

Decision 2012, Part 4

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We are the light of the world and the city on a hill!

The allegiance of the Christian should not be to a political party or any personal benefit promised by the government, but to the Word of God and the doctrine of Jesus, which is loving and lifting the world with the gospel.

The Faith of the Founders

"The Bible is the Rock on which this Republic rests." - *President Andrew Jackson*

"He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of a primitive Christianity, will change the face of the world" - *Benjamin Franklin*

"The religion which has introduced *civil liberty* is the religion of Christ and His Apostles... This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our *free constitutions of government*." - *Noah Webster*

"The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." - *President John Adams*

"We've staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us . . . to Govern ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded." - *President James Madison*

"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." - *President James Madison*

"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart." - *President Thomas Jefferson*

"Without God there is not virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience, without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we are One Nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." - President Ronald Reagan

Proverbs 29:2 - When **the righteous are in authority**, the people rejoice; but when **wicked men rule**, the people groan.

Proverbs 14:34 – Righteousness exalts, elevates and makes a nation great; sin is a disgrace to any nation.

Christians don't shape their views of what is righteous by the culture, but by the Word of God.

Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

What About Gay Marriage?

- Family is the first institution that God ordained and defined.
- God's view of family (a man & a woman) is about the betterment of people's lives.
- The family is under attack on all fronts:
 - Divorce rate
 - People living together
 - Single parent homes
 - Children born out of wedlock
 - Domestic violence
 - Gay marriage

Leviticus 18:22 - You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

Romans 1:26-27 – ²⁶ That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷ And the men, instead of having normal sexual relationships with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men and, as a result, suffered within themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

Jude 1:7 - And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with sexual immorality (homosexuality) and every kind of sexual

perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and are a warning of the eternal fire that will punish all who are evil.

It is not bigotry to worship God and submit to His will for your life.

President Obama held a “biblical view” of marriage until May of this year (6 months ago) and he certainly wasn’t considered a bigot or homophobe.

The Defense of Marriage Act

- The September 21, 1996 Democratic President Bill Clinton signed into law “The Defense of Marriage Act”, which states, **"The bill amends the U.S. Code to make explicit what has been understood under federal law for over 200 years; that a marriage is the legal union of a man and a woman as husband and wife, and a spouse is a husband or wife of the opposite sex."**
- Senate votes – **DEM** – 32 to 14 For --- **REP** – All For
- House votes – **DEM** 188 to 65 For, with 15 not voting – **REP** All, with one exception
- Democratic President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law

President Obama vs Governor Romney

Gregory J. Krieg, November 1, 2012 ABC News

Obama -- After longstanding personal opposition to gay marriage, Obama, in an exclusive interview with ABC News in May, announced he believes gay couples should be allowed to wed. Has long said he opposes the Defense of Marriage Act, the federal law that defines marriage as being between one man and one woman, and has called for its repeal. His Justice Department ceased defending the law in legal battles, an unprecedented move. Despite his stated support, Obama says he has no plans to push federal legislation compelling the states to recognize same-sex marriages.

Romney -- Says he will "champion" a constitutional amendment "defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman." He has also promised to appoint an attorney general who will "defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)," a law the Obama administration has stopped backing in court.

There is a massive difference between judging behavior and condemning people.

While Christians should exercise their vote in such a way to reflect those who best support godly values, our greatest mission is bringing the gospel to people, regardless of their station in life.