Dead Orthodoxy

Disputing God’s Faithfulness

Malachi 2:10-16 ESV

# Context – the truth of the situation

**THE TRUTH:** God’s people were not faithful

# [10] Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? **Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?** [11] **Judah has been faithless**, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

# [14] But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, **to whom you have been faithless**, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. [15]

# Content – the truth for Malachi’s audience

**THE TRUTH:** God is faithful even when His people are not

Not faithful to God – marrying non-believers

* **Deuteronomy 7:3-4 ESV**

Not faithful to each other – divorcing their wives

* **Matthew 19:3-8 ESV**

Both of these actions, remarriage to nonbelievers and divorce, are contrary to the covenant and represent a rejection of faithfulness of loyalty: “intermarriage and divorce are diabolical antitheses to faithful, loyal love”

God’s faithfulness questioned

* **Deuteronomy 11:13-17 ESV**

Despite his peoples’ unfaithfulness as seen in their intermarriage with foreigners and divorce, God remains faithful. **Dead Orthodoxy** is clearly demonstrated by people who act piously and religiously while sinning callously and grievously.

# Christ – the truth for us

**THE TRUTH:** Jesus is the faithful bridegroom

John the Baptist signifies that Jesus is the bridegroom

**John 3:25-30 ESV**

Paul indicates that believers are the Bride

**2 Corinthians 11:1-2 ESV**

Paul also indicates how Jesus is the FAITHFUL bridegroom

**Ephesians 5:22-32 ESV**

* Head of the church – v23
* He has saved his bride – v23
* He sanctifies his bride – v26-27
* He loves his bride – v25
* He nourishes his bride – v29
* He cherishes his bride – v29

John indicates that the marriage is eternal

**Revelation 19:6-9 ESV**

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# Consider – the truth to act on

**THE TRUTH:** Marriage is a picture of the gospel

Understand that marriage depicts the gospel

**Ephesians 5:31-32 ESV**

Marriage is for life – so commit yourself to not failing

**Matthew 19:3-6 ESV**