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## **ABSTRACT**

This research is designed to examine Christian response to the causes and effects of broken Christian marriages in Oyo East and North Baptist Association. The fundamental nature of marriage is till death do us part, but the occurrence of broken marriages is so alarming that it called for attention among Christians. The research work discloses that the problem of broken marriage is so vital that it is affecting the children, the parents, the church and the society at large. Questionnaire was designed to carry out the research work within the church members of the selected associations, and the analysis was done with simple percentage to reach reasonable conclusion on the subject matter. There are several findings that the research was able to come out with, such include that sexual abuse can cause broken marriage, also that most children from broken marriages suffer financially and several others. It thereby recommended that Pastors should endeavours to preach and pray for the salvation of the church members, and that pastors should be a role model of exemplary home to the church members and people around.

## **5.2 CONCLUSION**

As a result of the various analysis made in the research, the following conclusion were drawn from the findings of the study. It was discovered that when a home breaks, it in no way have any positive contribution to every members of the

family, but it brings up several untold havoc to every member of the family and also to the church of God. The more the church is silence and no one cares about the situation of home, the more the tendency to witness more broken homes in the church of God. This is not in anyway a blessing to the church; instead it stands as curse and stigma to the body of Christ that supposes to be a role model to the world. The increase in the level of broken homes in a church can bring about unnecessary stress on the pastor and the leaders of the church. The same way the pastor will be stressed up, so also the members of the concerned families will experience pain and stress. The church shares from the effects of the broken homes, so also the society and the members of the concerned family do. It is quiet difficult, though not impossible to restore broken homes and wayward children from the broken homes, so every effort to avoid it must be put in place.

Due to the above reasons, effort must be made to eradicate or fight the problem of broken marriage as it affects both children and parents of affected homes. The dear need of the home in crisis and the children from such home must be hearken to by the church. Church must rise up to do something.

### **5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Broken marriage creates more problems than expected. The originator of marriage did not plan it to be a sour experience, but a joyful one and it is not planned to be endured but to be enjoyed. Therefore, based on the findings of this study, the researcher makes a number of recommendations, which are likely to reduce the several reoccurrence of broken marriages.

1. Salvation of individual is a paramount need. A saved person in the family should be encouraged to pray for the salvation of other members of the family. If every members of the family is saved, there is tendency to rescue the home

from the mess of breaking apart. Therefore, pastors should endeavour to preach and pray for the salvation of his church members.

2. The pastor should set good example to the members of his church. A pastor home must be settled in order to have families with settled homes. The anointing flows from the head to the down, therefore, if pastor's home is in order, it will make him to have fortitude to speak and minister on the issues that has to do with home. There are church members who will surely wish to make their pastor a role model, and this will make up a stable family in the church.
3. Special programme should be organized to attend to several needs at home in order to eradicate this phenomenon. Such may includes marriage seminar for the married and for the singles that can enhance good rapour at home. Varieties of programme that will bring all the members of the family together, such are family picnics, get-together and others should be put in place by the church and forum to encourage issue discovered peculiar to family of the church members should be treated.
4. Church members should not stand aloof from the broken homes spiritually. Prayer partners should be encouraged and should be practice, as it will be of help to share burdens that would have destroyed homes in prayers. Each matured members of the church should be saddled with the responsibility of praying with the families concerned with the issue of broken homes. Therefore, the church will be of help to family and rescue homes from being broken through prayers. This will encourage quick reconciliation before the issue will become escalated. There are several families that are under curse and the way out of such curse is deliverance prayer.

5. The youths in the church should be given adequate care and attention in order not to stray away from the right perspective about marriage. The singles should be encouraged not to rush into marriage, but to be matured before entering the life of marriage. Mature people have interest on their spouses' needs and not their personal need first; indeed, mature mind will consider the effect of the breaking apart of the family and strive to make all effort to avoid it.