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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT IS THE STANDARD?"

PM - TODD CLIPPARD - "WHAT IS MARRIAGE?"

MONDAY - ANDY KIZER - "WHAT DOES MATTHEW 19:9 TEACH?"

TUESDAY - VANCE HUTTON - "WHAT ABOUT THE PAULINE PRIVILEGE?"

WEDNESDAY - JAMES WILLCUTT - "DOES BAPTISM MAKE AN ADULTEROUS MARRIAGE RIGHT?"

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WILL BE NOV 3-6 AT 7 PM EACH EVENING

WE WILL HOST THE 1ST SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING TODAY AT 2 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 4: Kenneth Windham

7: Sandra Hunt & Chris Robbins

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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WHAT IS THE STANDARD?

(John 12:48)

I. There _____ to be a standard.

- A. If there is no standard in religious matters, complete _____ is the only other alternative.
- B. This means that there would be no _____ answer to any question.
- C. God _____ that mankind be saved but mankind has to come to God in His way (Luke 6:46).
 - 1. If subjectivism were true, all could call Jesus Lord while doing what they _____.
 - 2. All they would have to do is _____ terms their own way.

II. There are _____ standards.

- A. My _____, or yours, or anyone's, are not the true standard.
 - 1. The _____ to this is found in Proverbs 16:25.
 - 2. If we are right with God we will feel good, but it is a feeling based on _____ of God's will.
- B. A person's _____ is not the true standard.
- C. _____ or _____ in the night aren't true standards.
- D. _____ is not the true standard.
 - 1. Jeremiah 10:23 lets us know this is _____.
 - 2. We aren't to lean on our own _____ (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- E. In reality, _____ that is not God's word is not a true standard.

III. The _____ is the only objective standard.

- A. The Bible is the only objective standard because it is from _____.
- B. All other books are _____.
- C. The Bible is _____ making it infallible (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- D. _____ comes from God.
- E. God gave this authority to _____ (Matthew 28:18-20).
- F. Jesus delegated this authority to the _____.
 - 1. Jesus _____ them the Father's words (John 17:8).
 - 2. He had promised them that they would come _____ the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; Acts 1:5-8).
- G. The apostles were inspired to write down the _____ words from Christ.
- H. Since the death and resurrection of Jesus, man has lived under the _____ (Hebrews 9:15-17; 10:9).

I Still Believe in Marriage **Neal Pollard**

Marriage matters are continuously in the news. One of the top entertainment news stories of the week involves the pending marriage of Prince William to Kate Middleton on April 29, 2011. News stories about gay marriage regularly pepper the newsprint and online media outlets, from Prop 8 to "don't ask, don't tell," to any number of such stories.

But, a particular "news item" on marriage really grabbed me. A Time/Pew research poll of 2,691 adults found that 40 percent of Americans believe that marriage is becoming obsolete. Apparently, a similar poll conducted in 1978 found that just 28 percent had such feelings about marriage at that time. Forty-four percent of those ages 18-29 saw marriage as obsolete, while 32 percent of those 65 and older felt the same. Besides the young, those who had so high a percentage of skepticism about marriage included the uneducated and the poor. In 1960, 72 percent of all adults were married. Today, that number is at 52 percent.

People can debate whether or not the pool of the polled was skewed or fairly selected or why people responded as they did, but I am undeterred. I still believe in marriage. Marriage was still the first institution created by God (Gen. 2:18-24). Marriage is still the best way to learn the finesse of communication and interpersonal relationships, including negotiation, team-building, and shared success. Where else can intimacy be more fully experienced than in a lifetime, monogamous relationship where the layers of complexity and interest are only multiplied through the days and years of life together?

Marriage creates fellow heirs of the grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7). Marriage creates greater self-esteem, self-confidence, self-image, and self-identity, when both partners strive to live it out according to the pattern (cf. Eph. 5:22-32).

I am certain that my positive image of marriage is prejudiced by my 18-plus years of experience with it. But, I believe in it despite the bumps and bruises that are inevitable on such an exciting journey. My spouse is imperfect. But, my spouse's spouse is really imperfect. Too many may have lost faith in marriage due to some poor examples of it. No doubt the preaching of the culture seeks to dissuade rather than persuade people to participate in traditional marriage, as God outlines it. Doing the will of God, following His pattern for anything, including relationships, will never be obsolete!

