

October 6, 1974

RESOLUTION:

The Richard Christadelphian Ecclesia hereby re-endorses and includes in its Position of fellowship, Article #6 of the Berean Restatement, according to the January 1974 "Berean" Page 20, as follows;

In relation to the brethren and sisters of Christ

We believe divorce is contrary to the commands of Christ. We believe that remarriage after divorce is contrary to the commands of Christ. (Matt. 19:6 I Cor. 7:10-11)

We believe further that these 2 evils are not only contrary to divine command but are in direct violation of the deep principles of the mind of Christ. They will be eschewed as unthinkable by all true brethren and sisters of Christ.

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We further resolve that the above stated principle shall be applicable, without exception, to any situation of divorce and/or remarriage after divorce such as may occur within the membership and the autonomy of this ecclesia; therefore a brother or sister who proceeds upon conduct contrary to the above stated principle will be disfellowshipped. Such action of disfellowship, however, will be implemented ONLY after all other avenues of guidance and instruction have been exhausted.

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We further recognize and accept the principle taught by the apostle Paul in I Cor, 8:13, "Wherefore, if meat maketh my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend," We agree that the implied Principle shall be emphasized and taught in this ecclesia, and that each of us shall endeavor to allow this principle to govern our conduct and our attitudes in relation to each other, that we might have a sensitive and responsible regard for our fellow-believers, particularly when contemplating any action of a doubtful or extremely controversial nature. We agree that this principle shall have obvious application with regard to the complicated technicalities of the many and varied opinions which go beyond what is stated in the first part of this resolution on the subject of divorce and remarriage, things upon which the scriptures give no detailed guidance.

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We further agree that this resolution shall displace and supersede any and all other resolutions made upon this subject by this ecclesia prior to this date. At the same time we believe this resolution to be complimentary to the principles contained in our recommendation of Oct. 3, 1971.

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