

## Same-Sex Marriage

The Supreme Court of the United States is currently debating whether or not to legalize same-sex marriage. Those in support of such have, for years, been putting pressure on the government to act, and it appears that their persistence has paid off. If the decision is made to legalize same-sex marriage, it will be yet another blow to the Christian faith. Not only that, it will sink our nation into deeper moral decay. How should the Christian respond to such moral issues?

First, we must call same-sex marriage (homosexuality/sodomy) what it is- SIN! It is an abomination (**cf. Lev. 18:22ff; 20:13**)! It goes against every aspect of the Divine plan for marriage (**cf. Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25; Mat. 19:4ff**). It is unnatural, unhealthy, and ungodly. Paul writes, *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet"*(**Rom. 1:26-27**).

Second, we must do what we can to save a soul from death (**Jam. 5:20**), which would include homosexuals. Let us not be so homophobic (from the sense that we shun them altogether) to think that they are a *lost cause*. They, like any sinner (which includes us all) can change/turn from their iniquities to serve God. Did not some within the Corinthian church engage in such evil practices before giving their lives to Christ (**cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11**)?

Third, let's be good stewards of God by electing officials who uphold to God's standard of morality. Many of the problems we face today stem from decisions made by our elected officials- officials we've voted for. And if I choose to vote for a politician who supports homosexuality, abortion, etc., I am supporting it, whether I agree with it or not!

Finally, we must train up our children in the ways of the Lord (**cf. Pro. 22:6; Eph. 6:4**).

Our educational system, Hollywood and Washington D.C. have proven to be unreliable sources for absolute TRUTH! God knew this from the beginning; thus, He established the home (and the church- **1 Tim. 3:15**) as the source for that truth! As the home goes, so too goes the nation! And if we, as a nation, will once again allow the Lord to be the builder of our homes, crucial decisions that will in the future be made will strengthen us, not destroy us!

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