

The Supreme Court and Same-Sex Marriage

On Tuesday morning, April 28, 2015 the Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether the Constitution allows homosexual couples the right to marry regardless of what individual states decide. Over 100,000 pastors and churches are standing together in prayer from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Tuesday. Will you join us?

Now, why is this important? Will we as a nation discard an institution ordained by God and put in its place something of our own devising? Few people would question the right of a civil society to legislate regarding civil contracts and unions of all kinds. These issues can be reasonably discussed and debated, but this is not about rights and privileges. What is at stake here is an institution specifically described in Scripture as being created by the command of God for His own specific purposes. We can't expect people who are not believers in God or in the Bible to respect the importance of His revelation regarding this institution, but we know better.

We know as believers that marriage did not come about by itself, or by a process of "evolution" within civil societies. It was created and commanded (ordained) by God from the beginning. We know that Jesus Himself said that marriage was given by God for the purpose of joining together one man and one woman in such a way that God would make them one flesh. As God Incarnate (in the flesh) Jesus was making plain to us what He was doing in Genesis. We can't expect those who don't know Jesus to pay attention to His words, but we must.

We also know that St. Paul described marriage between a man and a woman as a living image of the relationship between Jesus and his Bride. He said that this is a "great mystery," meaning that it reflects a tremendous invisible reality. We who know these things by faith, know that there is a lot more at stake here than mere words. Calling a civil union between same sex couples a marriage is twisting and distorting the meaning of that term to the point of mocking both God and Jesus. Yet, this is not primarily about God's honor, but our salvation.

In terms of scripture it is actually impossible for people of the same-sex to be married because that is not what marriage is. Marriage can only take place between a man and a woman for the reasons that God intended it. Anything else promotes a lie that the blessing which God placed uniquely upon marriage can be extended to other forms of union (by our design) or that behavior God condemns is somehow made acceptable by the exchange of vows and the legal affirmation of the state.

If the Supreme Court chooses to go the wrong way on this decision and declares legal what God has declared unholy, then we will cease to be a Christian nation where this part of our national life is concerned—and marriage is not a small part of our national life. It is the foundational institution which is most vital to the proper upbringing of future generations in any nation (one of God's purposes). This will put children born under such a benighted policy at risk of growing up deceived about God, Jesus, the Bible and salvation.

The immediate victims, however, would be the same-sex couples themselves, because it would be one further link in the chain of deception removing them from the reality of scripture's revelation and the voice of their own conscience. How can any of us be saved, if we cling to our sins not realizing that they are separating us from God? We all need to hear the Lord say "no" to us at times and rarely do we like it, but the same Word that calls us to repentance also reveals the pathway to grace, mercy and redemption. Just as Jesus loves us enough to say no, we too (at times) have to lovingly say no to others. This is one of those times!

Will you stand with us by kneeling in your heart to pray on Tuesday for the Lord to rescue our nation from such a damaging decision?



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