on her physical problems without extra financial stresses. This is scriptural concept, because Jesus said: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brother, you have done it unto me." If you would like to bless Eva, C.P.R. will be glad to receive your designated gift as a benevolent donation for tax purposes and forward it to her.

3. We also have at least a dozen other faithful supporters who have recently lost their partners in home going experiences. They know where their loved ones are, but they feel a great loss, and need your prayers. The Lord knows their names and addresses. Just ask Him to be very real to those faithful servants. Pat and I have both experienced this loss and can empathize with them. We also know there can be a life beyond any great loss. After 8 ½ years of walking alone while pastoring my church, I met Pat and in 15 days, we will be celebrating our My daily prayer was: "Thy anniversary. Kingdom come, Thy will be done." God can honor that prayer!

Quotes by

Leonard Ravenhill: Evangelist 1907-1994

"All you have to do is get in a closer walk with God and you'll find your enemies are in your own church."

"God is looking for people who will live recklessly for Him-not concerned with public opinion or preacher's opinion or preacher's opinions but becoming a loving bond slave of Jesus Christ."

"It is a tragedy when we try to prove our spirituality by things we don't do, rather than proving it by the things we do."

"All of God's great men have been very, very lonely men. The price of being a prophet is loneliness."

"The devil's substitute for joy is ENTERTAINMENT."

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