

Homosexual Marriage in the USA

1. **Church** – the church has failed culture. By failing to renew the mind of the saints and reach out to the culture with evangelism of the Truth and good works, instead of reaching out to the culture with marketing and requests for donations.
2. **Nation** – all nations are pagan nations. All nations will go the way of pagans. There is no such thing as a Christian nation.
 - a. There is the Kingdom of God, but the Kingdom of God is:
 - i. Not Constantine's Rome
 - ii. Not Byzantine Empire
 - iii. Not Charlemagne's Christendom
 - iv. Not Calvin's Geneva
 - v. Not the United States of America.
 - b. Christians are strangers, foreigners in the nations of the world
 - i. 1 Peter 1:1 – "To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout"
 - ii. Hebrews 11:35-40 – "Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised."
3. **Government** is to be obeyed. We are not to rebel. We are to live good lives among the pagans (including in postmodern USA)
 - a. 1 Peter 2:13-18 – "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men."
 - b. Romans 13:1-8 – "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established... Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. ... Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience."
 - c. 1 Timothy 2:1-10 - "...requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives."
 - d. But, you cannot disobey God because men command you to obey them –
 - i. Acts 4:19 – "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."
 - ii. Acts 5:29 – "We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead."
4. **Constitution** - The branches of the US government have left the way of the Constitution and have altered the idea of democracy

Points:

1. Do not fight as a church against the government
 - a. The church should not start a war or a sub-culture government
 - b. Embrace the minority, oppressed status whose worldview and philosophy do not match culture:
 - i. 1st and 2nd century Christianity
 - ii. Monastic movement which began in 300's in response to worldly church that had united with government/culture. Men like Ulfilas went to the Goths; Basil preserved what would become much of the Greek Orthodox Church; Jerome left

Rome for Bethlehem; Benedict preserved Christian values for Europe. The Monasteries preserved the text of Scripture

- c. Let the culture run its course of collapse
 - i. Jesus did in 30-70 AD
 - ii. Paul did in Romans 1 in 57 AD
 - iii. God did to Canaan in 2000-1400 BC
2. Our weapons are spiritual as in 1 Corinthians 10
 - a. When the revolt begins the Christians must
 - i. Not be the cause of the rebellion
 - ii. Present the truth, live the truth
3. Ends times of culture or history is not "G" rated
4. The forces of spiritual evil will not stop with tolerance
5. At the end of the story every time "Love wins" but the Christians get slaughtered
6. The institution of marriage was ruined long before the homosexual agenda
7. Gay marriage (along with other social issues) is preceding the knockout blow coming from Islam
8. What was more devastating, more wicked and worthy of swifter divine judgment – legalized abortions or legalized homosexual marriage? The USA has been murdering babies for decades. Homosexuality is not going to cause the unraveling of our country, instead homosexual marriages indicates our country is unraveling.
 - a. Democracy without common morality could be the clay feet of Daniel's statue. It cannot support the weight of its own society and the weight of the world empires will crush it.
9. We are living in post-democracy America which is a modern Canaanite culture that has rejected Christian morals. (And, again, the Western church has NOT been a bright shining light, but instead a mirror reflecting the culture in an attempt to stay relevant. The church has lost its saltiness and is failed to preserve western culture.)
10. Forfeit tax exemption before it is used as a threat?