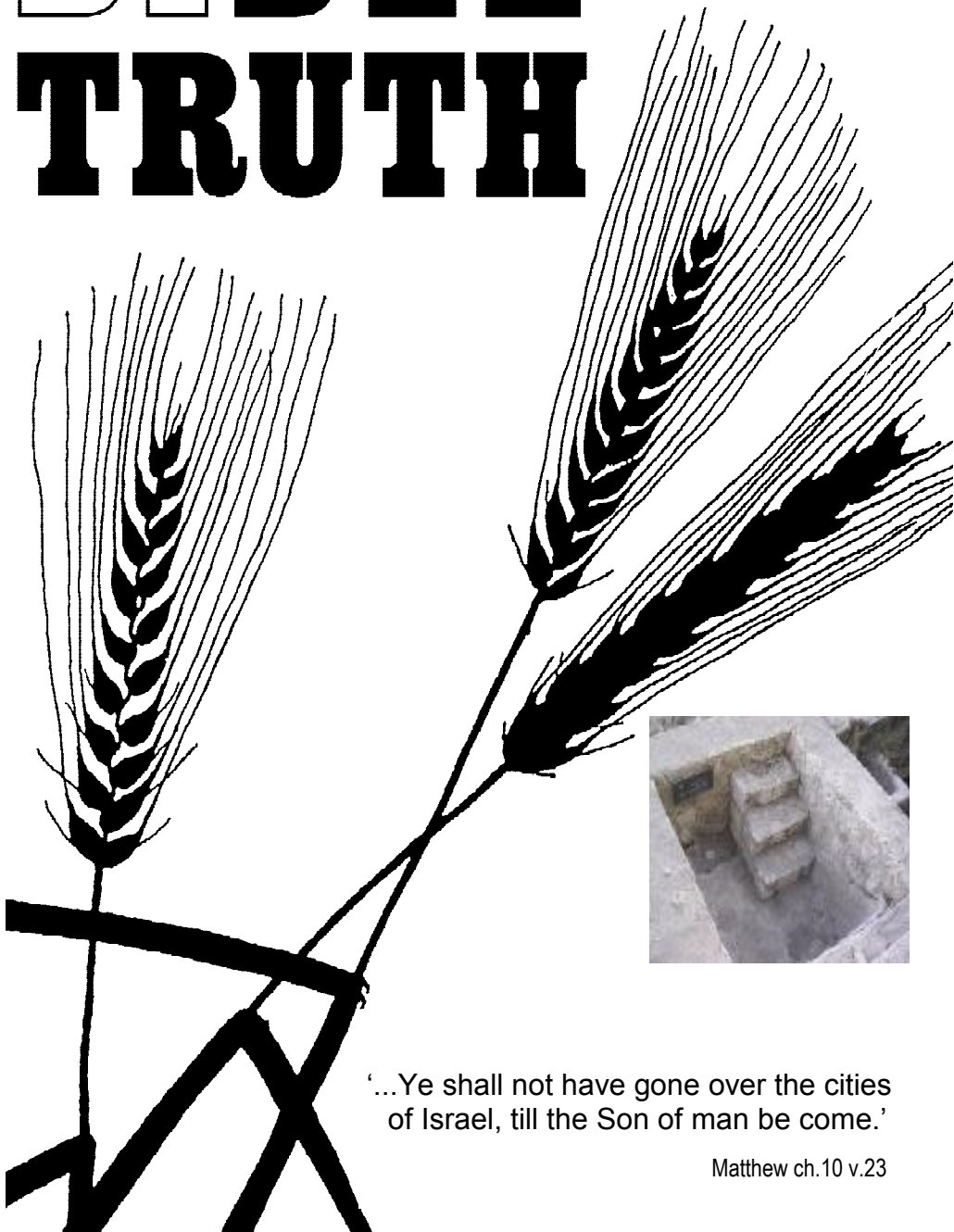


# BIBLE TRUTH

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'...Ye shall not have gone over the cities  
of Israel, till the Son of man be come.'

Matthew ch.10 v.23

## A WAKE UP CALL TO THE CHURCH AND NATION

*I feel compelled to write this paper, because like me, so many people are absolutely appalled and distraught about our beloved Church of England, which has become nothing short of apostate. For far too long, the Church has been lacking in authority, teaching and discipline.*

*I plead with the hierarchy of the Church to repent before it is too late, and make the Church what Christ intended it to be - a Holy Church and one that is obedient to His teaching.*

*Instead, we have a Church which must break His heart. Admittedly, there are some Churches where the Gospel is preached and taught, and where the Sacraments are administered faithfully, Sunday by Sunday, and weekday by weekday. However, in many Churches this is not the case. Yes, God is a God of Love, but He is a Holy God, and therefore a God of Judgment, too.*

*He will not be mocked, and He calls for us to be obedient.*

*Margaret Brown*

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that allows clergy who deny belief in the Virgin Birth, the bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and other tenets of the Christian Faith, to remain in office?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that allows clergy who deny the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the one and only Saviour of the world, to remain in office?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that only preaches and teaches a social gospel, that allows remarriage after divorce, which is adultery, that fails to teach people that living together before marriage is fornication, i.e. SIN? It is little wonder that we have the highest divorce rate in Europe, and the highest number of unmarried mothers, too. Marriage is the union of one man with one woman, to the exclusion of all others, 'till death do them part', and what about the 9 million babies who have been killed since the Abortion Act came into force in 1967?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that allows practising homosexual clergy and divorced and remarried clergy, and even bishops, to remain in office? This is no example to the nation. How can a priest ask a young couple that he or she is marrying, to stay together 'till death do them part' when he or she has broken his or her own marriage vows?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has gone so soft on sin, for fear of offending people, that it has endeavoured to rule the devil out of the Service of Baptism? If parents and Godparents of children to be baptised do not understand the Baptismal Service and the promises to be made by the Godparents, it is the duty of the clergy to teach and explain what is meant by being baptised into Christ's Family, the Church.

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it where one part believes in the revealed Word of God to His people for all time, as contained in Holy Scripture, whilst the other part considers that the Bible is subject to interpretation and can be rewritten to suit our modern age? In other words, we can make up the rules as we go along. We are told that Our Lord was bound by the conventions of His day, and if He were to return now, He would allow His teaching to be altered to fit in with the 21st century. HOW WRONG THIS IS. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever, (Hebrews ch.13 v.8).

Jesus is God Incarnate. Almighty God who created the world was perfectly aware of what He was doing. He, alone, knows when He will bring the world to an end and the Final Judgment will take place. The Bible is God's Word to His people for all time. Holy Scripture cannot be changed because it is eternal.

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that omits from the Lectionary verses from the Bible that make uncomfortable reading for some in the congregation?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has scarcely any liturgy in its Services, when Almighty God demands our worship?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has reordered many Churches, to such an extent, that, in the end, socialising seems to be more important than the worship of Almighty God?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that fails to teach about death, judgment, hell and Heaven and leads people to think that all will be saved, thereby attaining eternal life, when for many this will not be the case, unless there is repentance and amendment of life?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has largely discarded The Ten Commandments from its teaching and worship?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has done its best to throw out *The Book of Common Prayer* in favour of modern liturgies which gloss over sin and repentance? The Book of Common Prayer helped considerably to hold the Church together.

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that can alter the three-fold Order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, which has been male from the beginning, when we are but a small part of One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, both Eastern and Western? We now have two integrities, but the Bible teaches that every city or house divided against itself shall not stand (Matthew ch.12 v.25).

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that is obsessed with spending so much money on meetings and committees, together with unnecessary posts, when what is needed is less bureaucracy and more clergy in the parishes, who will faithfully bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a nation, so in need of Him?

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that has no sense of urgency in bringing people of other faiths to a knowledge and acceptance of the Christian Faith? For it is The Lord Jesus Christ, alone, who can save us from our sins and give to all who believe in Him and keep His Commandments, the gift of Everlasting Life. Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me' (John ch.14 v. 6).

WHAT SORT OF A CHURCH is it that says the world has changed and moved on, therefore, the Church must move with the world? This is not what Jesus would have said. The Church has to bring the world up to Christ's standards, not the other way round. The Bible states 'And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God' (Romans ch.12 v.2).

The mission of the Church is being severely hampered by all these factors. It is little wonder that Church of England numbers are continuing to fall, because many people cannot see any point in going to Church if it is no better than the world.

How can the Church hope to be blest by God when it deliberately flouts the plain teaching of the Bible? To whom much is given, much is required (see Luke ch.12 v.48). We expect our Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Deacons to teach, without compromise, the Christian Faith as given by Jesus Christ and handed by Him to His Apostles, for this is what they are called to do. To help bring this to pass, we urgently need to start with a National Day of Prayer and Repentance. In order to achieve these things, positive action has to be taken.

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