

## WHAT DOES THE SAME SEX RULING MEAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN?

Scripture Reading: *Gen 1:26-28; Rom 1:26,27; Heb 13:4*

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### **We Must Honor \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word Above Man's Word**

- What does God's word say about same sex unions? - Rom 1:26,27
  1. It is un\_\_\_\_\_ - both men and women abandoned the natural function (God's created mankind to multiply and fill the earth through marriage – Gen 1:26,27)
  2. It is degrading - the Greek word translated as degrading, literally means without h\_\_\_\_\_, since God does not honor same sex relations, neither should we.
  3. It is i\_\_\_\_\_ or shameful – this same word is used in Rev 16:15 describing the shame that a person feels when his nakedness is exposed for all to see.
- What does God's word say about marriage? (Heb 13:4)
  1. Marriage is to be h\_\_\_\_\_ among all people
    - a. The word translated marriage is always used to refer to the public c\_\_\_\_\_, never to the marital union (Matt 22:2-12; 25:10; Lk 12:26; 14:8; Jn 2:1,2; Rev 19:17,19) - The word “feast” is not in the original Greek in the gospels, but obviously that is what is meant.
    - b. Christians must make marriage celebrations honorable
  2. The bed must be undefiled (NIV – kept pure)
    - a. The word translated as bed is where we get our word coitus and so refers to the sexual act. – we must keep sex p\_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. What is unpure or defiled sex? – verse 4 tells us
      - a. Adultery – which is sexual u\_\_\_\_\_
      - b. Fornication – this includes all sexual expressions outside the union of one man to one woman in marriage.
- Therefore, we must honor God's supreme word above the ruling of the Supreme Court.

### **We Must Remember \_\_\_\_\_ in Love to Gays & in Obedience to God**

- We must not alienate gay people but reach out to them
  1. We were all s\_\_\_\_\_ before we were saved (Is 53:6)
  2. Jesus came to call sinners to r\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 5:32)
  3. As the gospel was offered to us, we must offer the gospel to gays just like anyone else who is without Christ.
- Christian must not allow the government to coerce them into v\_\_\_\_\_ their religious convictions.
  1. Governmental workers who issue marriage licenses or do weddings must either refuse to comply or quit their jobs.
  2. Christian business owners who deal with weddings must refuse service for gay celebrations or give up their business (sadly because of lawsuits, the latter is happening)
  3. Pastors and churches must adopt a well written policy concerning marriages, the use of their facility by the public, and employment in order to avoid lawsuits.

## **We Must H\_\_\_\_\_ Our Government Think Through Its Ruling**

- The ruling was based on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which says that no State *shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws.* It was applied to gays:
  1. The liberty of marrying a person of the same sex
  2. The equal protection of laws that heterosexuals have.
- Is denying any freedom unconstitutional?
  1. Heterosexuals do not have the freedom to marry according to just any sexual desire they may have (cannot marry a m\_\_\_\_\_, a close relative, or more than one person)
  2. Gays have been given their freedom based solely on their sexual desire.
    - a. This opens the door for others fighting for their sexual appetites to be granted under the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment (sexual desire towards animals, relatives, minors)
    - b. Gays will be testing their freedom by marrying whomever (can siblings marry?)
- This country was founded on Christian principles
  1. 1828 edition of Webster's Dictionary defines marriage as the *the legal union of a man and a woman for life.*
  2. The Supreme Court ruling is based on an anti-Christian definition of marriage. Therefore the ruling:
    - a. Does not up\_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution
    - b. Makes a new l\_\_\_\_\_ (this only Congress can do)
  3. Let's remind others of the Christian foundation, helping our society think through the implications of this ruling.