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Some Thoughts on Churches And Statements of Faith

By: Jerry Crow

We see it happening all around us. Denominations falling prey to the culture, churches compromising doctrine and being removed from their denomination, and pastors caught in scandal, seemingly at every turn.

This year alone we have seen scandals rock the church world. Pastors have been caught lying about sexual misconduct and being exposed as predators. The United Methodist Church, once a bastion of purity in this country, has been contaminated and overrun by the overwhelming cultural demands of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Southern Baptist Convention removed another church from fellowship for its ordination of female pastors at its annual meeting in Indianapolis.

We sit back watching these events unfold and we have to ask a simple ques-

tion: Where did they all go wrong?

The answer, though not as simple as some may think, or hope, is that each of these churches, denominations, and pastors all failed when it came to keeping doctrinal purity as a standard.

Now, this may seem fairly simple on the surface. However, when we really look at what it means to keep pure doctrine as a standard in our lives we begin to understand just how difficult the task is for all of us.

The first question we must ask ourselves is: Where do we get our doctrine?

If we get our doctrine from anywhere outside the Bible, including from a denominational or church statement of faith, then we have already failed at the task. Statements of faith should

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only be a summary statement of what the church or denomination believes, but they should be based in Scripture. If there is any part of a statement of faith that is not able to be proven by Scripture, it needs to be examined and possibly removed.

The second question we should ask ourselves is: Do we truly believe what we say we believe?

In other words, is our statement of faith a true summary of our beliefs? If it is, then there is no reason why we should not be fully committed to running our church by our statement of faith. If it is not, then it may be time to change our beliefs to be more in line with the Bible and make sure the state-

ment of faith reflects the same beliefs. As a summary statement of beliefs, we should be running the church by the statement of faith.

Is this going to solve all of our problems?

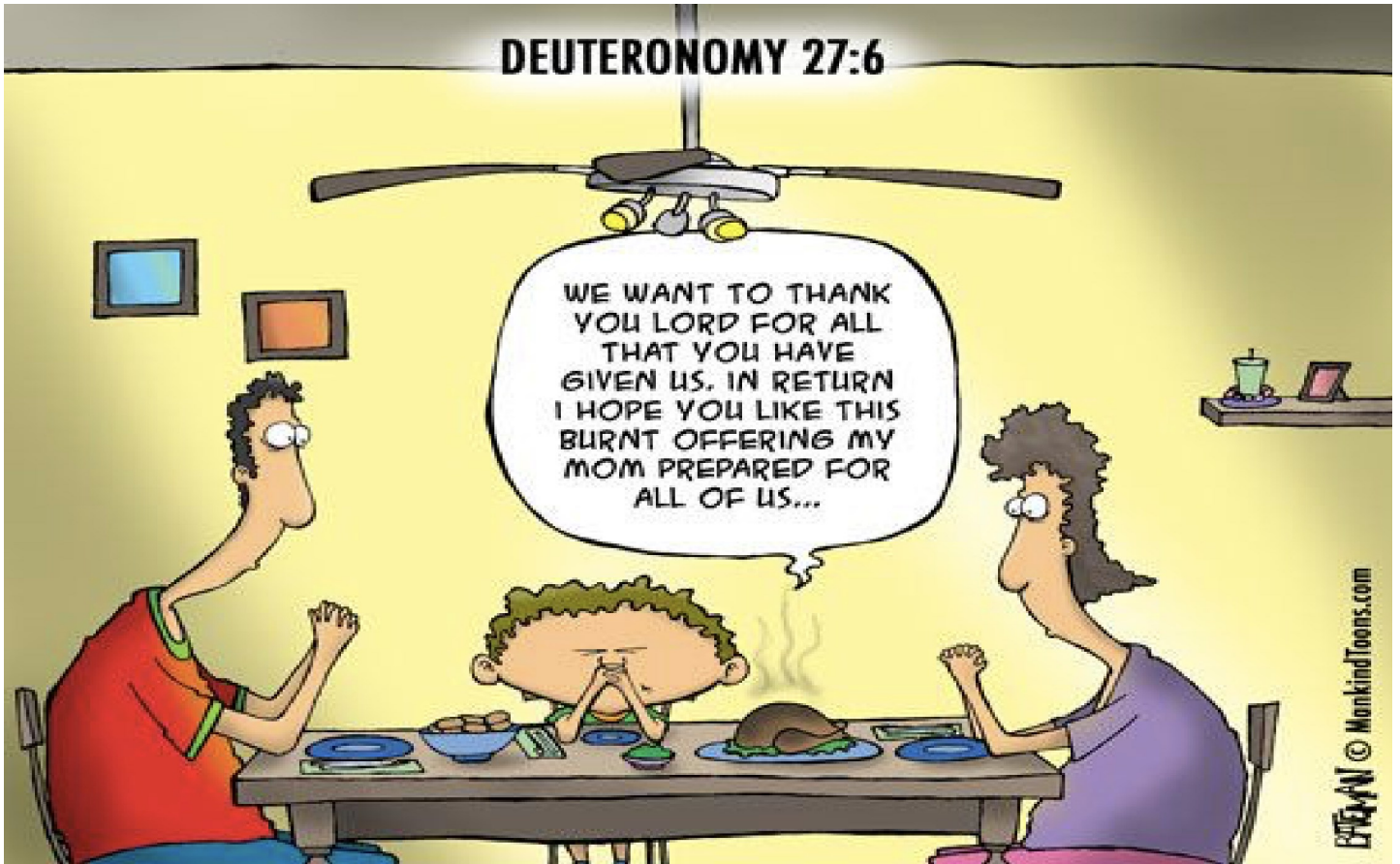
No. Obviously not. We still live in a fallen world with fallen, sinful people, even in leadership of churches. People still sin and that will be true until Jesus returns. However, I do believe that a church or denomination that is truly aligned with a biblical statement of faith and utilizes that document in its governance will be less likely to fall into compromising situations and become a dying or even dead church.

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