

The Gospel in a Changing America

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; - 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. - 2 Corinthians 5:19

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. - 2 Corinthians 5:20

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

The Joy of Biblical Marriage

Mark 10:6-9

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And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" - Mark 10:2

But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." - Mark 10:6

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. - Genesis 1:27

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two but one flesh. - Mark 10:7-8

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. - Genesis 2:24

What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. - Mark 10:9

God DESIGNED it in Genesis 1:27

God DESCRIBED it in Genesis 2:24

God DID it the day you got married

-John Piper

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying it refers to Christ and the church. -
- Ephesians 5:31-32

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1. The Supreme Court’s decision is at odds with the Constitution, reason and biblical religion.
2. The Supreme Court has gotten it wrong before.
3. The marriage battle was lost in the culture before it was lost in the courts.

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

4. The new order will not leave the church alone—anyone who opposes the new order will be aggressively attacked for daring to oppose that ideology.

“It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy...the majority attempts, toward the end of its opinion, to reassure those who oppose same-sex marriage that their rights of conscience will be protected.”

“We will soon see whether this proves to be true.”

“I assume that those who cling to old beliefs will be able to whisper their thoughts in the recesses of their homes, but if they repeat those views in public, they will risk being labeled as bigots and treated as such by government, employers and schools.”

--Justice Samuel Alito

5. The church must reach out aggressively in ministry to sexually wounded people while at the same time vigorously affirm our right to proclaim the whole gospel.
6. The long-term answer to same sex marriage is the re-conversion of America to a robust evangelical faith.
7. The church will survive persecution but it will not survive faithlessness.

...entrusting to us the message of reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:19