

Minister's Message – August 2010

Commitment

'I guess we are living in sin' the young lady said after coming to church for a few weeks. She was coming with a man she had been living with for some years. Although all her friends were living with their 'partner' outside of marriage she realized this was wrong in the sight of God. From reading the Bible she understood that God ordained marriage, and that marriage involves commitment to man to be his wife 'till death do us part'. That commitment is made before God and before public witnesses. It is a legal commitment in our society. This young lady is now married in the eyes of God and under the law of our land.

We might think a person who understands the law would understand how important it is that this most intimate of human relationships is carefully protected under the laws of our land. One might think that a person promoting family values would understand that families need protection under the law and that two people living together in a non-binding relationship affords little protection to children or to society as a whole.

Did God ordain marriage only for those who believe in him? In the beginning God made human beings male and female. He said 'a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh' (Genesis 2:24). What God intended for a man and his wife is very clear. Marriage is a 'creation ordinance', by which is meant it is for the human race. In all societies men and women enter into marriage publicly and legally. Marriage and the family unit form the basis of human society the world over.

Our prime minister declares she is an atheist but that does not give her the right to ignore a creation ordinance. 'What I do in my life is my own business' she says. But we face the prospect of the prime minister's residence being occupied by two people living in sin, according to the young lady who came to the church. Our prime minister champions the family and family values but what is the message she gives from her own life. A man and a woman living together without any public or legal commitment to one another is okay it seems.

We have never had a perfect prime minister and we never will. No doubt many sins have been committed in the prime minister's residence, but never before have we had a person who shuns marriage as the current 'unelected' prime minister does. Young women in our society are encouraged to emulate this lady in her attainment of such high office. Are they to also emulate her disdain for the sacred institution of marriage?

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