

THE CHALLENGE

Lu 10:27, 37b “Go, and Do thou Likewise.”

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How Important is my Relationship with the Brethren?

Can a born-again believer hate other believers?

Dr. Craig Scott

What if someone said, “Pastor Scott, I am a believer, but I can’t stand being around church people?”

Let us consider the core of the issue: Is it possible to be a born-again believer and not love the brethren? Is it possible that a truly born-again believer doesn’t desire to be in fellowship with other believers?

On Wednesday nights we have been studying John’s first epistle. He gives three tests to see if a person is authentic – a truly born-again believer.

The first test is the **moral test** or the **test of obedience** (1 John 2:3-6). The Apostle John makes it clear that the new birth is evidenced by obedience to God’s commands (v3). On the other hand, if a person says he knows the Lord yet has no desire to obey Him, **“he is a liar** and the truth is not in him” (v 4). Further, John says that if a person claims to abide in Christ, his lifestyle will be consistent with the lifestyle of Jesus. He ought to walk even as He walked (v 6). The writer of Hebrews exhorts us to “provoke” each other to love and good works, and says this is accomplished by “assembling ourselves together” (Heb 10:24-25). Someone who “can’t stand being around church people” should examine his heart to determine whether he is truly born again.

The second test is the **social test**, or the **test of love** (1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-21). Scripture says a genuine relationship with God is manifested by a love for those for whom Christ died. Hatred and a vindictive spirit toward others are replaced by sincere love for the brethren. John says that someone who claims he is a believer without evidence of love is still walking in darkness – is not truly born again (1 John 2:9; 3:11). In addition to the evidence of love, 1 John 1:7 states that another of the evidences of walking in the light is that we have **fellowship** one with another. In sharp contrast, John says that one of the ways we know a person is **not truly a part of the body of Christ** is that he turns his back on the fellowship of believers (1 John 2:19). In fact, he tells us that one way a person can know for sure that he is in a right relationship with the Father is that he has a desire not only to love in word and in tongue but in “deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). According to these verses, our fictitious person has failed the test.

The third test is the **test of truth** (1 John 2:18-27). A man must believe right to be right. Put another way, his spiritual life will evidence Biblical thought, action and opinions. His relationship with God is attached to truth. John says emphatically that anyone who denies Christ denies the Father, and is deluded by lies (v 22). It is impossible to live in truth and falsehood simultaneously (v 21). Therefore, the life of a true believer is evidenced by a lasting relationship to the body – a continued, sustained dwelling with other believers for the purpose of fellowship and obedience to the Word.

This begs the question: does a believer’s relationship with others affect his relationship with God? In context, 1 John 3:19-21 seems to say that if a Christian does not sincerely and actively seek a right relationship with others he will be unsettled in his heart. He will have no peace, agreement, confidence, or assurance in his heart. Even more, the unregenerate man has no real fellowship with either the Father or the body. We must ask: is our pretend questioner truly born again?

Based on these passages there are some questions I need to ask myself:

- Do I embrace association with other believers, or do I shun fellowship at church?
- Is there evidence of godly love toward born-again believers in my life, or do I harbor ill feelings toward the body?
- Is my heart aligned with the truth of God’s Word, or do I delude myself and ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit toward true reconciliation with God?



Music questions for Pastor Troy:

Pastor Troy, what are some of the key issues with Contemporary Christian Music [Christian pop/rock]?

Part 1 of a thorough answer...

Though this is by no means a complete list, I have narrowed this broad question down to six areas: 1) an error of the function of music in worship, 2) a misunderstanding about the true persuasion of music, 3) the noticeable weaknesses of the published texts, 4) slick marketing and packaging, placing emphasis on the individual performer rather than the message, 5) a performance style which places emphasis on the performer rather than the message, and 6) a misunderstanding of the nature of true worship.

While reviewing the above list the thought dawned on me that while these were clear troubles with the CCM music movement, they were also very real problems in our conservative Fundamental churches as well. Therefore, my proposal for this article is quite simple: The greatest threat to the music programs in our Fundamental churches is not represented by the CCM movement; rather, the real threat is found in our own misunderstanding and misapplication of these same six issues.

A. Music and Its Purpose

When we think of music and its use, we, of course, would agree that its prime purpose is to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31). We can agree that the current emphasis on music as entertainment is wrong and unbiblical. We don't follow the line of thinking that concludes that the sole purpose of music is to evangelize. We can also resolve that while music can serve a horizontal (man to man) purpose, the main direction of our music is vertical (man to God) with the audience of our music being God Himself. While we publicly affirm these truths, the question must be asked, "Then what do we practice?"

If music is indeed an act of worship, and if we offer it directly to God, then with what seriousness should we approach it in our services? Do we sing hymns to "fill time," or to seat latecomers, or to get the ushers down the aisle? Do we approach God with our singing in the same attitude in which we approach Him with our prayers? Do we regard the power of praise and the potential that it has for our people? (Ps. 50:23: Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me.) What I am getting at is that while we say we don't evangelize or entertain with our music, are we actively seeking to glorify God with our music? Do we really regard God as our audience?

The Dollar Bill

A well worn dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty arrived at the bureau of Engraving and Printing to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to the shredder they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life", the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise from Miami."

"Wow!, said the single, "you really have gotten around. So tell me", says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

"Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, Assembly of God Church, the Brethren Church, the United Church of Christ...."

And the twenty says, "What's a church?"

Ministries



Freedom Disciple Ministries

Many people in our country are enslaved to bad habits. Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, food, immorality, television. The list is endless. People may have tried for years to break free from these strongholds, all to no avail. At our Freedom meetings, we find out the truth from the Bible about how we can have lasting freedom. **John 8:31** says, **“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** We meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. here at Woodside Baptist Church. We have prayer, singing, and testimonies. We learn from the Word of God how we are assured complete victory and freedom from from any bad habits. God’s Word is our guarantee. **“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” John 8:36.**

If you or anyone you know struggles with addictions, we would love for you to come visit with us. We want to do everything we can to love you and help you on your road to success. Come meet with people who will support you and who know exactly what you are going through. Each meeting is concluded with a free meal. We hope to see you there.

Ladies Ministry

A Quilting Bee is going on! Tuesday Nights a group of the ladies are making quilts. I think they are taking the easy way out (They use sewing machines). They have some unique designs that they have put together with just 3 different pieces of material. Chris Green is leading this endeavor and from the chattering and the late hours - these ladies are having **FUN**.

What’s next for the ladies - Wait and See.



Church Humor

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, “I’m not going.”

“Why not?”, she asked. I’ll give you two good reasons,” he said. “One, they don’t like me, and two, I don’t like them.” His mother replied, “I’ll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church. (1) You’re 59 years old, and (2) you’re the pastor!”

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town’s annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. “This baked ham is really delicious,” the priest teased the rabbi. “You really ought to try it. I know it’s against your religion, but I can’t understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don’t know what you’re missing. You just haven’t lived until you’ve tried Mrs. Hall’s prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?” The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, “At your wedding.”

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. “Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely. “The front row please,” she answered. “You really don’t want to do that,” the usher said. “The pastor is really boring.” “Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired. “No,” he said. “I’m the pastor’s mother,” she replied indignantly. “Do you know who I am?” he asked. “No.” she said. “Good,” he answered.

Adult Classes

Six Purposes & Principles in the Marriage Relationship

Family Life Class



1. Companionship

The companionship of marriage is the one of the great enjoyments of life. It is evident when both can say, “My partner is my best friend.” It is a level of relationship some couples never achieve.

Companion: Latin, with bread, someone with whom you break bread. The breaking of bread in the Scriptures symbolizes a covenant relationship.

Principle: marriage oneness – Genesis 2:24

God’s design of marriage is the complete unity of man and wife. This design includes oneness of spirit, oneness of soul, and oneness in the physical relationship. In order to achieve the highest intimacy at the physical level, each partner must strive for oneness of spirit and oneness of soul.

If one were to describe the priority of drives in a couple consistency achieving real intimacy, the spirit will be seen as dominant, the soul in harmony with the spirit, and the physical under control. With these inner drives in order in both husband and wife, the spirit of the marriage will remain strong even if the soul and body become incompatible.

If a couple achieves the best possible physical relationship, they may yet experience only a small and distorted part of what God intended for marriage companionship. If they enjoy the best physical and psychological oneness, they can still have a relationship that falls short of total intimacy.

On the other hand, if a couple comes together in a oneness of spirit, each partner is free to demonstrate love by giving to the other’s needs. Then if for some medical or physical reason they are not able to express physical intimacy, they can still give to each other’s needs.

How is the spirit of a marriage developed?

As the partners come closer to the Lord, they come closer to each other’s spirit. For this reason, it is essential that each partner maintain an intimate fellowship and communion with the Lord and also that they come together in daily times of family altar and/or couple’s prayer/Bible study. In this way a couple is “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” and then everything else will be added unto them. cf. Psalm 84:11

Adult Classes

Welcome to the Homebuilders Class!

You're invited to attend this newest addition to the Woodside Baptist Church Sunday school program. We are a diverse group of people varying in age from early 30's to late 40's. Our main purpose is to provide biblical teaching on a variety of topics including the marriage relationship, raising children and teens and issues related Christian living with an emphasis on practical application. We also offer well organized activities as a class centered on fun, food and fellowship for couples as well as activities the whole family can enjoy.

Currently we are going through a series entitled: Imitate, Infiltrate and Annihilate, How Satan is dividing destroying the Christian home, and what you can do about it. Come and join us after the morning service on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall, you won't be disappointed!



Actual Church Signs

1. Free Trip to heaven. Details inside!
2. Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
3. Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
4. Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one! (Ouch!)
5. A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed"
6. People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.
7. God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.
8. Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!
9. When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. he came out all right!
10. Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday
11. Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily
12. How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Nonsmoking?
13. Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives
14. Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world
15. It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
16. Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church
17. If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again
18. Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon
19. This is a CH_ _ CH What is missing? UR
20. Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
21. In the dark? Follow the Son
22. Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up
23. If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Opportunities

God's using Tommy Hinojos

When I heard about Brianna's testimony about Zambia, it inspired me to want to go to Africa on a mission trip. I thought to myself how cool that would be. I had difficulty on my mission trip in Mexico, due to my wheelchair; so I thought it would be impossible to go to Africa. BJ Shultz also gave a testimony about going to Africa so it was constantly in my mind. I got excited about going myself; that would be so awesome. I prayed, but thought there could be no way I could go to Africa as a missionary. Because I was disabled and in a wheelchair, I took that idea out of my mind and decided it would be impossible to go to Africa.

Then, several months later, I received an email from a disability safari travel company based out of Kenya. They googled my disability travel website, and were discussing how to work together. They gave me three options: I could email past clients and talk with them about their safari's, or contact a writer who was writing a book about them, or I could fly to that part of the world and see for myself. I picked option number three to fly down there and see for myself.

The travel company that contacted me said they'd put down \$3K towards my trip (I would have to cover the rest of the cost), and said that we would need to start making plans. They said they'd set me up in lodges, hotels, bed/breakfasts on safari's so I can assess the disability accessibility there. This company also had me talking to their clients and staff members of two other disability organizations.

This company asked me that if they set up a meeting with the people who live in the bush, if I'd be willing to speak to the parents of the children that are disabled in three to five different tribes. Some of the people in the bush still chain their kids up because they think of disability as something evil. They think epilepsy is witchcraft.

I feel God has opened up a door of opportunity for me to speak to people in Kenya about disability. I will be also passing out tracts, and I am planning on attending a church out there at least once. I'm still trying to find out where the church is; I don't want to be high-jacked and sent to a Muslim church!

I found this to be a huge platform in missions for disability. I can now witness abroad as well as in the states. I've been given an extra opportunity to minister to disabled people to the ends of the earth.

I've now been inspired to start my own non profit dealing with disability travelers. I will be assessing destinations and will be giving scholarships to certain disability individuals, which will in turn, allow me to minister to the disability population around the world.

I don't feel like I'm disabled. I feel God knew what He was doing and has allowed me to reach people with disabilities. I feel I'm disabled because I can better serve Him that way. I'm in the mind set, of understanding that you're here for a reason. To serve Him. And **that** is my main priority.

John 9:1-3

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.



Teens and Children



Colorado Invitational Quizzing Tournament

CI 2008 Results

Elite Division

1st Place - Calvary (Florida)

2nd Place - Faith (South Carolina)

3rd Place - Heritage Mission 1 (New York)

Division II

1st Place - Pleasant View JV (Kentucky)

2nd Place - Heritage Mission JV (New York)

3rd Place - Scripture Baptist JV (New Mexico)

Woodside Baptist Church hosted the Colorado Invitational Quizzing Tournament Feb 15th and 16th. There were 24 teams, 15 in the Elite/Sr Hi Division and 9 in the Division II/Jr Hi group. This tournament has grown each year. We had teams from 10 states competing. The building was filled to overflowing with 140+ quizzers and coaches, plus all the support staff of quizmasters, recorders, runners, cooks, servers and technical support teams. The quizzing was great and the food was great too. You won't want to miss next year. Thanks to all those who donated food and time to the Tournament to make it a success.

Teams

Elite Division

- Calvary (Florida)
- Capitol City (Texas)
- Faith (South Carolina)
- Falls Baptist (Wisconsin)
- Heritage Mission 1 (New York)
- Heritage Mission 2 (New York)
- Mukwanago (Wisconsin)
- Open Door (Florida)
- Park Ave (Nebraska)
- Pleasant View (Kentucky)
- Scripture Baptist (New Mexico)
- Tri-City (Colorado)
- Tri-City (Missouri)
- Truth (Florida)
- Woodside (Colorado)

Division II (Place in Parallel with Elite Division)

- Heritage (Nebraska)
- Heritage Mission JV (New York)
- Park Ave JV (Nebraska)
- Pear Park JH (Colorado)
- Pleasant View (Kentucky)
- Scripture Baptist JV (New Mexico)
- Tri-City JV1 (Missouri)
- Tri-City JV2 (Missouri)
- Woodside JH (Colorado)

Calvary of Florida and Faith (Dr. Borkerts Team) of South Carolina set the bar high in the competition by beating out Pleasant View from Kentucky who had not lost until the final rounds.

Special Note: Jono Parker place 8th in the Individual Scoring for Division II.

Want some SUPERBOWL Intensity more than once a year? Come and watch the Bible quizzing – It will keep you on the edge of your seat. Pictures of this Tournament and more info on Future Tournaments can be found on the Website at www.woodsidebaptist.org.

Good News and Service Schedule

Good News!

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9 The Bible says there is only one way to heaven, and that is through Jesus Christ: Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6

If you have never trusted Jesus Christ to be your Savior, here is a simple prayer that you can pray to be saved:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin and I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

Service Schedule

Sunday: **8:00 am** * 1st Sunday School Hour for Ladies, Singles, Discipleship, David, & Bible Doctrines Class
 9:00 am Men's Prayer
 9:30 am *☐ Morning Worship Service
 11:00 am * 2nd Sunday School Hour for Children, Youth, Conquerors, Homebuilders, & Family Life Class
 4:30 pm Choir Practice (time subject to change) / Junior Bible Quizzing, 4th - 6th grades
 5:00 pm Bible Quiz Team, Jr./Sr. High
 5:20 pm Primary/Junior Choir Practice
 5:30 pm Men's Prayer Meeting
 6:00 pm *☐ Evening Service

Tuesday: **7:00 pm** Visitation

Wednesday: **4:30 pm** Youth Outreach
 7:00 pm Adult Prayer Meeting / Worship Service *
 AWANA for children **
 Youth Service
 **AWANA runs concurrent with School year; the Summer Program begins shortly thereafter.

Friday: **9:00 am** * Woodside Baptist School, Fall & Spring Semesters

* Nursery provided, where indicated

☐ Interpretation for the deaf available, where indicated