

## BOSTON 4 POINT RESOLUTION

At a special meeting of the Boston ecclesia held on March 28, 1973, the resolutions set forth herein were passed by the members of the ecclesia.

"That we withdraw from the Berean Fellowship," ...and ... "that this ecclesia restrict its fellowship to those brethren and sisters who accept the B.A.S.F. without reservation, with the addition of our resolution of November 24, 1972 containing four statements regarding divorce and remarriage, as attached."

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1. A brother or sister may not obtain a divorce for any cause. Matt. 19:3-6; Mark 10:7-12; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 1 Cor. 7:27.

2. A brother or sister who, for any cause, has become divorced after baptism may not take a new mate during the lifetime of any former partner.  
1 Cor. 7:10-11; Rom. 7:2 1; Cor. 7:39.

3. An applicant for immersion who is married at the time of application for baptism, will be accepted into fellowship unconditionally (without regard to former marriage or divorce) after a good confession of faith. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 7:24.

4. A divorced man or woman coming to the knowledge of "the truth" and being immersed, may not remarry while any former partner lives. Romans 7:3 1 Cor. 7:39

November 24, 1972

## WORCESTER 4 POINT RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, submit our resignation as members of your Ecclesia because of the serious difference between us regarding the subject of divorce and remarriage.

As all realize, this has been the cause of many meetings in which for over a period of a year we have tried to arrive at some common ground, all to no avail.

On November 2, 1972, a meeting of the Ecclesia was called at which the following resolution was put:

1. A brother or sister may not obtain a divorce for any cause. Matt. 19:3-6; Mark 10:7-12; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 1 Cor. 7:27.
2. A brother or sister who, for any cause, has become divorced after baptism may not take a new mate during the lifetime of any former partner. 1 Cor. 7:10-11; Rom. 7:2 1; Cor. 7:39.
3. An applicant for immersion who is divorced and remarried at the time of application will be accepted into fellowship after a good confession of faith. 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 7:24.
4. A divorced man or woman coming to the knowledge of “the truth” and being immersed, may not remarry while any former partner lives. Romans 7:3 1 Cor. 7:39

This resolution represents the belief of the Worcester Ecclesia concerning the teachings of Christ and the Apostle Paul on the matter of divorce and remarriage and will be added as an amendment to its Constitution.

This was rejected by a majority vote of the ecclesia

(the Worcester minority – 10 members – then formed/joined the 4-POINT fellowship)