

## Some Moral and Legal Consequences of the Supreme Court Decision

On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a five to four decision, ruled that “Same Sex Marriage” is to be considered legal in all fifty states. Proponents of “Gay Rights” around the world rejoiced and celebrated. As they view it, this decision was a “good” decision. But it reminds me of Isaiah 5:20: “*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.*”

Decisions have consequences—both positive and negative (depending upon the nature of the decision). Certainly the Supreme Court Decision on this issue will be accompanied by many grave consequences. Some of those consequences are as follows:

**1. It identifies a relationship as being a “marriage,” which is not a marriage!** Renaming and calling a pig “a cow” does not make the pig a cow. From the very beginning of the human race, marriage has been a relationship involving a man and a woman! Gen. 2:18,21-24; Matt. 19:2-6. Replying to a question about divorce which was posed by the Pharisees, Jesus asked, “*Have you not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*” Matt. 19:4? The Bible does not use the word “marriage” to describe a sexual union of two people of the same gender. To the contrary, the Bible describes such as “*vile affections*” which is “*against nature*,” Rom. 1:26-27. Instead of calling such relationships as being “good,” the Bible describes it as “*abomination*,” Lev. 18:22.

**2. It deprives children either of a father or a mother**, both of which are greatly needed for the proper rearing and development of children. Children are greatly blessed when they have **mothers** who obey Titus 2:4-5, **and fathers** who obey Eph. 6:1-4. Sociologists have long cited the benefits to a child when both father and mother are present and honoring their God-given responsibilities to their own offspring. And crime statistics abound which reveal the sad effects upon children when either of their parents abandon their parental obligations.

**3. It promotes a homosexual lifestyle**, which benefits no one, especially homosexuals themselves! Study the “stats” on the life expectancy of homosexuals and compare that with the life expectancy of the general population and you will note a significant difference in their average life spans. How can anyone who loves “*life*,” and longs to see “*good days*,” I Pet. 3:10, endorse a life style which diminishes the quality of life itself, and reduces the number of one’s “*days*” on earth?

**4. It will bring financial harm to decent, hardworking people.** God expects able-bodied people to work for a living, Gen. 3:19. In fact, if such a person **will not** work he should not “*eat!*” 2 Thess. 3:10. However, many choose to work at honorable professions, but are now being discriminated against. For example, a Colorado Baker was sued \$ 135,000.00 for refusing (as a matter of conscience) to bake a cake for a “same-sex” wedding, and the law suit was upheld by the Colorado Supreme Court!

**5. It endorses a “gay” life style, which contributes to confusion as to one’s own sexual orientation!** To illustrate this point, we observe that there is now a “Gender Fluid” movement. A person may claim to be a boy one day, a girl the next day, and neuter the third day — depending upon daily moods. Of course, we are not claiming that the recent Supreme Court decision directly causes a “gender fluid” movement, but clearly its decision directly encourages the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) movement. And a “Gender Fluid” movement is a natural spin off of the LGBT movement. It reminds me of 2 Tim. 3:13: “*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*”

**6. It turns a moral wrong into a “civil right!”** From God’s perspective it is never right to do wrong! Homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, adultery, fornication, as well as murder and lying are all moral sins! Lev. 18:20-21; 20:10-15; I Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8, etc. However, under the guise of “civil rights” the U.S. Supreme Court has now legalized “same sex marriage” in all 50 states, so what heretofore has largely been regarded as morally wrong has been turned into a “civil right!” Solomon said “*righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people,*” Prov. 14:34.

**7. It opens the flood gates to sins formerly viewed as intolerable.** How can the Supreme Court consistently legalize “same sex marriages” without eventually legalizing incest, pedophilia, bestiality, polygamy, and polyandry? After all, don’t those involved in such conduct also have “rights” which, logically speaking, should also be upheld? Please don’t say “this couldn’t happen!” Some of us remember when we would have said “the legalization of abortion can’t happen in the U.S.,” or that “the legalization of same sex marriages can’t happen in the U.S.” But such **has** happened! Satan and his minions have no depths of depravity to which they refuse to stoop!

**8. It will subject our nation’s children to greater temptation and confusion than ever before!** With the Supreme Court decision behind them, with the aid of the ACLU, with the encouragement of the secular Humanist Movement, and with the ready cooperation of the NEA, it will be but a matter of time when Sex Education classes in our public schools will be viewing “same sex marriages” in a favorable light, and our nation’s children will grow up believing such depraved conduct to be morally acceptable! In fact, prior to the Supreme Court decision (due to cultural trends in place) different ones have already been “emboldened” to introduce “gay friendly” material into the classroom curriculum!

**9. It further threatens religious freedom.** Bible colleges could well be shut down if they refuse to enroll lesbian or homosexual “married” couples. Preachers who refuse to officiate at “same sex” marriages could be sued. Churches which exercise biblically required disciplinary measures toward those caught up in such a “lifestyle” (I Cor. 5:1-6) could easily lose their tax exempt status.

### **“What Can The Righteous Do?”**

Around 3,000 years ago, at a crucial time in his life in which it seemed that wickedness was gaining control, David asked the question, “*If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do,*” Psalm 11:3. Notwithstanding current trends, many “*righteous*” souls yet survive, and they are still able to make a positive difference! In addition to that mentioned in last week’s bulletin, “*the righteous*” in today’s world can:

**1. Wake up!** According to the parable of the tares, while men slept the enemy came and sowed “*tares among the wheat,*” Matt. 13:25. In view of modern cultural trends, it is “*high time to awake out of sleep,*” Rom. 13:11.

**2. Live right!** God’s people must “*live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,*” Tit. 2:12. It is possible to “*shine as lights in the world,*” Phil. 2:15, whereby the world can see our “*good works and glorify*” our “*Father which is in heaven,*” Matt. 5:16.

**3. Put our trust in God!** This is what David did when, in his day, the “*foundations*” were being “*destroyed,*” Ps. 11:1. God made the world; He is “*Lord of heaven and earth,*” Acts 17:24, and “*If God be for us, who can be against us,*” Rom. 8:31.

**4. Speak up!** God gave you a tongue. Use it! Voice your own convictions as to what is right! After all, the forces of evil are not being silent! And especially make sure to “*sanctify the*

*Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear,” I Pet. 3:15.*

**5. Vote.** This is still a legal right we can exercise and obey Rom. 13:1 at the same time. I’m not telling you what party to vote for, but listen to the candidates with regards to their stand on moral issues, and vote accordingly. If you *allow party* to take priority over **principle**, you are lacking in principle! Remember the saying, “all it takes for evil to prosper is for good men to do nothing!”

**6. Remember that if you are a Christian you are on the winning team**, and if we remain true to biblical principles, then “*we are more than conqueror through Him* that loved us,” Rom. 8:37.

**Conclusion:** More could be said, but we have run out of space. Please give these thoughts your sincere consideration and then act accordingly.

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