

TITLE: HOW THE BIBLE DEFINES MARRIAGE

TEXT: GENESIS 2:18-25

**INTRODUCTION: IN HEBREWS 13:4, THE BIBLE SAYS:
(QUOTE IT)**

*** THEN IN PROVERBS 18:22 THE WORD OF GOD SAYS:
(QUOTE IT)**

**** NOW THESE SCRIPTURES, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS,
COMMUNICATE THAT MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE AND
GOOD.**

***** AND FROM MY TEXT THAT I STARTED WITH TODAY,
SPECIFICALLY IN GENESIS 2:24, WE SEE THAT MARRIAGE
IS GOD-ORDAINED.**

****** AND THERE WE SEE THAT MARRIAGE IS THE FIRST
INSTITUTION THAT GOD ORDAINED.**

**(2) SO WE HAVE THE CREATION OF MARRIAGE AND THE
DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE HERE THAT WILL BE
REPEATED IN THE N.T.**

*** MARRIAGE THEREFORE IS A DIVINE INSTITUTION, NOT A
HUMAN ONE AND THE OMNIPOTENT CREATOR OF ALL**

LIFE AND THE HOLY CREATOR OF MARRIAGE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO DEFINE MARRIAGE.

**** AND THE ALMIGHTY HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE IN HIS WORD AND TO DEVIATE FROM HIS STANDARD IS TO SIN AGAINST HIS WISDOM IN CREATING IT AND HIS WILL IN DEFINING IT.**

***** MARRIAGE IN THE BIBLE IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE, A HUMAN OR CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE, A JUSTICE ISSUE, A RACIST ISSUE, A FAIRNESS ISSUE OR A LEGAL ISSUE, BUT A BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL ISSUE WHICH GOD IN HIS WORD GIVES US THE ONLY AND FINAL WORD ON.**

****** AND OUR ONLY AND FINAL AUTHORITY ON THIS HOT POTATO ISSUE TODAY FOR TRUE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD, THE BIBLE, WHERE GOD IN HIS REVELATION COMMUNICATES HIS HOLY WILL.**

(3) AND WHEN GOD SPEAKS, THE ARGUMENT IS OVER. SOLA SCRIPTURA, ONLY SCRIPTURE IS WHAT GUIDES US AND IS OUR FINAL AUTHORITY BELIEVING THAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT CONTAIN THE WORD OF GOD, BUT IS THE WORD OF GOD, THE CHRISTIAN'S MANUAL FOR BELIEF AND PRACTICE.

*** WITH THAT SAID, THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE AND THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IS BEING REDEFINED BY REVISIONISTS AND REBELS OF GOD IN OUR SOCIETY,**

ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE FOLKS WOULD DENY THAT THEY ARE REBELS OF GOD, BUT WOULD CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS, REDEFINING WHAT A CHRISTIAN IS.

**** AND THERE'S HARDLY A DAY THAT GOES BY THAT IN SOME MEDIA SOURCE WE ARE NOT BEING BOMBARDED WITH THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE OR DIALOGUE OR CONVERSATION OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT.**

***** BUT THERE IS NO DEBATE IF YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR BELIEF AND PRACTICE FOR CHRISTIANS.**

****** AND ALTHOUGH THIS ISSUE AND QUOTE NATIONAL DEBATE HAS BEEN ON THE FRONT BURNER FOR SOME TIME NOW WITH THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT, SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED HAPPENED ON MAY 9TH.**

******* AND THAT IS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, AN INCUMBENT SITTING PRESIDENT IN OFFICE HAS CALLED FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.**

(4) OUR PRESIDENT HAS CALLED FOR A TRANSFORMATION OF CIVILIZATION'S FIRST INSTITUTION, MARRIAGE.

*** AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH ROBIN ROBERTS COMMUNICATES HIS EVOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE IS FAIRNESS, EQUALITY, AND THAT THE GOLDEN RULE WEIGHS HEAVILY IN HIS FAITH ALONGSIDE CHRIST'S SACRIFICE, AND ARRIVING TO THIS POSITION.**

**** AND BELOVED, AGAIN THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE OR A POLITICAL STATEMENT ON MY PART, BUT A MORAL BIBLICAL ISSUE, LIKE THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND OUR PRESIDENT HAS CROSSED THE BIBLICAL LINE ON BOTH OF THESE ISSUES.**

***** AND SO I AM CLEAR AND NOT MISQUOTED, I AM NOT ENDORSING DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS OR ANY CANDIDATE, MY STATEMENT IS NOT A POLITICAL ONE, BUT A BIBLICAL AND MORAL ONE, AND OUR PRESIDENT, MANY SENATORS, CONGRESSMAN, GOVERNORS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES, STATE SENATORS, MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NATIONALLY HAVE CROSSED THE LINE AND MUST BE REBUKED FOR TRYING**

TO REDEFINE WHAT GOD HAS DEFINED, AUTHORIZED AND ADDRESSED.

(5) AND I DON'T CARE IF THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN, A DEMOCRAT OR AN INDEPENDENT, IF ANY CROSS THE BIBLICAL LINE ON THIS MORAL BIBLICAL ISSUE, THEY NEED TO BE CALLED INTO ACCOUNT.

*** HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT TAKE AWAY OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE TO PRAY FOR OUR AUTHORITIES, TO HONOR OUR AUTHORITIES, AND TO REALIZE THAT THEY ARE PUT IN THEIR POSITIONS BY GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AS ELABORATED IN I TIMOTHY 2:1-3, ROMANS 13:1-3, AND I PETER 2:13-17 (QUOTE SOME AND COMMENT TIME PERMITTING)**

**** AND BELOVED WE MUST HIGHLY ESTEEM THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US, BECAUSE GOD IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY AND IT CERTAINLY APPEARS THAT GOD IS JUDGING US BY SOME OF THESE AUTHORITIES AS HE DID WITH ISRAEL IN THE O.T.**

***** AND PLEASE, DON'T MISUNDERSTAND MY PASSION, CONVICTION AND HOPEFULLY HOLY BOLDNESS AS BEING MEAN-SPIRITED AND DISRESPECTFUL.**

****** THAT IS NOT MY DESIRE, MY DESIRE IS TO ELEVATE GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S TRUTH AS OUR FINAL AUTHORITY AND NOT ALLOW THE EMOTIONAL ARGUMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY TO CHANGE OUR MINDS ON THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE, AND I MIGHT ADD THE SANCTITY OF LIFE. MAY WE NOT ALLOW OUR SOCIETY TO SEDUCE US.**

(6) MAY WE THINK BIBLICALLY! MAY WE COMMUNICATE ONE AUTHORITY – THE BIBLE AND ONE SAVIOR – JESUS CHRIST, AND MAY WE LOVE PEOPLE AND COMMUNICATE THE ONLY SAVIOR AND THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD SAVES SINNERS LIKE US, LIKE ME.

*** WITH THAT SAID, I'VE TITLED OUR MESSAGE TODAY, "HOW THE BIBLE DEFINES MARRIAGE."**

**** AND UNDER THAT TITLE WE'LL LOOK AT JUST TWO POINTS. NO. 1 THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE; AND NO. 2 THE DEVIATION OF MARRIAGE.**

***** AND WITHOUT ANY MORE INTRODUCTION, I WANT TO GO TO OUR FIRST POINT TODAY, THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE.**

I. THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

A. AND I WANT TO BEGIN BY LOOKING AT THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS, THE BOOK OF GENESIS, THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE.

*** AND SPECIFICALLY I WANT TO LOOK BACK AT GENESIS 2:18-25, SO TURN THERE PLEASE.**

v. 18 - THEN THE LORD GOD SAID, "IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE; I WILL MAKE HIM A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM."

v. 19 - OUT OF THE GROUND THE LORD GOD FORMED EVERY BEAST OF THE FIELD AND EVERY BIRD OF THE SKY, AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE MAN TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD CALL THEM; AND WHATEVER THE MAN CALLED A LIVING CREATURE, THAT WAS ITS NAME.

v. 20 - THE MAN GAVE NAMES TO ALL THE CATTLE, AND TO THE BIRDS OF THE SKY, AND TO EVERY BEAST OF THE FIELD, BUT FOR ADAM THERE WAS NOT FOUND A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM.

v. 21 - SO THE LORD GOD CAUSED A DEEP SLEEP TO FALL UPON THE MAN, AND HE SLEPT; THEN HE TOOK ONE OF HIS RIBS AND CLOSED UP THE FLESH AT THAT PLACE.

v. 22 - THE LORD GOD FASHIONED INTO A WOMAN THE RIB WHICH HE HAD TAKEN FROM THE MAN, AND BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN.

v. 23 - THE MAN SAID, "THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES, AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN, BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN."

v. 24 - FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE; AND THEY SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

v. 25 - AND THE MAN AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH NAKED AND WERE NOT ASHAMED.

** NOW AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, HERE WE HAVE THE CREATION OF MARRIAGE AND THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE.

** IT IS ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN, LEAVING AND CLEAVING BECOMING ONE FLESH FOR LIFE.

*** AND NOTICE IT IS CLEAR THAT A MAN, A MALE, AND A WOMAN, A FEMALE, ARE THE ONES THAT BECOME ONE FLESH.

**** FOR IN V. 18 IT SAYS THE MAN, IN V. 19 IT SAYS THE MAN TWICE, IN V. 20 IT SAYS THE MAN AND THE MAN'S NAME IN V. 20 IS ADAM. IN V. 21 ADAM IS CALLED THE MAN AND THE MASCULINE PRONOUNS ARE USED AND HE SLEPT, AND GOD TOOK ONE OF HIS RIBS.

1. IN V. 22 THE LORD GOD FASHIONED INTO A WOMAN, FROM WHICH HE HAD TAKEN FROM THE MAN AND BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN.

* IN V. 23 THE MAN SAID, SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN.

** VERSE 24 – FOR THIS REASON A MAN, IS JOINED TO HIS WIFE WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DEFINED AS A SHE, A WOMAN AND THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE (A WOMAN) ARE TALKED ABOUT IN V. 25.

*** AND NOTE FOR THOSE WHO TRY TO CHANGE WORD MEANINGS THAT THE WORD MAN IN THE HEBREW IS AW-DAWM WHICH LIT. MEANS A MAN, ADAM BEING THE FIRST MAN.

**** AND THE WORD WOMAN IN HEBREW, ISH-SHAW AND LIT. MEANS WOMAN, WIFE, FEMALE. SO CLEARLY MARRIAGE FROM THE BEGINNING, GOD ACTUALLY SOLEMNIZING THIS MARRIAGE HIMSELF, IS BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

2. AND WHAT GOD ESTABLISHED IN THE BEGINNING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN HAS NOT CHANGED.

* IT IS TO SAY THAT WHEN LIFE BECAME MORE SOPHISTICATED AND CULTURE CHANGED, MARRIAGE CHANGED IN THE N.T. NOT SO.

** FOR THE TRUTH THAT MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IS REPEATED BY JESUS AND THE APOSTLE PAUL APPROXIMATELY 4,000 YEARS LATER.

*** AND FIRST OF ALL JESUS SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT DIVORCE THESE WORDS IN MATTHEW 19:3-6 –

V. 3 - SOME PHARISEES CAME TO JESUS, TESTING HIM AND ASKING, “IS IT LAWFUL FOR A MAN TO DIVORCE HIS WIFE FOR ANY REASON AT ALL?”

v. 4 - AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID, “HAVE YOU NOT READ THAT HE WHO CREATED THEM FROM THE BEGINNING MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

v. 5 - AND SAID, ‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’?

v. 6 - SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH. WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NO MAN SEPARATE.”

**** AND THEN IN THE PARALLEL ACCOUNT IN MARK'S GOSPEL, JESUS SAID IN MARK 10:6-9 –

V. 6 - BUT FROM THE BEGINNING OF CREATION, GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

V. 7 - FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,

V. 8 - AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH.

V. 9 - WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NO MAN SEPARATE.”

3. NOW IN BOTH OF THESE TEXTS WE HAVE JESUS' AUTHORITATIVE WORDS RECORDED IN HOLY SCRIPTURE ABOUT MARRIAGE AND ITS PERMANENCY, BUT BOTH OF THEM TAKE US BACK TO CREATION AND GOD INSTITUTING MARRIAGE AND TO WHOM IT IS BETWEEN? MALE AND FEMALE, MAN AND WOMAN, NOT A MAN WITH A MAN, AND NOT A WOMAN WITH A WOMAN.

* AND THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH, FOR WE HAVE N.T. CONFIRMATION OF THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE BY JESUS HIMSELF.

** BUT EVEN IN THE CHURCH EPISTLES WE HAVE MORE AUTHORITY AND CONFIRMATION.

*** FOR IN EPHESIANS 5:25-33 WE SEE THAT MARRIAGE IS A SACRED REFLECTION OF THE BEAUTIFUL AND MAGNIFICENT MYSTERY OF THE UNION BETWEEN JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH, A MYSTERY UNTIL THE N.T.

**** AND THE SPECIAL INTIMACY AND SACREDNESS OF THE LOVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE PARTNERS, A MAN AND A WOMAN, IS TO BE VISUAL EXPRESSION OF THE LOVE BETWEEN CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.

4. AND THE HUSBAND IS A TYPE OF CHRIST, A HE, HIMSELF, AND IS TO LOVE HIS WIFE LIKE CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH WITH A GIVING, FORGIVING, PATIENT, SACRIFICIAL LOVE AND THE WIFE, A SHE, IS TO RANK UNDER, TO BE UNDER HER HUSBAND'S HEADSHIP.

* LET'S LOOK AT THE TEXT. EPHESIANS 5:25 – 33.

V. 25 - HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER,

V. 26 - SO THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY HER, HAVING CLEANSED HER BY THE WASHING OF WATER WITH THE WORD,

V. 27 - THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT TO HIMSELF THE CHURCH IN ALL HER GLORY, HAVING NO SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING; BUT THAT SHE WOULD BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS.

V. 28 - SO HUSBANDS OUGHT ALSO TO LOVE THEIR OWN WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE WHO LOVES HIS OWN WIFE LOVES HIMSELF;

V. 29 - FOR NO ONE EVER HATED HIS OWN FLESH, BUT NOURISHES AND CHERISHES IT, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO DOES THE CHURCH,

V. 30 - BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY.

V. 31 - FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

V. 32 - THIS MYSTERY IS GREAT; BUT I AM SPEAKING WITH REFERENCE TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

V. 33 - NEVERTHELESS, EACH INDIVIDUAL AMONG YOU ALSO IS TO LOVE HIS OWN WIFE EVEN AS HIMSELF, AND THE WIFE MUST SEE TO IT THAT SHE RESPECTS HER HUSBAND.

** NOW CLEARLY IN THIS BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP, THE HUSBAND IS A MAN, AND THE WIFE IS A WOMAN. THE HUSBAND IS NOT A WOMAN WHO ASSUMES THE RELATIONSHIP OF A HUSBAND IN A SAME SEX MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO WOMEN NOR IS THE WIFE, A MAN WHO ASSUMES THE ROLE OF A WIFE IN THE MARRIAGE OF TWO WOMEN. THE LANGUAGE IS CLEAR IN ENGLISH AND GREEK. IT'S NOT A MISTAKE OF WHAT SEX WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

*** IN FACT, BEYOND THE MASCULINE PRONOUNS, HE, HIM AND HIMSELF, THE GREEK WORD FOR HUSBAND IS A-NAIR WHICH YOU CAN SEE ON THE SCREEN IT'S TOP 3 MEANINGS.

**** IT MEANS WITH REFERENCE TO SEX, A MALE, TO DISTINGUISH AN ADULT MAN FROM A BOY, ANY MALE. AND IT IS TRANSLATED IN ITS USES IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION MAN 156 TIMES, HUSBAND 50 TIMES, SIR 6 TIMES AND FELLOW ONE TIME.

5. AND THEN THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED WIFE IS THE WORD GOO-NAY AND YOU CAN SEE ON THE SCREEN IT LIT. MEANS A WOMAN OF ANY AGE, WHETHER A VIRGIN OR MARRIED OR A WIDOW, A WIFE, A BETROTHED WOMAN, AND OF ITS 221 USES IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION IT IS TRANSLATED WOMAN 129 TIMES AND WIFE 92 TIMES.

* SO CLEARLY THE TRUTH COMMUNICATED IS A HUSBAND IS A MALE, A MAN AND A WIFE IS A WOMAN, A FEMALE.

** NOW I WANT TO LOOK AT ONE OTHER N.T. TEXT AND IT IS FOUND IN I CORINTHIANS 7:10-15 AND THE CONTEXT IS KEEPING YOUR MARRIAGE VOWS AND THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE, SO PAUL IS NOT MISUNDERSTOOD BY WHAT HE SAID IN I CORINTHIANS 7:1-9.

*** AND LOOK AT V. 10 WITH ME ON THE SCREEN.

V. 10 - BUT TO THE MARRIED I GIVE INSTRUCTIONS, NOT I, BUT THE LORD, THAT THE WIFE SHOULD NOT LEAVE HER HUSBAND

V. 11 - (BUT IF SHE DOES LEAVE, SHE MUST REMAIN UNMARRIED, OR ELSE BE RECONCILED TO HER HUSBAND), AND THAT THE HUSBAND SHOULD NOT DIVORCE HIS WIFE.

V. 12 - BUT TO THE REST I SAY, NOT THE LORD, THAT IF ANY BROTHER HAS A WIFE WHO IS AN UNBELIEVER, AND SHE CONSENTS TO LIVE WITH HIM, HE MUST NOT DIVORCE HER.

V. 13 - AND A WOMAN WHO HAS AN UNBELIEVING HUSBAND, AND HE CONSENTS TO LIVE WITH HER, SHE MUST NOT SEND HER HUSBAND AWAY.

V. 14 - FOR THE UNBELIEVING HUSBAND IS SANCTIFIED THROUGH HIS WIFE, AND THE UNBELIEVING WIFE IS SANCTIFIED THROUGH HER BELIEVING HUSBAND; FOR OTHERWISE YOUR CHILDREN ARE UNCLEAN, BUT NOW THEY ARE HOLY.

V. 15 - YET IF THE UNBELIEVING ONE LEAVES, LET HIM LEAVE; THE BROTHER OR THE SISTER IS NOT UNDER BONDAGE IN SUCH CASES, BUT GOD HAS CALLED US TO PEACE.

**** NOW THE LANGUAGE IS CLEAR HERE AGAIN, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND GREEK, THE HUSBAND, SAME GREEK WORD USED IN EPHESIANS 5:25-33 IS TALKING ABOUT A

MAN, A-NAIR, AND THE WORD WIFE IS THE SAME GREEK WORD FOR WIFE, GOO-NAY IS ALSO USED WHICH AGAIN IS FEMALE FOR THE WIFE, PLUS SHE AND HER AND SISTER MAKE REFERENCE TO THE WIFE AND THE MASCULINE PRONOUN HIS AND THE WORD BROTHER MAKE REFERENCE TO THE HUSBAND.

**** IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE HUSBAND IS A MAN, A MALE AND A WIFE IS A WOMAN, A FEMALE.

**** AND THE TRUTH I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IS FROM THE BEGINNING AND CONFIRMED BY JESUS IN THE N.T. AND CONFIRMED BY PAUL IN CHURCH LETTERS FOR PRACTICE FOR CHURCHES FOR ALL TIME, FOR THE BIBLE IS TRANSCULTURAL, THE WORD OF GOD DOES NOT CHANGE AND IS PERFECT AND SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY GENERATION AND CULTURE.

6. THE WORD OF GOD CLEARLY COMMUNICATES THAT THE TRUTH OF MARRIAGE HAS NOT CHANGED AND THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IS CRYSTAL CLEAR.

* THAT A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, HE LEAVES HIS PARENTS AT A POINT OF TIME, AND IS JOINED TO HIS WIFE, A FEMALE, FOR WIFE CLEARLY IN EVERY CONTEXT IS A WOMAN, NOT A MAN WHO ACTS OR BECOMES A WIFE.

** MARRIAGE IS FOR A MAN AND A WOMAN, NOT TWO MEN AND NOT TWO WOMEN.

*** THE DEFINITION IS ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN, LEAVING AND CLEAVING BECOMING ONE FLESH FOR LIFE. A COMMITMENT, A COVENANT, BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN TO BE IN HOLY UNION, TO LEAVE AND CLEAVE TO BE GLUED TOGETHER AS ONE FOR THIS LIFE.

**** AND OF COURSE, ONE OF THE FRUITS FOR MANY COUPLES IN THIS HOLY GOD-ORDAINED UNION IS WHAT? CHILDREN.

7. FOR AS THEY COME TOGETHER PHYSICALLY AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, MANY TIMES GOD GIVES CHILDREN, SOMETHING THAT IS NATURAL, OFFSPRING, AS THE LORD SAID TWICE IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS, ONCE TO ADAM AND ONCE TO NOAH, TO GO AND BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY IN GENESIS 1:28 AND GENESIS 9:1.

* AND OF COURSE THAT CAN'T HAPPEN PHYSICALLY, NATURALLY, BIOLOGICALLY WITH A MAN AND A MAN AND WITH A WOMAN AND A WOMAN.

** IT IS UNNATURAL. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THAT WAS NEVER GOD'S INTENTION. IT CAN'T HAPPEN EXCEPT THROUGH ADOPTION AND IN VITRO FERTILIZATION WHICH ONLY THROUGH A MALE AND FEMALE CAN THAT

PROCESS HAPPEN THROUGH AN EGG AND SPERM IN A LABORATORY DISH.

*** SO SAME SEX MARRIAGE IS WRONG BIBLICALLY, IT IS WRONG NATURALLY AND IT WAS NEVER EVER GOD'S INTENTION.

**** HENCE, PERMANENT MALE-FEMALE MONOGAMY WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE GOD'S ONLY DESIRE FOR MARRIAGE.

8. THEREFORE GOD HAS ORDAINED SEXUAL RELATIONS ONLY IN MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

* AND SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE, SEX DURING MARRIAGE OUTSIDE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND SEX WITH A PERSON OF THE SAME SEX ARE ALL ABOMINATIONS TO THE LORD AND GOD WILL JUDGE FORNICATORS, ADULTERERS AND HOMOSEXUALS.

** SO THE ACT OF MARRIAGE, SEX BETWEEN A MARRIED MAN AND WOMAN IS THE ONLY SEXUAL CONDUCT GOD ALLOWS. ANYTHING BEFORE OR BEYOND THAT IS SIN.

*** SAME SEX MARRIAGE IS A MORAL, BIBLICAL ISSUE, WE ARE CALLING PEOPLE TO BE MORALLY PURE, WE ARE NOT RACISTS OR HOMOPHOBES. THE BIBLE CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUAL SEX AND HETEROSEXUAL SEX THAT IS

OUTSIDE THE BONDS OF BIBLICAL MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

9. AND WHEN I PREACH FROM THE PULPIT ABOUT ADULTERY OR FORNICATION, I DON'T HATE ADULTERERS AND FORNICATORS.

* AND WHEN I PREACH ABOUT THE BIBLE'S PROHIBITION ON PREMARITAL SEX, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HATE TEENAGERS OR WHATEVER AGE PEOPLE ARE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THAT SIN.

** WHEN I PREACH ABOUT THE SIN OF DRUNKENNESS, IT DOESN'T MEAN I HATE DRUNKARDS.

*** AND I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT OTHER SINS. THE POINT BEING I DON'T HATE HOMOSEXUALS BECAUSE I PREACH ABOUT THEIR SIN.

**** AND THE QUESTION HAS COME UP AT THIS POINT, WHY PREACH ABOUT THE SIN OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND HOMOSEXUALITY WHEN THERE ARE MANY OTHER EQUALLY HEINOUS SINS.

10. WELL, THE ANSWER IS, THIS SIN HAS TAKEN ON UNIQUE PROPERTIES IN OUR CULTURE. IT HAS BEEN DECLASSIFIED AS A SIN AND TURNED INTO A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE.

* IT HAS BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE AND NOT A MORAL ONE, AN ISSUE OF FREEDOM.

** AND THE FACT THAT IT IS BEING ADVOCATED NOT ONLY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, IN SCHOOLS, IN GOVT, IN POLITICAL PARTIES, THAT IT IS BEING RULED ON IN COURTS AND DECIDED IN LEGISLATIONS AND PEOPLE VOTING, FOR 30 STATES HAVE BANNED SAME SEX MARRIAGE, AND SOME OTHER STATES HAVE MADE IT LEGAL.

*** BUT THIS SIN HAS PUBLICALLY BEEN SORT OF EXTRACTED OUT OF THE GENERAL PLURALITY OF SINS AND GIVEN AN IDENTITY ALL ITS OWN. WE ARE BEING BOMBARDED WITH IT IN A WAR IN CULTURE AND ARE BEING PRESSURED TO CAPITULATE.

**** AND CONSEQUENTLY, BECAUSE OF ITS PROMINENCE IN OUR CULTURE, IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED FROM THE WORD OF GOD.

11. NOW WITH THAT SAID, I'VE DEFINED BIBLICAL MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN FOR THIS LIFE, TO LEAVE AND CLEAVE.

* AND NOW I WANT TO MOVE ON FROM THE DEFINITION BIBLICALLY, TO THE DEVIATION OF THIS INSTITUTION TO TALK ABOUT WHERE GOD IN HIS WORD TALKS ABOUT HOMOSEXUAL OR LESBIAN BEHAVIOR AS DEVIANT

BEHAVIOR, FOR THOSE WHO SAY, GOD DOESN'T FORBID HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR, THEREFORE GOD DOESN'T FORBID SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

** SO I MOVE ON TO MY SECOND POINT TODAY, THE DEVIATION.

II. THE DEVIATION

A. AND I WANT TO QUICKLY GIVE YOU A QUICK RUN THROUGH OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT OF GOD'S VIEW OF HOMOSEXUALITY OR SODOMY.

* AND I WANT TO START BY GOING TO GENESIS 19 AND READING TO YOU THE SIN OF SODOM AND IT WAS NOT THE SIN OF A LACK OF HOSPITALITY, BUT THE SIN OF HOMOSEXUALITY.

** NOW EVEN BEFORE WE GO TO GENESIS 19, UNDERSTAND THE LORD DECLARES TO ABRAHAM IN GENESIS 18:20 THESE WORDS: AND THE LORD SAID, "THE OUTCRY OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH IS INDEED GREAT, AND THEIR SIN IS EXCEEDINGLY GRAVE."

*** NOW THE SIN OF SODOM WAS EXCEEDINGLY GRAVE, VERY SERIOUS AND WHAT WAS ITS SIN?

**** WELL IN GENESIS 19:1-13 & 24 & 25 SAYS:

V. 1 - NOW THE TWO ANGELS CAME TO SODOM IN THE EVENING AS LOT WAS SITTING IN THE GATE OF SODOM. WHEN LOT SAW THEM, HE ROSE TO MEET THEM AND BOWED DOWN WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND.

V. 2 - AND HE SAID, "NOW BEHOLD, MY LORDS, PLEASE TURN ASIDE INTO YOUR SERVANT'S HOUSE, AND SPEND THE NIGHT, AND WASH YOUR FEET; THEN YOU MAY RISE EARLY AND GO ON YOUR WAY." THEY SAID HOWEVER, "NO, BUT WE SHALL SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE SQUARE."

V. 3 - YET HE URGED THEM STRONGLY, SO THEY TURNED ASIDE TO HIM AND ENTERED HIS HOUSE; AND HE PREPARED A FEAST FOR THEM, AND BAKED UNLEAVENED BREAD, AND THEY ATE.

V. 4 - BEFORE THEY LAY DOWN, THE MEN OF THE CITY, THE MEN OF SODOM, SURROUNDED THE HOUSE, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, ALL THE PEOPLE FROM EVERY QUARTER;

V. 5 - AND THEY CALLED TO LOT AND SAID TO HIM, "WHERE ARE THE MEN WHO CAME TO YOU TONIGHT? BRING THEM OUT TO US THAT WE MAY HAVE RELATIONS WITH THEM."

V. 6 - BUT LOT WENT OUT TO THEM AT THE DOORWAY, AND SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND HIM,

V. 7 - AND SAID, "PLEASE, MY BROTHERS, DO NOT ACT WICKEDLY.

V. 8 - NOW BEHOLD, I HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS WHO HAVE NOT HAD RELATIONS WITH MAN; PLEASE LET ME BRING THEM OUT TO YOU, AND DO TO THEM WHATEVER YOU LIKE; ONLY DO NOTHING TO THESE MEN, INASMUCH AS THEY HAVE COME UNDER THE SHELTER OF MY ROOF."

V. 9 - BUT THEY SAID, "STAND ASIDE." FURTHERMORE, THEY SAID, "THIS ONE CAME IN AS AN ALIEN, AND ALREADY HE IS ACTING LIKE A JUDGE; NOW WE WILL TREAT YOU WORSE THAN THEM." SO THEY PRESSED HARD AGAINST LOT AND CAME NEAR TO BREAK THE DOOR.

V. 10 - BUT THE MEN REACHED OUT THEIR HANDS AND BROUGHT LOT INTO THE HOUSE WITH THEM, AND SHUT THE DOOR.

V. 11 - THEY STRUCK THE MEN WHO WERE AT THE DOORWAY OF THE HOUSE WITH BLINDNESS, BOTH SMALL AND GREAT, SO THAT THEY WEARIED THEMSELVES TRYING TO FIND THE DOORWAY.

V. 12 - THEN THE TWO MEN SAID TO LOT, "WHOM ELSE HAVE YOU HERE? A SON-IN-LAW, AND YOUR SONS, AND

YOUR DAUGHTERS, AND WHOMEVER YOU HAVE IN THE CITY, BRING THEM OUT OF THE PLACE;

V. 13 - FOR WE ARE ABOUT TO DESTROY THIS PLACE, BECAUSE THEIR OUTCRY HAS BECOME SO GREAT BEFORE THE LORD THAT THE LORD HAS SENT US TO DESTROY IT.”

V. 24 - THEN THE LORD RAINED ON SODOM AND GOMORRAH BRIMSTONE AND FIRE FROM THE LORD OUT OF HEAVEN,

V. 25 - AND HE OVERTHREW THOSE CITIES, AND ALL THE VALLEY, AND ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITIES, AND WHAT GREW ON THE GROUND.

1. NOW THE SIN OF SODOM WAS THE SIN CALLED SODOMY OR HOMOSEXUALITY. AND TO CONFIRM THAT THEIR SIN WAS THIS SIN AND NOT THE LACK OF HOSPITALITY, JUDE V. 7 SAYS: “JUST AS SODOM AND GOMORRAH AND THE CITIES AROUND THEM, SINCE THEY IN THE SAME WAY AS THESE INDULGED IN GROSS IMMORALITY AND WENT AFTER STRANGE FLESH, ARE EXHIBITED AS AN EXAMPLE IN UNDERGOING THE PUNISHMENT OF ETERNAL FIRE.”

* NOW SODOM AND GOMORRAH WERE EXAMPLES, THEY WERE ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOD’S FIRE OF EARTHLY

JUDGMENT, WHICH WAS ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE FIRE THAT WILL NOT BE QUENCHED IN HELL IN ETERNAL JUDGMENT.

** AND THE LUST IN SODOM IN HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR WAS SO OUT OF CONTROL, GOD HAD TO JUDGE THEM AT THAT TIME AND WIPE OUT THAT UNGODLY SIN.

*** AND LET ME SAY GOD'S CONDEMNATION OF HOMOSEXUALITY WITH HIS JUDGMENT ON SODOM AND THE CITIES OF THAT VALLEY IS COMMUNICATED BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES WAS EVER GIVEN.

**** FOR THE LAW OF GOD, THE WILL OF GOD WAS MANIFEST IN CONSCIENCE, WHICH WAS ABSOLUTELY HARDENED BY THE PEOPLE OF SODOM IN THEIR PERVERSION, IT WAS UNNATURAL.

2. SO BEFORE THE LAW THIS SIN WAS JUDGED. IT WAS ALSO CONDEMNED UNDER THE LAW AS AN ABOMINATION.

* FOR LEVITICUS 18:22 SAYS: "YOU SHALL NOT LIE WITH A MALE AS ONE LIES WITH A FEMALE; IT IS AN ABOMINATION."

** AND THEN LEVITICUS 20:13 SAYS: "IF THERE IS A MAN WHO LIES WITH A MALE AS THOSE WHO LIE WITH A WOMAN, BOTH OF THEM HAVE COMMITTED A

DETESTABLE ACT; THEY SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH. THEIR BLOODGUILTINESS IS UPON THEM.”

*** AND HERE IN THIS TEXT, A CONSEQUENCE FOR THIS BEHAVIOR WAS THE DEATH PENALTY, ONE OF 35 DEEDS THAT COULD BRING ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UNDER THE O.T. IN ISRAEL. IT WAS A LEAVENING SIN THAT NEEDED TO BE DEALT WITH TO STOP IT FROM SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE.

**** AND UNDER GRACE IN THE N.T., OBVIOUSLY THERE IS NO DEATH PENALTY, LIKE THERE IS NO DEATH PENALTY FOR CHILDREN DISHONORING AND DISRESPECTING THEIR PARENTS.

3. BUT GOD’S MORAL LAW HAS NOT CHANGED FOR HE IS STILL HOLY AND JUST AS IT IS SIN STILL NOT TO HONOR YOUR PARENTS, IT IS SIN STILL TO BE INVOLVED IN SODOMY OR HOMOSEXUALITY, AS IT IS SINFUL TO COVET, TAKE THE LORD’S NAME IN VAIN, TO COMMIT ADULTERY AND TO LIE OR MURDER, ALL ISSUES UNDER THE LAW.

* WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A MORAL FOUNDATION, A MORAL CALL THAT NEVER CHANGES, WE MUST DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN GOD’S MORAL LAW WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE IT REVEALS HIS HOLY CHARACTER, AND GOD’S JUDICIAL AND CEREMONIAL LAW

GIVEN TO PROTECT ISRAEL FROM THE OTHER NATIONS, LIKE THE DIETARY LAWS, ETC.

** AND THE PUNISHMENT OF SODOMY PERTAINED TO THE CIVIL LAW, BUT THAT CONDUCT PERTAINED TO THE MORAL LAW, A REFLECTION OF GOD'S HOLY NATURE WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE.

*** AND MORAL CATEGORIES DO NOT CHANGE, BUT CIVIL LAW FOR ISRAEL AND CEREMONIES HAVE, LIKE WHAT TO WEAR, WHAT TO EAT AND SOCIAL THINGS FOR ISRAEL.

**** NOW WITH THAT SAID, I WANT TO MOVE OVER INTO THE N.T. AND LOOK AT ROMANS 1:18-32.

4. V. 18 - FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS,

V. 19 - BECAUSE THAT WHICH IS KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS EVIDENT WITHIN THEM; FOR GOD MADE IT EVIDENT TO THEM.

V. 20 - FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD HIS INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES, HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.

V. 21 - FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED.

V. 22 - PROFESSING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS,

V. 23 - AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE GOD FOR AN IMAGE IN THE FORM OF CORRUPTIBLE MAN AND OF BIRDS AND FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS AND CRAWLING CREATURES.

V. 24 - THEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM OVER IN THE LUSTS OF THEIR HEARTS TO IMPURITY, SO THAT THEIR BODIES WOULD BE DISHONORED AMONG THEM.

V. 25 - FOR THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR A LIE, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE RATHER THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER. AMEN.

V. 26 - FOR THIS REASON GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO DEGRADING PASSIONS; FOR THEIR WOMEN EXCHANGED THE NATURAL FUNCTION FOR THAT WHICH IS UNNATURAL,

V. 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.

V. 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,

V. 29 - BEING FILLED WITH ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS,
WICKEDNESS, GREED, EVIL; FULL OF ENVY, MURDER,
STRIFE, DECEIT, MALICE; THEY ARE GOSSIPS,

V. 30 - SLANDERERS, HATERS OF GOD, INSOLENT,
ARROGANT, BOASTFUL, INVENTORS OF EVIL,
DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS,

V. 31 - WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, UNTRUSTWORTHY,
UNLOVING, UNMERCIFUL;

V. 32 - AND ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW THE ORDINANCE OF
GOD, THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS ARE
WORTHY OF DEATH, THEY NOT ONLY DO THE SAME, BUT

ALSO GIVE HEARTY APPROVAL TO THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.

* NOW WITHOUT DEVELOPING THE TEXT IT IS CLEAR THAT IN THE DOWNWARD PROGRESSION OF PEOPLE, IDOLATRY LEADS TO IMMORALITY, THE NEXT STEP DOWN FROM IDOLATRY IS IMMORALITY.

** GOD GIVES THEM UP TO THEIR LUSTS. AND WHERE DO THEIR LUSTS, THEIR WRONG DESIRES TAKE THEM? TO HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR. THIS IS UNNATURAL PERVERTED BEHAVIOR.

*** NOW I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING. THE NEXT N.T. TEXT WE'LL LOOK AT IS I TIMOTHY 1:8-10 AND I TIMOTHY 1:8-10 SAYS:

V. 8 - BUT WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS GOOD, IF ONE USES IT LAWFULLY,

V. 9 - REALIZING THE FACT THAT LAW IS NOT MADE FOR A RIGHTEOUS PERSON, BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE LAWLESS AND REBELLIOUS, FOR THE UNGODLY AND SINNERS, FOR THE UNHOLY AND PROFANE, FOR THOSE WHO KILL THEIR FATHERS OR MOTHERS, FOR MURDERERS

V. 10 - AND IMMORAL MEN AND HOMOSEXUALS AND KIDNAPPERS AND LIARS AND PERJURERS, AND WHATEVER ELSE IS CONTRARY TO SOUND TEACHING.

****NOW THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD, IT IS USEFUL, IT SHOWS US OUR SIN AND AGAIN IT REFLECTS GOD'S HOLY CHARACTER.

5. AND SOME SPECIFIC SINS ARE LISTED HERE AND CLEARLY ONE OF THEM IS HOMOSEXUALITY, FOR HOMOSEXUALITY IS SIN.

* AND THEN LAST OF ALL, IN LOOKING AT SCRIPTURE WE WILL LOOK AT I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11.

** AND HERE IT SAYS –

V. 9 - OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE UNRIGHTEOUS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? DO NOT BE DECEIVED; NEITHER FORNICATORS, NOR IDOLATERS, NOR ADULTERERS, NOR EFFEMINATE, NOR HOMOSEXUALS,

V. 10 - NOR THIEVES, NOR THE COVETOUS, NOR DRUNKARDS, NOR REVILERS, NOR SWINDLERS, WILL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

V. 11 - SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU; BUT YOU WERE WASHED, BUT YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, BUT YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.

*** NOW HERE WE HAVE A LIST OF SINS AGAIN AND PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARACTERIZED BY THESE SINS ARE NOT SAVED, THEY ARE NOT CHRISTIANS.

**** AND ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PRACTICING HOMOSEXUALS THAT SAY THEY ARE CHRISTIANS, THEY ARE NOT ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, ALONG WITH ADULTERERS, DRUNKARDS, COVETOUS, ETC.

6. FOR CHRIST THROUGH SALVATION CHANGES OUR LIVES. HE SUPERNATURALLY GIVES US NEW HOLY DESIRES AND WE WANT TO FULFILL THEM. OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD IS A FRUIT OF BEING A TRUE BELIEVER, NOT LIVING IN UNREPENTANT SIN, QUOTE I JOHN 2:3&4.

* SO AGAIN, HOMOSEXUAL SIN IS A DEVIATION FROM GOD'S WORD AND IS UNNATURAL AND AN ABOMINATION.

IN WRAP UP: (1) VERSE 11 OF I CORINTHIANS 6 OFFERS HOPE FOR HOMOSEXUALS AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE THE SINS LISTED THERE.

* AND THAT IS SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU. IN OTHER WORDS GOD SAVED AND DELIVERED HOMOSEXUALS AT CORINTH IN THAT DAY FROM THEIR SIN, FORGIVING THEM IN THE NAME AND POWER OF THE LORD JESUS AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

** BY GOD'S GRACE AND THROUGH HIS SAVING LOVE, HOMOSEXUAL SINNERS ARE REDEEMABLE AS WELL AS ADULTERERS, DRUNKARDS, COVETOUS, ETC.

*** THERE IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, GOD SAVES ALL KINDS OF SINNERS THROUGH THE ONLY SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

**** FOR IF YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR SIN, SEE IT FOR WHAT IT IS, QUIT TRYING TO DEFEND IT AND SANCTIFY IT AND JUSTIFY IT, BUT CONFESS IT AS SIN CRYING OUT TO GOD TO FORGIVE YOU THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST AND HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION, HE'LL FORGIVE YOU AND WASH YOU AND SAVE YOU.

(2) AND THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE MUST GIVE TO ALL, FROM HOMOSEXUALS TO LIARS.

* AND I SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN TODAY, TO SPEAK ABOUT THE TRUTH OF THE SAVIOR WHO FORGIVES AND TRANSFORMS.

** AND THE BIBLE REALLY CALLS HOMOSEXUALITY SIN. BUT THIS SIN, LIKE ALL OTHER SINS CAN BE FORGIVEN IN CHRIST.

*** MAY WE LOVINGLY CALL LIARS, COVETERS, BLASPHEMERS, PROUD RELIGIONISTS, HOMOSEXUALS, ADULTERERS AND ALL SINNERS TO TURN FROM THEIR SIN AND TURN TO JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR IN REPENTANT FAITH TO BE FORGIVEN OF THEIR SINS.

(3) BELOVED, WE SHOULD HATE EVERY SIN, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT INFECT AND DESENSITIZE CULTURE. BUT MAY WE LOVE PEOPLE, LIVE THE LIFE AND LET THEM KNOW WE HAVE A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

* IN APPLICATION, PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR POLITICAL LEADERS. BE SALT AND LIGHT, VOTE AND LOVE SINNERS BY GIVING THEM GOOD NEWS. AND MAY WE AS SALT AND LIGHT ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL AND CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD, AND PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE AND GIVE OUT THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE. (LET'S PRAY)