

## **Mahon: Kenya Dispatch #11 09.26.07 - "Establishing Ministers In Sound Doctrine?"**

Pictures:

1\_Dan instructs pastors on the great doctrines of salvation. One of the most consistent attacks is that of the doctrine of the Security of the Believer. Dan clearly and fearlessly presented this doctrine to pastors who came to hear the truth not the winds of false doctrine.

2\_ Joe instructs the next generation of Navigator staff established in sound doctrine as he here expounds on the doctrine of the Blood of Christ, once so central in our hymns and now almost never mentioned.

3\_The current generation of Nairobi pastors established in sound doctrine and as a result are protected for every wind of doctrine which fills the airwaves and internet.

4\_Rev. Mahon - "I am not ashamed of the gospel..." If I sink or if I swim let it be with "Christ and Him crucified" If my ministry must stumble in the eyes of men let it be on this Corner Stone, the great doctrines of grace.

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I. The good name of the head of our family

II. Speaking up boldly and clearly as it pertains to Christ

III. Not Ashamed of the Gospel - not only proclamation but also content

IV. Applied in Nairobi - Pastor's Doctrine Conference

V. Prayer Requests. Please claim...

A. Romans 1:16 & 17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." That we would not be found wanting in either our boldness or our doctrine.

B. Mark 8:38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." That we would be ashamed neither of Christ nor His Word.

C. Titus 1:9 "holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict." That the pastors, staff and leaders would be equipped and emboldened to hold fast the sound doctrines of Christ and salvation while refuting those who contradict.

D. Ephesians 4:14-15 "As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ," That as a result of this weeks ministry pastors, ministers and staff would find a new stability and foundation in the great doctrines of grace and that they would no longer be tossed here and there by every wind of doctrine.

E. 1 Tim 4:1 "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons," Pray especially for spiritual protection that their faith would rest on the Word of God and not spiritism, apparitions and other so called signs.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Revelation 19:7-9

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

You could not be more excited, this year it is your turn to host the family Christmas party. You finally get to show off the home and family which bear your name and of which you are so proud. You have spared no expense in the lavish banquet prepared for your extended family. The time and emotion that has gone into this celebration, this banquet table is incalculable. Then you hear instructions being given to your wife by the other family members - they are happy to meet in your home but would prefer if she kept you in the background. All sorts of things are being attributed to you. Things you did not say, you are being quoted as saying. Things which you most certainly did say were being denied. Your character, your lineage, even the parentage of your children are being openly discussed. What are your feelings as your wife begins to take to heart the mild rebukes and corrections of her family - "Why do we have to disagree"; "Why can't we all get along"; "It is a shame you have to make such an issue over this"; "We have so many things in common, lets just not talk about him, OK?". What would your feelings be, what emotions would run through your heart as your bride took to heart these mild rebukes and agreed to keep you in the background and to not bring you up except in a passing manner during the family gathering? That each person there could say or believe anything they wanted to about you, in your presence and in the presence of your family while your wife sat passively by and said nothing "for the sake of

family unity".

Unbelievable - yes; yet this is exactly what is taking place in many circles today as it pertains to the great doctrines of Christ, of Christ's work of salvation and of what the great Baptist minister Charles Spurgeon called, "The Doctrines of Grace". It would be the height of irony for a bride who has taken her husband's name, for children who have taken their fathers name, who live in a home provided by that very husband and father - to then listen, to acquiesce to half truths concerning him, to even agree to not mention him nor his uniqueness in family gatherings. How much more is it the height of irony that Christians, people called by the name of Christ, should be willing to lay aside and not discuss the great doctrines of Christ's salvation for the sake of "family" unity- "Why do we have to disagree"; "Why can't we all get along"; "It is a shame you have to make such an issue over this"; "We have so many things in common, lets just not talk about Him, OK?". How this must grieve our Savior as we humbly agree to these conditions by our "family".

You may or may not be surprised at the number of times when I am out of town speaking, that before I give my sermon, a whisper in the ear, a time aside and in hushed tones I am informed... "There are Church of Christ here" (The complete work of Christ on the cross; baptismal regeneration; salvation by faith alone and not by works; the security of the believer)  
"There are Pentecostals here" (The pre-existence of Christ; The Incarnation of Christ; Christ as the third member of the Trinity; the sufficiency of Christ at the point of salvation)  
"There are Catholics here" (The sole mediatorial role of Christ; the complete work of Christ's blood on the cross; the provision on the cross of Christ's righteousness; the one time shedding of Christ's blood on the cross for all times)

The list goes on. If there is any one thing about which Christians should speak up boldly. If there is any one thing that should cause our righteous love and righteous indignation to show forth in full light of day - it should be the name, person and work of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our response should be as unflinching and loyal as any Bride to her Bridegroom. Yet among the church today there is far too often the feeling of, "Lets not squabble about the details of Christ when we can all join in Bibles study, praise, fellowship and prayer." Lest we forget - Mormons give themselves diligently to spiritual disciplines, the Mormon tabernacle choir regularly sings hymns and praise songs making millions in doing so, (this Christmas season the airwaves will again be filled with the praises of Mormons); Mormons are known for their fellowship, Mormons study the Bible, Mormons distribute the Bible for free spending millions on TV and radio ads each year; Mormons pray - the list goes on, Jehovah Witnesses, Christian Science, a plethora of cults and sects, we can get along with them all

as long as we practice Christian disciplines and Christian civility without making a big deal about what we specifically believe about Christ.

God the Holy Spirit exhorts us in Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Here two important truths are revealed

First: We are not to be ashamed of the gospel - not being ashamed is usually interpreted as proclamation, speaking out about Christ. But it also means content, the message of the gospel, the great doctrines of Christ, salvation and grace.

Second: In it the righteousness of God is revealed. Why is this so important? Because it touches on the very nature of God and our salvation. Apart from a correct understanding of who Christ is, what His work was on the cross and how that is accepted and received by faith - the righteousness of God imputed to us by faith is impossible. Salvation is impossible apart from a correct understanding of the person and work of Christ.

That is why I am so excited about this past week and the ministry of teaching and instruction in sound doctrine as carried out by the Houston team. They taught in the Navigator new staff institute where the next generation of Navigator staff were instructed in sound doctrine, they met in small groups and in Bible studies where the next generation of lay leadership was instructed in sound doctrine and then they taught at a pastors doctrine conference where pastors from a broad spectrum of churches and denominations heard clearly the sound doctrines of grace.

How I praise God for your fervent and effectual prayers which enabled these men to speak and teach with boldness the great doctrines of faith. They were "not ashamed of the gospel" as they spoke on subjects such as Depravity, Grace, Mercy, Imputation, Substitution, Regeneration, Reconciliation, The Blood of Christ, Eternal Security, Faith, Justification, Sanctification and more. Many of their talks came from J. D. Pentecost's book Things Which Become Sound Doctrine and I praise God for the diligence with which they read, studied and memorized the Word of God in preparation for this conference.

Not only this, their study bore fruit as during the week a number of men with whom they shared their testimony received Christ. In fact the week ended with a bang as Benton Nickles lead Frances, our driver to Christ as he took us to the airport. I have shared Christ many times in the past

with Francis but this night was a time of reaping, not sowing. As Benton lead him in a prayer of repentance and salvation, as I sat in the back seat and prayed silently, Francis prayed out loud, publicly before us, a prayer of salvation through faith in Christ. Tears of parting changed to tears of praise as the news spread among the team waiting to go through security at the Nairobi airport.

This week finds us in the midst of the ministry. By your prayers we will be found faithful. We will not be found to be ashamed of the Gospel - neither in proclamation nor in content. In both we will be found to be unwavering. May the Bride of Christ be found to be unashamed of the Bridegroom our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when He gathers us at His banquet table. May we one and all proclaim to Him, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

As always we minister by the grace of God and by the effectual prayers of you our prayer warriors.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

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Nairobi, Kenya - where by the grace of God and your prayers at the return of the Bridegroom we will not be found wanting as it pertains to the gospel of Christ.



**Picture One**



**Picture Two**



**Picture Three**



**Picture Four**