

Exposing the Gay Agenda, How Should Christians Respond?

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On June 26, 2013 the Supreme Court of the United States struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act, passed in 1996. The Supreme Court also declined to rule on Proposition 8 from California. In doing so, same-sex marriage recognition remains a state issue and (although this is not completely clear) it appears to remain legal in California, as it is in 12 other states and the District of Columbia. Also, the United States government will recognize the legality of those marriages with respect to federal benefits. Needless to say, our culture is changing-- quickly and dramatically on this issue. But how should Christians respond?

America's Spiritual Crisis

Despite our country's Christian heritage, America is rapidly degenerating into a godless society. Even the popular Christian culture in America, although highly visible and active, appears powerless to redirect the rushing secular currents. Fact is, the church has been rendered powerless in modern culture. We are in the greatest moral and spiritual crisis our nation had ever known.

From the beginning, Christian values ingrained America's political and social fabric. Its democratic form of government was founded on faith in God. To this day United States currency bears the inscription, "In God We Trust." America flourished while Christianity permeated all aspects of life, including the laws, education, and culture. However in the name of tolerance and acceptance the removal of God is a primary goal for many national leaders. The powers in America today have chosen a path of rejecting God and His ways. Federal courts have interpreted our constitution as requiring that the Bible, prayer and religious discussion be removed from classrooms, community buildings and places of public gatherings. Government officials and educators across the country are systematically eliminating any public declaration of God from society. Militant secularists will not be satisfied until God is expunged from every facet of American life.

American laws are being reinterpreted and rewritten to sanction what is abominable to a holy God. In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion for any reason, and Congress subsequently passed a law providing government funds for such barbarous acts. Old laws making homosexual practices criminal are being repealed, and new legislation is being enacted requiring society to support such lifestyles. While religious discussion is gagged, pornography is permitted to saturate our culture.

Our society is fast becoming openly hostile to Christian values. The media trivializes and ridicules Christianity in the name of humanistic and pluralistic concerns. American culture is dominated by television and movies, whose profanity and lewdness trample God's honor into the mud, instilling non-Christian values from infancy. Public schools teach our children how to practice various forms of immorality, promoting safe sex rather than biblical abstinence. One school curriculum in America teaches acceptance of homosexuality in the first grade. America is in a spiritual crisis and while morality is robbed we are blind to the dire consequences of rejecting God. Our society is morally and spiritually bankrupt.

The Sin of Homosexuality is One of the Worst Degree

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination" Leviticus 18:22. The scripture is quite clear, homosexuality is utterly detested and hated by God, it is an abomination.

The battle over the acceptance of Homosexuality is one of those battles that is a game changer. Biblical history demonstrates that when a nation accepts homosexuality as normal and OK, then it has fallen into the lowest depths and degree of sinfulness. Historically, when a nation fell this low God "gave

them up” unto their own lust and destroyed them as He did in Sodom and Gomorrah. It has taken America 230 plus years to get to the place where homosexuality has gone from being illegal and disdained to now becoming acceptable and even encouraged throughout the whole of our society as it was in Sodom. We have fallen so low that now it is becoming illegal for anyone to say anything negative about this abomination. What new low is left for America to fall to now? Can we go any lower? To fall any lower America would have to MAKE UP A NEW SIN, because as it stands now, and throughout all of the history of mankind, homosexuality is the lowest form of sin. According to John 19:11 there are differing degrees of sin, “*Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee **hath the “greater” sin.***”

This is the divisive issue in our land which tells how far we have fallen morally and spiritually as a nation! Many no longer see homosexuality as a SIN, (including numerous Christian groups) and many who do see it as a sin, see it as they do other sins, as no big deal. With many people taking these views of homosexuality they see no reason to oppose its proponents, as a matter of fact they see such opposition as intolerance, bigotry and out right hate. It is no longer in America a virtue to hate every evil way and to love and embrace decency and our old Biblical values. Someone has said the following about America and Sin: “In America today it has become worse to JUDGE EVIL than to DO EVIL.”

Notice the Scripture in Romans that says God Abandoned those who Commit such Abominations:

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

Rom 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper. (NASB)

The warning is this, be careful what you ask for because you might just get it!

The Gay Agenda

The “Gay Agenda” is being actively propagated in the court room, social and liberal media and Hollywood programming. Leaders on federal levels are caving to legal pressures while the same sex marriage agenda continues to gain support and believe you me the agenda continues to roll in organized form.

In the state of California, State Representatives introduced a law that makes it mandatory for the Public Schools to teach its children the positive aspects of being a homosexual, lesbian, or trans-gender, along with the positive contributions they have made to society.

Although the homosexual agenda began much earlier in the 1960's and '70s, an aggressive marketing campaign began in 1990 by two Harvard-educated intellectuals, one of whom worked in advertising on Madison Ave. in New York. Gay activists Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen wrote, *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90's*, to change the language about homosexuality that has since permeated almost every area of society. Homosexuals don't solely want tolerance, right to privacy or protection from wrong, they want their lifestyle affirmed as a socially and legally acceptable norm.

As Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. said nearly ten years ago, “Christianity represents the greatest obstacle to the normalization of homosexual behavior”. In order to counter this obstacle, Kirk and Madsen advised gays to “muddy the moral waters”, that is, to undercut the rationalizations that 'justify' opposition. The target is to gain support by liberal churches and raise serious theological objections to conservative biblical teachings.

One example is those recently lobbied the Boy Scouts to change their policy on homosexuality. They knew the best way to do that was to do so internally, to change the rules that would in essence, eliminate the involvement of faith-based organizations.

Here are some basic steps used promote the Gay Agenda:

1. Gain Public Support
2. Make use of Liberal Media (programming and publicity)
3. Gain the Support of Big Business (financial backing)
4. Pressure Law Makers
5. Silence opposition with fear tactics (law suits)
6. Challenge and influence the opposition (church and religious organizations)

The problem with the agendas movement is that Christians were asleep at the wheel and didn't see it coming. Isn't it about time we stand up for what's right?

The Institution of Marriage

Marriage is a godly institution but it is also one that is regulated on a civil level. God intended for marriage to be between one man and one woman. The biblical, moral standard of marriage does not support multiple marriages or living together out of wedlock and especially not marriage of same sex couples!

However, despite God's guidelines every culture defines what legally constitutes marriage. Since civil marriage is regulated on the state level, the states have been the primary fronts for the defense of traditional marriage. As of 2011, twenty-nine states have passed amendments to their state constitutions that affirm marriage for state law purposes as being between one man and one woman. One state, Hawaii, has passed a constitutional amendment that does not itself affirm traditional marriage, but it makes it clear that the state legislature may define marriage as only between one man and one woman. Eleven other states define marriage as between one man and one woman by law, but not through their constitution. The District of Columbia and five other states have redefined marriage in their jurisdictions to include unions between persons of the same sex. A few of the state constitutional amendments defending traditional marriage have been challenged in federal court by claims that they violate the U.S. Constitution.

A Federal Constitutional marriage amendment has been introduced in every session of congress since 2002, but so far has failed to garner the two thirds support of each house of congress that is required by the Constitution. Such an amendment would affirm for the entire nation that marriage is between one man and one woman. A Constitutional amendment affirmed by two thirds of congress and three fourths of all of the states best preserves both the value of federalism (by giving the states a voice in the matter) and the value of marriage and the family as a fundamental building block of a stable society.

Can God Save a Homosexual?

The answer to this, of course, is yes. However, God never saved anyone who wasn't willing to forsake sin. In fact, that is the biblical meaning of repentance, to utterly forsake or completely turn from. Any Christian who has truly been born again can attest to this fact. Salvation of the soul does not occur from making a decision, living a moral life or following any religious program but when the conviction of sin occurs one must turn wholly and completely to Christ while trusting Him alone as savior. When a lost person realizes their condition as offensive to a Holy God, only then will one turn to Him in faith. The salvation experience is an undeniable experience of peace in which the glorious presence of God floods your soul. That's how God changes us, from the inside out. If you have never personally experienced

salvation, regardless of any religious view or opinion I urge you to seek Christ until you do! In this author's opinion that is the major problem in America, people need God and not religion!

In response to the accusation that "Christian's who do not accept homosexuals are not showing the love of God", we should take the word of God for what it is: *Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Love the sinner, hate the sin and the acceptance comes when mercy is applied and one has turned from their sin. God accepts us not as we are but through the blood of His son unto the forgiveness of sin.

How Should You Respond?

The typical response of Christians has been to post on blogs, write articles, and send tweets to shout about our opinion and speak out against this particular sin. Let us be reminded that courts don't determine biblical morality, Christians do. Regardless of what government does Christians should not stop their mission. That mission is to seek the salvation of lost souls but we also have a responsibility to stand for moral and biblical truth.

John Leland (a baptist minister - May 14, 1754 – January 14, 1841) was one of many proponents that rallied God's people to support the separation of church and state. He preached in churches all over this country to gain support from God's people. There was a time that the voice of the religious community was so loud that a man could not be put into office without the support of the Baptist. However today it seems all Christians in this country have been silenced. If there was ever a time we needed to unite for a single cause, this is the day!

What Can You Do?

Pray for our nation, pray for our leaders, pray for those who wish to undermine marriage in our culture, and pray for the Church that it would be able set an example of what marriage should be. On the state level, if your state has not yet passed a constitutional amendment to protect marriage, get involved in supporting such an amendment. Call, write or email your state representatives and ask them to consider sponsoring or supporting such an amendment. On the federal level, call and write to your senators and your congressional representative and urge them to support a federal marriage amendment.

Our nation is in a great spiritual crisis, "Oh God revive us again".

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