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ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN CULTURE

Christians may and do enjoy and value a diversity of peripheral cultural matters, but we are joined together, wherever we live, as a recognizable social group by core beliefs, morals and values which are Biblical. These are the essential core of Christian (not American) Culture-

The following values are 7 ideal marks of that essential Biblical Culture (regardless of how well we practice it)

Life- Core Christian Culture is very pro-life in every sense.

Marriage- Defined as a life-long, committed relationship between a man and a woman, Marriage is very highly valued.

Divorce is disapproved. Virginity before Marriage and Marital Fidelity in Marriage is greatly valued.

Family- Parenthood and children are desired and valued; abortion is strongly disapproved; extended, cross generational families are the norm; children honor (respect) their parents and the elderly are respected by all.

Individual Responsibility- individual persons are accountable and responsible to God, themselves, their family and church for their decisions and actions

Work- everyone who is able works throughout life for the welfare of the family and community. Social, Economic and Political Freedom to work is highly valued.

Biblical Welfare- People who become destitute due to circumstances beyond their control are the responsibility- first, of their extended family and then, of the Church and then, of the local community

Biblical Religion- Christian Culture, above all, is Christian. It is centered on the worship and service of the God who has revealed Himself in Creation, Scripture and, particularly, in Jesus Christ. People who share Christian Culture see themselves as the Covenant People of God. This is their primary identity, no matter what their ethnicity, first language or country of origin may be.

The above seven Values are the essential marks of Christian Culture. An important task for the Church is to help Christians to be very flexible about peripheral non-essentials and to stand firm in these essentials.

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