

## **No-contact ruling applied by one of the WCG split-off groups**

~ **“unbiblical”**

~ **“strikes at the heart of the gospel message”**

~ **“attacks the family institution”**

~ **“shameful”**

One of the WCG split-off groups has for years been implementing a harsh no-contact ruling on individuals and families that leave their organization. This ruling states that members within the group must avoid all contact with those who have left, or have been kicked out of the group. Scriptures have erroneously been quoted by this group to support this man-made decision.

In this short article, we will uncover a shameful Biblical crime being committed by brethren against brethren, which is inspired by the adversary to bring about disunity among God’s people!

Let us begin by stating that the family is the Kingdom of God in embryo. This has been proven in countless articles and booklets using God’s Word as the authority. The physical family is made up of father, mother, children, grandparents etc., and the spiritual family is made up of baptized members within the Church. Certainly, the family is a sacred institution ordained by God. All will agree with this basic Biblical truism.

We shall take this a step further. The Gospel message, which Jesus Christ preached, is the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. It should therefore be obvious that if the family is the Kingdom of God in embryo, then family is at the heart of the Gospel message! Family is of top priority to God! It is the institution through which God is reproducing Himself. We repeat: the physical family is a sacred institution ordained by God, which is fashioned after the God Family. It is the Kingdom of God *in embryo!* Meditate on these profound statements and understand the depth of that which is being stated. Also think about the destructive effects of this unbiblical no-contact ruling on the family, both physical and spiritual, given the fact that family is the heart of the gospel.

This man-made no-contact ruling has next to no boundaries. As a result of the unbiblical application of this ruling, individuals within the group cut off all contact with family, friends and loved ones if and when they decide to leave the group for whatever reason. Families and friends are instantly and shamelessly rejected and abandoned. In the process, they are ripped apart regardless of the obvious negative, destructive and appalling repercussions on all concerned; a total disrespect to scriptures which call for unity, love and outgoing concern for others.

The ruling has little to no respect for the institution of marriage and family. When applied, there is no contact between parents and ex-member children, children and ex-member parents, grandparents and ex-member grandchildren and so on. Known cases include unbiblical separation, divorce and remarriage. Families are destroyed; friendships shattered. A total fiasco based on Satan's system of division, disunity and confusion (1 Cor. 14:33)!

Having built a strong barrier around them, this group is suppressing part of a vital commission given to His people by Almighty God! God tells His people to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:15-16). This is one way of preaching the gospel message. Yet, instead of allowing their lights to shine to supposed (spiritual) family members, this group prefers to throw family out 'to the wolves'.

Here is the shameful Biblical crime: As already reminded, the Gospel is a message about the coming Kingdom of God. Family = the Kingdom of God in embryo! **The destruction that unscrupulously takes place with the application of the no-contact ruling applied by this WCG split-off group is attacking and destroying the heart of God's Gospel message!** This unbiblical ruling, inspired by the adversary, is a disgraceful and shameful act aimed at destroying the message Christ came to deliver. It is destroying the very foundation of the Kingdom of God! Truly a treasonous affair inspired by the adversary!

Now is the time to wake up, stop supporting a man-made ruling, eliminate pride and vanity, and return to the Truth once delivered to His Church through the Head and His founding apostles.

It is true that Romans 16:17-18 tells us to "**mark them which cause divisions and offences *contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve* not our Lord Jesus Christ, but **their own belly** [*their own flesh*] ...". God's Word tells us to avoid those that serve their own belly (or their own flesh). What exactly is this referring to?**

What exactly is the doctrine being referred to in the above scripture? Is this not referring to the "do's and don'ts" which were given to the Church at its foundation? This is *exactly* what scripture is referring to, and it is provable from many scriptures in the Bible. Notice just one example from the many:

"But **fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient:** but

rather giving of thanks. **For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them**” (Eph. 5:3-11).

*The doctrines given to, and learned by the Church include having no fellowship with the works of darkness: covetousness, idolatry, filthiness, foolish talking, uncleanness and more. This is what the Church was asked to avoid and shun – so says the Word of God! Shunning ex-members is a disservice to them and to the ones doing the shunning. No positive fruits are registered with this wrong implementation of the no-contact ruling. It only brings about division, pushes people away from each other and pushes people away from God – all works inspired by the adversary.*

For more information and Biblical proof on this most important subject, please download and read the FCGL booklet entitled “Mark them...and avoid them”. Here is the link:

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