



### Special points of interest

- Legacy is all about leaving behind Positive Values
- Legacy is all about Redeeming generation from Evil One
- Legacy is all about children's & Youth's healthy development
- Legacy is all about developing Christian Culture in raising children
- Legacy is all about being revealed in difference, within dark world; illuminating it
- Legacy is all about Biblical world view in defining the contemporary world
- Legacy is all about serving in Love
- Legacy is all about echoing Goodness of God from generation to generation with non-stop until Jesus comes back again



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### Legacy Vision

Harmoniously Inter-connected, Inter-guided, Inter-caring generations in which Goodness of God is exhilarated and echoed, positive value heritages threaded, life and holistic human development sustained.



### Legacy Message

#### “Christian Identity”

The main objective of this Legacy's article is to make reflections on observable confusions with regard to Christian identity and to suggest remedies for the challenges being encountered related to the subject.

To do justice to this article, there is a need to get description or definitions of what 'identity' stands for, in general.

'Identity' is something to do with character, uniqueness, singleness, selfness, etc. When tied to individual's Christian faith it may mean unique Christian character, single-mindedness, self belongingness to a certain community; in this case Christian community.

There is also a need to give evangelical definition to what 'Christian' is. In this article it stands for born again believer in Christ, baptized to the Body in an instance. It defines an event in the spiritual world, meaning, someone who has escaped from darkness to light; death to life; through Christ's work on the cross.

There is also a need to look into identity from the perspectives of other terminologies that contribute to uniqueness of someone. Those cannot be ignored, since they are natural. Even then, those cannot stand in the primary to define a born again Christian. Few that can be mentioned are: Birth Name, Gender, Ethnicity and Related language.

Those identities are expected to come to secondary level when identity in Christ is considered.

Practical citable example in this regard is that when a born again Christian, meets another in same faith, he/she is not primarily asking for ethnicity identity but brotherhood or sisterhood in Christ. The Blood of Jesus who made us one through cleansing of our sins is stronger to make us one in Love bond through the Holy Spirit.

This does not mean that we deny our other identities such as our ethnicity and related language. None of us has applied to be born

anywhere in any of the ethnicity groups.

It is not in the scope of this article to talk of issues between various ethnicities either in superiority or inferiority terms. But at this junction, it suffices to mention that no one ethnicity is better than another and no one should be inferior to the other, too. By the same token, no ethnic group is allowed to look down on others and in same way no ethnic group should be looking at itself as inferior. God has created us all equal but the fallen nature of man has brought all the discrepancies and injustices that are observed in society. But it is always good to note that God's original is contrary to the above.

Languages grow and sometimes are naturally, extinct. Languages in general are means of communication between human beings in their contemporary society and are not meant for self conceit.

For a Born Again Christian, there should not be any confusion with regard to having clear stand of right identity perspective. Being positioned in Biblical World View, as opposed to Secular View, helps a born again Christian, to put these 'so called' identity factors into the right perspectives; otherwise especially young people could be confused when they try to get selfness in society, that is part of their development.

As to the languages issue, the logic is similar; no language is better than the other; nor is it inferior.

Ethnicity identity may define a person in this life but identity in Christ goes beyond the grave; it goes to eternity. For a Born Again Christian, identity in Christ takes priority in defining selfness. All other related unnecessary self-conceits or self rejections are expected to be subject to the Cross of Christ.

(Source of definition: Thesaurus Dictionary Downloaded from website, March 26, 2020)

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ETC Students, April 2019

### Debre Zeit Lelem MYC Parenting Trg

Parenting Training was carried out in cooperation with Lemlem Mekane Yesus at Debre Zeit on May 1, 2019 (Miazia 23, 2011). In attendance during the one day training were 75 parents.



Debre Zeit Parents, May 1, 2019

### Trainings among Diaspora (USA)

**USA - Parenting Training** was carried out in cooperation with Silver Spring/Maryland (USA) Mulu Wongel Church. In attendance at the training on June 1, 2019 were 12 participants. Main Topic covered was Children in Christian home based on 7 Pillars of parenting.

**USA - Youth Training** (informal) was done in living apartment around DC. In attendance were 7 young people. Focus was on Quiet Time and Decent Courtship for young people intending to get married.

**USA - Parenting Training** was carried out in cooperation with **Maranatha** Diaspora Church in San Diego/CA (USA). In attendance at the training on June 29, 2019 were 24 participants. Main topic was Biblical Child Rearing and Children n Christian Homes. Other churches in San Diego have also participated.

### Feedbacks from Teachings & Trainings

**ETC/AA** - Possibilities of creation of Young Adults Counseling Centers needs attention.

**Silver Spring/ML (USA)** – Diaspora Church members not involved in children ministry at church level may not get it easy to handle their children at home level as parents; they may need support.

**DC/USA** Youth Trainees say The training was helpful.

**San Diego/CA (USA)** – helpful presentation but there is also a need to give attention to realities on the ground to be more relevant especially in USA child raising culture.

### Crucial Issue for Reflection & Conversation

At the time of this News letter posting, COVID 19 is a global issue and conversation in the general media.

A discussion with regard to the issue is posed: As you discuss read Psalms 91 as basis for discussion.

1. What should be the stand of a born again Christian with regard to the pandemic?
2. Is this a pestilence or conventional pandemic?
3. How do you position yourself to rely on the Lord?
4. How do you relate with the signs of the second coming of Christ?

### Dear Readers:

Please discuss this issue at coffee ceremony or create Face Book Social Media on the above issue and challenge.

The basis for group conversation need to be THE BIBLE with the expectations of aligning with God's will with regard to the challenge on hand.

**Readers!** Let us save the generation by getting involved in good works. In such a time of wide scale pandemic and the accompanying instructions in place to stay at home to cut the cycle, there could be victims or poor people, in need, who usually are those at lower societal strata, economically.

This is the time when our faith is tested; whether it is manifested in good works or not. God does not expect from us what is not in our capacity, Let us be alert to get involved.



### Appreciation

Legacy International Spiritual Ministry, at this junction, would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude towards local churches in various parts of the country that have opened their doors for partnership to work together.

Legacy is all about narrowing the gaps observed in living true Christian worship lifestyle as indicated in James 1:27.

### +++++ Invitation to Membership

Time is running; we cannot afford to delay more. Legacy invites new members to be part of this historical and timely ministry to redeem the Generation from Evil One.

Legacy is registered as Interdenominational and Spiritual Ministry. It is non-political entity that promotes Biblical/Christian and Fore Fathers' Positive Values.

A basic criterion for membership is alignment with Our Core Values. Anyone who shares the values can be a non-regular member. Membership card is available in this regard.

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