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## *A Letter from Pastor Marr*

Newsletter - August, 2009

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Dear Ones in Christ:

God is both a straight line and a circle. He is everything. It is no difficulty, pain or problem for Him to do anything and everything. We can simply turnover our circumstances, no matter however painful and difficult they can be. He knew your thoughts and needs even before you did and our God is faithful and keeps His promises. (1 Corinthians 1:9). What fools we are to let these concerns harm or even destroy us and our usefulness to Him.

God has recently been teaching me these things during some most difficult circumstances and at the same time relieving me of some of the pain I have suffered for so many months and even years. I urge you to simply turn your anger, rebellion, and resistance to man and God and believe Him for a new kind of life. Surrender your needs and cares on Him, for he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).

Be sure to read carefully and prayerfully the enclosed message "**The Church That Makes God Sick**". Thank you for your prayers for the ChristLife board and me and for your practical support to us. Your love is so deeply appreciated and so necessary. Please keep in touch with us regularly.

Lovingly in Christ Jesus, our Lord and soon-coming King,  
Pastor Marr

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All to Jesus, I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.  
Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896

*Proclaiming Christ Jesus All Sufficient Always in All Things to All Men Everywhere*

# *Judgment Begins WHERE?!?!*

*"For the time is come that JUDGMENT must begin at the HOUSE OF GOD: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17)*

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Dear Friend of ChristLife,

I was personally challenged by the message from Pastor Marr that was selected for this month! The message is entitled "**The Church That Makes God Sick**". It is a strong message and I would ask you to pray and seek God to reveal His heart to you as you read it.

God's judgment has begun **IN HIS HOUSE!** God wants His church to be without spot or wrinkle.

Ephesians 5:26-27 *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."*

How is God going to judge His house? In accordance with the Word of God!

How will God's people be cleansed? By the washing of the water by the Word of God!

## **Are we prepared to face God's house-cleaning judgment?**

One of the questions in the enclosed message is, "**What Do We Really Worship?**" I heard someone once say, "If you want to know what is top priority in a Christian's life... **LOOK at their CHECKBOOK!**"

Ask yourself, what does my checkbook say about me?

- \* How does your giving to **MISSIONS** compare to your cable TV bill?
- \* How about comparing your video library to your gifts towards **EVANGELISM?**
- \* What about the cost of your second vehicle compared to donations for **BIBLE DISTRIBUTIONS** or producing **CHRISTIAN LITERATURE?**

Luke 12:34 *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

Go get your checkbook... have a look at **WHERE YOUR HEART IS!**

"What Do We Really Worship?" is just one section of Pastor Marr's message for this mailing. Again, please pray and see what God wants to speak to your heart.

DON'T be condemned! BE convicted, by the Holy Spirit!

Love in Christ Jesus,  
Robert (Bob) Dallmann

*To God be All the Glory! He Alone is Worthy!*

# *The Church That Makes God Sick*

God can't stomach us much longer. The stench that reaches His nostrils from His sick church is more than He can bear.

He says, "*I will spue thee out of my mouth*" (Revelation 3:15a).

He once said it grieved Him at His heart that He had ever made man. He almost wiped out the whole human race as a result (Genesis 6).

He said of His Old Testament people, "*I am broken with their adulterous heart*" (or I am broken-hearted with their adultery) (Ezekiel 6:9). Most of them, including virtually all their leaders, were killed or carried away captive. And it's small wonder.

God takes our folly very seriously!

## **WHAT DO WE REALLY WORSHIP?**

Church is a game that we play at our convenience on Sunday and perhaps a few other specified times. It's our social club.

We say we attend the "worship service."

But our actions show what we worship.

Pleasure.

Popularity.

Possessions.

Prosperity.

The things of time and space take precedence over those of eternity.

## **DO WE CARE FOR THE LOST?**

We demonstrate that we don't really believe in an eternal hell of perpetual pain and suffering by our unconcern for the lost souls all around us. We men are more likely to take a second (and third, and fourth) look at the figure of a shapely woman than we are to contemplate the destiny of her eternal soul.

When it comes right down to it, we really are more concerned for what poor, lost, damned and doomed souls around us think of us than we are for the certainty of their eternal damnation unless someone reaches them with the love of Christ.

## **WHAT PRIORITY REPLACES OUR GOD?**

We neglect fellowship with our lovely Lord for television, excessive and expensive eating, and purchasing and playing with our toys.

We haven't time for Him. Nor even for His Word. . . His love letter to us. But we have lots of time to waste gobbling up often useless information in newspapers, magazines, books and web-sites.

We may find time to read Christian books, and yet when we get together with our friends find we can share only the emptiness and futility of our empty hearts, empty because not filled with Him.

## **WE ARE GUILTY OF IDOLATRY AND ADULTERY**

Yes, we worship pleasure, popularity, possessions, and prosperity in place of Him. The Lord calls this covetousness and idolatry.

Listen to what He says: "*Covetousness . . . is idolatry*" (Colossians 3:5), and, "*this we KNOW, that no . . . covetous man (who is an idolater) hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*" (Ephesians 5:5).

The Lord calls it adultery. We are engaged to be married to our one true husband who has already paid to buy us back

from our slavery to sin by His own terrible, awesome suffering and death on our behalf. And we repay His love and loyalty by casting aside our engagement with Him to engage in an endless orgy of liaisons with the world and the flesh. (See Ezekiel 16).

### **GOD WILL JUDGE**

*"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men; woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 29:13; 30:1a).*

*"Will ye . . . walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?" (Jeremiah 7:9c, 10).*

*"Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, by which ye have transgressed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"*

### **"WE DON'T FEAR GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON OUR SIN**

A sure sign of our idolatry, adultery, and separation from God is how little we are affected by His threat of divine judgment.

It was not Old Testament Israel He threatened to spew out of His mouth, but the church of Laodicea that was rich and had need of nothing - just like yours perhaps? A church that more accurately described was, in fact, "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

Yes, he promised first to chasten them in love, but His command to them was to repent, to agree with His awesome condemnation of their awful sin and separation from Him, to hate the sin and love the Savior, and to turn from it to Him.

For the people of the church of Sardis he reserved a not-so-veiled threat to blot their names out of the book of life itself.

What a shame that for many of us our theology takes the teeth out of the threat!

### **WILL WE AWAKE AND REPENT?**

What will it take for God to wake us from our sleep?

If He is "giving you a hard time" circumstantially, bow in gratitude that He has not abandoned you to your folly but is trying to get your attention at last.

May we repent.

May we begin at last to put Him first in our hearts and with our time.

He's coming soon to require a report on our stewardship.

Are you ready?

In the meantime, our Savior stretches out His nail pierced hands in love, beckoning us to find in Him our life, our joy, our peace, our All.

Oh, my dear one, run into those arms. Rest on that breast. Be swallowed up in His love. Be refreshed and renewed in peace as you seek His face in love day by day.

Pastor Ron Marr

*Jesus Christ - the King of kings and Lord of lords!*

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*Great is Thy Faithfulness!*