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“Stand for Marriage”
Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24
February, 2008

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Most of you have seen ABC TV's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition where they tear down a house and rebuild it for a deserving family. It is so cool to follow the process and watch the family's reaction when Ty shouts: "Move that Bus!" The old dilapidated house has been demolished, and a beautiful new home has replaced it. What a heart-warming moment!

Unfortunately, there has been another Extreme Makeover happening to the American home. Homosexual activists and their allies have been very effective in promoting their extreme makeover of the American family and are pushing for recognition of same-sex relationships in our laws, schools, culture, and even in the church. They have been working overtime to tear down traditional marriage, redefine it, and replace it.

Back in May of this year, four judges on the California Supreme Court demolished Proposition 22, which defined marriage as only between one man and one woman, overturning the votes of over 4.6 million Californians. With their work completed, the Supreme Court shouted: "Move that bus!" And since June 17, we have begun to see the results.

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Bible-believing Christians have been shocked to witness same-sex weddings all over California and repulsed by men kissing men and women kissing women for the cameras. That California Supreme Court ruling was a defining moment, and unless the church of Jesus Christ unites and rises up, it could mark the end of the traditional family in California, and it has the potential to destroy marriage all across the United States!

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How should Christians respond? That is the subject of our time together, and the title of the message is "Stand for Marriage." Why should Christians in America, and specifically in California, stand for marriage as defined by this Book? Well I think the answer is a no-brainer, but let's consult the Scriptures, because they are the guide for faith, family, and freedom – everything in life. So as we think about taking a stand for marriage, the first thing we need to do is to re-establish the divine pattern for marriage from the word of God. The Bible establishes a fixed standard of righteousness, a fixed standard of moral absolutes, of right and wrong.

Most of you have seen ABC TV's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition where they tear down a house and rebuild it. Unfortunately, there has been another Extreme Makeover happening to the American home. Some are trying to tear down traditional marriage and redefine it.

Bible believing Christians were shocked a couple of years ago as we witnessed the so called "Massachusetts marriages" and "San Francisco ceremonies" where two men or two women were "married" and kissed one another for the cameras. That moment has come and gone, but the threat to traditional marriage remains. Homosexual activists and their allies have been very effective in promoting their extreme makeover of the family and are pushing for recognition of same-sex relationships in our laws, schools, and even in the church.

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I. THE DIVINE PATTERN

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What is the divine pattern, God's original intention for marriage and the home? Go back to Genesis, the book of beginnings. For example, Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Aren't you glad God created Adam and Eve, and not just Adam and Steve? Thank God for the difference between men and women. In fact, the two genders were meant to complete each other physically, emotionally, and in every other way. Also, both genders are needed for a healthy home. As Dr. James Dobson notes, "More than ten thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when they are raised by mothers and fathers."¹⁴

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In Genesis 2:24, God further declares: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." When you come to the teaching of Jesus in the NT, you find that Jesus endorsed this divine pattern. Quoting Genesis, Jesus asked Pharisees in Matt. 19:4: "Have you not read that at the beginning, the Creator made them male and female, and said: 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh?' So they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate." In both OT and NT, one man and one woman in a marriage covenant relationship for life is the divine pattern.

When a marriage follows God's design, it is good for everyone — men, women, children, the community, the country, and the world. By the way, before taking a public stand for marriage we ought to renew our commitment to live out the biblical principles of marriage. Think about it. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage. It is the foundation of human social order. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of marriage according to the divine pattern. When this God-given pattern is undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster. ~~Heterosexuality is the divine pattern.~~

II. THE DECEPTIVE PERVERSION

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Second, there is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern. ~~What is the deceptive perversion? Hear me clearly: ~~It is any and all sexual sin outside of the marriage covenant relationship is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern,~~~~ but for the purposes of this message I want to focus on one sin in particular: homosexuality. The Word of God, which does not err, is abundantly clear. Leviticus 18:22 says: "You are not to sleep with a man as with a woman; it is detestable." Leviticus 20:13 says: "If a man sleeps with a man as with a woman, they have both committed an abomination...~~They must be put to death; their blood is on their own hands.~~" Homosexuality is an abomination to God. This is the strongest biblical word for the denunciation of sin, the proof of which is in God's own version of the Extreme Makeover at Sodom and Gomorrah, which were destroyed in a hail of fire and brimstone (Gen. 19).

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Again, why is homosexuality a sin? Because it is open rebellion against the divine pattern, the created order of God. Some say: "Well, that's Old Testament, but Jesus never said anything about homosexuality." ~~I would disagree.~~ Yet Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-18:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Some say: "Well Christians don't restrict their diets like they did in the OT Law, why should we pay attention to restrictions against homosexuality." Well we don't keep kosher. Why? Because Christ's death on the cross rendered obsolete the dietary, ~~While the ritual, ceremonial, and sacrificial, and ceremonial laws were effectively rendered obsolete by Christ's life, death, and resurrection~~ (see Hebrews 8:13), but the principles of the moral law remain in force. And that is. The moral law calls homosexuality an abomination. Jesus said: "I didn't come to change that."

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In fact, Jesus basically condemned homosexuality by affirming the divine pattern for marriage. In Matthew 19:4-6 and Mark 10:6-9, quoting from Genesis 1 and 2, Jesus said that marriage is between one man and one woman. So if Jesus said marriage is between one man and one woman, it follows logically that marriage cannot be between two men or two women. In affirming God's pattern for marriage, Jesus rejected the deceptive perversion of homosexuality. ~~as between a man and woman in Matthew 19:4 where he references Genesis 1 and 2.~~ When you get into the letters of Paul (Romans 1:18, 26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:10), Peter (2 Peter 2:6ff), and Jude (v. 7), there is even more confirmation. Homosexuality is a deceptive perversion.

III. THE DEFINITIVE PROBLEM

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Third, there is a definitive problem. Homosexuals claim: "We were born this way; it is in our genes; God made us gay." They cite "gay gene" studies predominantly conducted by researchers who are homosexuals - studies ~~homosexuals~~ that have been repudiated by credible research.^{2,3} Yet these same biased and discredited studies have been widely publicized by the liberal media as true and factual. They essentially practice Joseph Goebel's Nazi philosophy of propaganda, which is basically this: tell a lie long enough and loud enough ~~and long enough~~ and eventually most mindless Americans will believe it.³

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Get this straight: God did not make anyone homosexual. The Bible declares that the definitive problem is ours: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..." (Isaiah 53:6). Every one of us has a sin nature that twists and perverts God-given desires not only toward homosexuality, but toward all sorts of sin, including sexual sins, such as promiscuity, adultery, pedophilia, ~~bestiality~~, etc. In fact, our sinful nature is the root of pulls us down into all manner of evil, but with God's help, we can choose not to give into those evil desires. ~~not just sexual sin.~~

Dr. James Dobson says: "I am certain that homosexuality does not result from irresistible genetic influences, as some would have us believe."⁴ Scientifically speaking, there is no gay gene. Listen, I do not believe that God would not place in your genetic code something that would destroy your immortal

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soul. Again, it is our sin nature and its perverted and twisted desires that people give into, just as the Bible says in Rom. 1:24-27. That's the definitive problem.

IV. THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

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Fourth, there is a destructive program. While homosexuals only represent ~~2.9% a fraction~~ of the total population (~~2.8% of men and 1.4% of women~~), 5 many have become very vocal, well organized, well funded, and highly motivated.⁵ They have used the political system, the media, movies, and even the schools to "mainstream" their lifestyle choices, and they have been extremely successful in advancing their agenda. Just consider how the attitudes have changed toward homosexuality from the previous generation.⁶

What are the goals of the radical homosexual agenda? They include universal acceptance of the gay and lesbian lifestyle, gaining special privileges and rights in the laws, "sensitivity training" of our children through public education, silencing critics in the clergy and Christian media, and securing the legal benefits of marriage and parenting for any two people of the same gender. By all accounts, ~~Homosexual~~ homosexual activists have been marching from victory to victory in the entertainment arena, the educational arena, and the legal arena in advancing this agenda. Don't think so?

A. Entertainment Arena: Take a look at the entertainment arena. Does Brokeback Mountain ring a bell? What about Will and Grace and Queer Eye for the Straight Guy? What about Boy Meets Boy, which has a gay bachelor who must choose one man among 15 other men to be his partner? What about the Logo network dedicated to gay friendly programming? What about the MTV music awards several years ago when Madonna gave ~~Brittany~~ Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera an open mouth kiss? Nearly every movie, nearly every television program advances rebellion against the divine pattern found in the word of God.

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B. Education Arena: Take a look at the educational arena. What about books in the public school classroom such as Heather Has Two Mommies and Daddy's New Roommate? Several years ago, the conservative news magazine National Review laid out a litany of examples of homosexual indoctrination in New England public schools.

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In one elementary school, a transsexual was invited into a 1st grade class to give details of his operation.⁷ In another elementary school, children were assigned to play gays in a school skit. Two girls were to hold hands and pretend to be lesbians. One boy's line was: "It's natural to be attracted to the same sex."⁸

~~At a required school assembly, an instructor used four letter words, described the joys of oral and anal sex, and had children participate in licking condoms. Parents were not notified about this in advance.~~⁹ One 9th grade High School health textbook teaches: "Testing your ability to function sexually and give pleasure to another person may be less threatening in the early teens with people of your own sex... You may come to the conclusion that growing up means rejecting the values of your parents."¹⁰

A Lexington, Massachusetts school "treated" their second graders to a book entitled King and King, which is a colorful 29-page children's book in which a prince searches for a wife, only in the end to choose another prince. The story ends with the two princes "marrying" and living "happily ever after."

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On the last page, the princes -- now kings -- even share a kiss.¹¹¹⁰ This was read to 7 year olds! And then there are two recent indoctrination films "It's Elementary" and "That's a Family," the latter of which is directed toward 1st through 3rd grade kids, but both of which preach the virtues of homosexuality and the vices of homophobia.

Here in California, SB 777 was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor last year. This radical new law includes sexual orientation and gender identity for protection against so-called "discriminatory bias," and it has profound implications for public education in California.¹ School children as young as kindergarten-age can now be forced to learn about and support homosexuality, bisexuality, and trans-sexuality. School-sponsored activities, textbooks, and instructional materials could require a positive portrayal of homosexual "marriages," cross-dressing, sex-change operations, and all aspects of homosexuality and bisexuality. Bathrooms and locker rooms could also become unisex - based on how a child perceives his or her own gender identity. With this recent Supreme Court ruling, homosexual indoctrination in public schools will go into hyper-drive.

The strategy behind the Destructive Program of the homosexual activists and their allies is obvious. ~~It is like the frog in the kettle. Just turn up the heat a degree at a time, just introduce the homosexual agenda in small doses, and before long, the frog is cooked.~~ Writing in the leading homosexual magazine, *The Advocate*, lesbian author Patricia Nell Warren, said this: "It is the first fact of civilization; whoever captures the kids owns the future."¹¹¹²

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C. Legal Arena: While as many as 2 out of 3 Americas are opposed to "gay marriage,"¹² homosexual activists and their allies have looked to the Courts to further their destructive program. Take a look at their successes in -the legal arena. In What about the 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned the nation's remaining Sodomy laws. ? In 2004, What about the the Massachusetts high court "marriages" legalized same-sex "marriage." And now the California Supreme Court's decision could well open the floodgates for homosexual "marriage" all across America because of the lack of residency requirement, and the potential for people to come from other states, get married in California, then go back to their home states, and challenge marriage laws and constitutional amendments all the way to the Supreme Court, that came one year later?" What about the San Francisco ceremonies? What about the movement to make homosexual marriage legal all across the United States?

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Think about it. Even when Americans vote in an effort to defend against the homosexual agenda, the courts sometimes step in and overturn the will of the people. That is exactly what happened here in California.

That could very well become the case here in California, where a "friend of the court" brief supporting same-sex marriage has been sent to the state Supreme Court on behalf of the city of San Diego. The state's high court is about to review a challenge to Proposition 22 w, the 2000 initiative approved by nearly 62 percent of California voters that defined marriage as only between one man and one woman approved by over 61 percent of California voters, over 4.6 million people, and yet all it took to was 4 judges to strike it down as unconstitutional. That ruling is a case study in judicial tyranny! But homosexual activists and their allies have marched from victory to victory in the entertainment, educational, and legal arenas. A ruling is expected this year, and those in the know believe the court will likely overturn the proposition, paving the way for California legislators to legalize "gay marriage."

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OK, let's just ask the question: Why not same-sex gay-"marriage?" What damage could be done by the courts allowing two consenting adults of the same gender to join in a relationship and sanction it as "marriage?" We already know the answer to that question. Take a look at the Scandinavian countries that embraced de-facto gay marriage back in the '90s. The vast majority of couples there are choosing to simply live together instead of getting married, figuring that if marriage means *anything* then marriage means *nothing*. In Norway, there are reports of upwards of 60-80 percent of firstborn children conceived out of wedlock.¹³ The results of the Scandinavian experiment have been devastating. Do we really want that for America?

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Some might say: "Well as long as I don't go to the movies, don't watch TV, don't send my kids to public schools, and make sure life revolves around the church, my family should be OK." Listen, homosexual activists won't stop at recognition, their aim is domination. Speaking of Scandinavia, Swedish Pastor Åke Green was arrested for using God's Word to preaching a biblical message on the sin of homosexuality.¹⁴ Apparently, a homosexual activist monitoring his message turned him in, and Sweden's Hate crimes law was legislation is being applied to Pastor Green's sermons on homosexuality, which was y which are being regarded as hate speech.

Thankfully, the Alliance Defense Fund, one of our sister organizations, came over and helped successfully defend him, but that's where Hate Crimes laws lead – to the silencing of the pulpit and of Christians. Our U.S. Congress has voted for Hate Crimes legislation, and thankfully the President vetoed it, but depending on the result of the election this November, we may eventually see pastors under attack all across America for simply preaching biblical truth about the sin of homosexuality.

So sodomy has not only come out of the closet and and into the classrooms, into the Congress, into the Courtsabinet, but it is now coming into our churches and Christian organizations demanding special recognition and rights. Where homosexual activists win legal approval, whether by court action or legislation, they often deny our full rights as Christians because a homosexual's so-called "civil rights" and a Christian's freedom of conscience and speech opposing homosexuality are mutually exclusive. Something has to give.

In their ruling, the California Supreme Court asserted that legal distinctions based on sexual orientation would be subject to "strict scrutiny" - in the same way classifications based on "gender, race, and religion" are.¹⁵ The practical result will be force-feeding the homosexual agenda through public institutions, discrimination against those who reject homosexuality, and a loss of our First Amendment freedoms. Here are some examples of what may happen in California and around the nation as a result of this ruling:¹⁶

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- Clear governmental disapproval, both direct and indirect, will attach to anyone or any organization in California that rejects the legitimacy of same-sex marriage.
- Public schools will teach the fully equal status of homosexual and heterosexual conduct based, in substantial part, on state marriage law. Those who object may find themselves on the wrong side of the law.²

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- Religious-based adoption agencies that refuse to place children with same-sex couples (like Catholic Charities in Massachusetts) will be forced to discontinue operations unless licensing waivers are granted; such waivers are unlikely to withstand constitutional challenge.
- Faith-based organizations that do not recognize same-sex marriage could lose their California tax exemptions (e.g., see the 1983 Bob Jones University case dealing with federal tax exemptions). Since the Bob Jones case dealt with interracial dating, it could now serve as an indirect precedent for punishing a Christian college that discourages or prohibits same-sex dating while allowing male-female dating.
- Although the court said in passing that "no religious officiant will be required to solemnize" a same-sex marriage, such protection may not apply to property owned by a church or ministry. For example, a boardwalk pavilion in Ocean Grove, N.J., owned by the Methodist Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, lost its state tax-exempt status after the association refused to allow the pavilion's use for two lesbian couples' civil union ceremonies.
- Speech rights of state or local government employees will be trampled with greater force. We have already seen this in the case of two Oakland, Calif., employees who advertised a meeting of a pro-family group on a workplace bulletin board already used to promote a variety of political, sexually oriented, and pro-homosexual causes. A federal district court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the "Good News Employee Association" had no right to post its message.
- State or county clerks may be forced to issue same-sex marriage licenses despite religious or conscientious objections. San Diego County Clerk Gregory Smith is trying to protect the 115 clerks in his office who object morally to the issuance of marriage licenses for same-sex couples, but his effort is already under attack from San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.
- Because California has no residency requirement for marriage - unlike Massachusetts - same-sex couples will wed in California and return en masse to other states, seeking recognition of these marriages pursuant to the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution.
- The return to their home state of same-sex couples wed in California will allow for the constitutional testing of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act adopted by Congress. Activist federal judges may strike down a state's ability to choose not to recognize out-of-state same-sex marriages.

This last action item may well fast track the matter to the Supreme Court, and given their Lawrence v. Texas ruling in 2003, we could have a 5-4 ruling that would result in same-sex marriage being legalized in all fifty states. -

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There is a destructive program that has been unleashed in California. We've talked about the divine pattern, its devilish perversion, and the definitive problem, but the fourth thing I want you to see is the and the destructive program, the propaganda and the agenda that is being pushed on our society, but what can we do about it?:-

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V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

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Finally, as Christ-followers, we need a determined plan of action. Admittedly, most of us have been bystanders to this point, silently watching these events transpire without any thought to Jesus' command to be stinging salt and shining light. Well as British statesman Edmund Burke is often quoted: "All that

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is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." It is time for Bible-believing citizens to pray for God's mercy, get involved, lift our voices, and call America to repentance before it is too late. For just as the fire of judgment fell on Sodom and Gomorrah, judgment will fall on America. In light of the Extreme Home Makeover that is taking place, what can we do, what should we do, what must we do?

Here are several action steps we can determine to take:

Action Step 1: Pray: We need to *pray* for God's mercy on a nation that is ~~speeding~~ ~~hiding~~ toward Sodom, and ~~hurtling~~ toward Gomorrah. Pray that God's Spirit will revive a church that is worldly. Pray that God would be pleased to send a mighty sweeping revival. But I remind you that the promises of 2 Chronicles 7:14 depend on God's people humbling themselves, seeking the face of God in prayer, and turning from sin to biblical righteousness. But it all begins with prayer.

Remember what Abraham did when God told him that He was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? What did Abraham do? He interceded with God for his nephew Lot and his family. And because of his intercession, judgment was delayed and Lot was delivered. Just as Abraham interceded, we need to plead with God that He might stay His hand of judgment.

~~See And I want to tell you that~~ the future of America does not lie in the hands of the politicians in the Houses of Congress or the State House, the president in the White House, or the judges in the Court House, it lies with the people in God's House - Christians of God who get on their knees, and pray and seek God's face. Old Abraham did something the Sodomite Government wasn't able to do. He got a hold of God. ~~Do you know how to do that? Do you know how to intercede? You can change the destiny of a nation by intercession.~~ In Ezekiel 22:30, God says: "I'm looking for an intercessor, I'm looking for someone who will build up the wall, and stand in the gap on behalf of the land so I won't not have to destroy it." ~~But in that day God found no one. Can He count on you?~~ The need of the hour is not just enthusiasm, not just activism, but we must begin with intercession. Step number one: Pray.

Action Step 2: Practice: We need to *practice* the biblical principles for a healthy marriage as a positive witness. Don't skip this one. Getting a hearing in the culture depends on our credibility. When the divorce rate among professing Christians is essentially the same as that of the world, we have little credibility with which to call the world to repentance, even if they are trying to redefine the family. Christian marriages ought to be the model for a watching world. Step number 2: Practice the biblical principles for a healthy marriage.

Action Step 3: Participate: We need to *participate* in our "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" as Abraham Lincoln described it. Now some might say: "I don't think Christians should get involved in politics." Let me ask you a question: Who created government in the first place?

▲ Rom. 13:1-7 tells us plainly and unmistakably that God ordained the institution of government. Since God created government, would He want His people to stay out of it? No. If Christians don't "render to Caesar" (Matt. 22:21) and don't function as salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16) in the arena of government, then we disobey the commands of Christ and allow Satan to prevail by default. So we need to participate in the political process and impact our government as stinging salt and shining light. Here are some specific things Citizen Christians can and should do.

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• Support the ~~Protect-Marriage Amendment by signing the petition~~ and encouraging others to do the same. It simply states: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." ~~We need at least 750,000 signatures.~~ Some might say, "We voted on marriage back in 2000." You did, but unfortunately the ~~Supreme Court overturned~~ ~~we can overturn~~ Proposition 22, ~~effectively legalizing and then liberal legislators can legalize same-sex~~ "marriage." A ~~Protect-Marriage Amendment to the California Constitution is the only defense against the quest to redefine marriage by homosexual activists and their allies - and even then the U.S. Supreme Court could overturn that - yet another reason why we also need a Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.~~ But a Marriage Amendment to the California Constitution is a start. Support the Amendment.

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• Contact your California elected officials. Visit www.frc.org, enter your zip code, and follow the prompts. A phone call, letter, and/or card are more effective than an e-mail. But the point is this: Let them know how you feel about the definition of marriage and the need to protect it ~~in the California legislature.~~ Contact your elected officials. Let them know that you will remember in November. Let your U.S. Representative and Senators Boxer and Feinstein know how you feel about a Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect marriage. We can make the difference. Together, Christians all across California can change the outcome. Together, we can protect traditional marriage.

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• Vote your values. Visit www.ivotevalues.org, follow the easy steps to register to vote, help register your friends, and then prayerfully consider voting for candidates who share your biblical values. Find out where the candidates stand on the ~~Biblical-biblical~~ definition of marriage and remember in November! Vote your values. So step 1 – Pray for God to intervene. Step 2 – Practice biblical principles for a healthy marriage. Step 3 – Participate ~~perform your role as salt and light in our government and in our culture.~~

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Action Step 4: Proclaim: We need to proclaim the promise found in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: "Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. Some of you were like this..." Notice that it is past tense, and what comes next speaks of God's amazing grace: "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." That is Good News!

Hear me – outside of prayer, the most important thing we can do as believers is to proclaim the Good News. It is ironic that those who are in the homosexual lifestyle struggle with all their might to achieve freedom from the so-called shackles of biblical morality and traditional institutions, and yet Jesus tells us that those who commit sin are "slaves to sin" (John 8:34). In trying to find freedom, they find themselves as slaves. See the Scripture teaches that genuine fulfillment and true freedom can only be experienced when we live in harmony with God's pattern. And Jesus also says: "If you hold to my teaching (that's God's pattern), you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). And He adds: "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed" (John 8:36).

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Listen, only Jesus can break the strongholds of sin and offer freedom and forgiveness and hope. For when we turn from our sins and turn to Christ, He will change our desires, He will change our passions, and He will change everything about us. Second Corinthians 5:17 says: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." And that is the promise of God we need to share with everybody, everywhere, regardless of their sin. You can be a new person in Christ Jesus!

~~So let us live and preach that message! Let us love people out of a sinful and destructive lifestyle! So let us live and preach that message of the transforming power of the love of God in Christ Jesus! Let's stand alongside these poor misguided and lost people trapped in Satan's snare, and love them out of that sinful and destructive lifestyle, and lead them to Jesus who can set them free! Let's stand against this destructive program that threatens all that we hold dear, and protect our children from this ungodly agenda.~~

~~Listen, we can make the difference. Together, Christians all across California can change the outcome of this terrible Court ruling. Together, we can restore the definition of traditional marriage. So let's get registered to vote and then vote for this Amendment defining marriage as only between one man and one woman. Let's stand for God's plan for marriage! Because our future depends on it. And all of God's people said: Amen!
Let us stand for God's plan for marriage!~~

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Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24**

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Matthew 19:4-6

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THE DECEPTIVE PERVERSIC

What was the Sin of Sodom?

Homosexual revisionist only point to Ezekiel 16:49-50: pride, gluttony, laziness, apathy, etc., and state that the problem in Genesis 19 was that the people were “inhospitable.”

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What was the Sin of Sodom?

The Scripture states that the men of Sodom demanded: "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." Genesis 19:5.

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What Is Jesus' Perspective?

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IV. THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

**Homosexuals represent a fraction of the
total U.S. population: Only 2.9%!**

**But the activists have been extremely
successful in advancing their agenda.**

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Goals of the Radical Homosexual Agenda:

Universal acceptance of the "gay and lesbian" lifestyle
Social privileges and rights in the laws (e.g., Hate
Laws; ENDA; etc.).

"Sensitivity training" of our children through public
education.

Encouraging critics in the Church and Christian media.

Stripping the legal benefits of marriage and parenting
from two people of the same gender.

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THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

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IV. THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

C. Legal Arena

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V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”

Edmund Burke

We must do something!

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V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

Action Step 1: Pray

We need to *pray* for God's mercy on a nation that is speeding toward Sodom and hurtling toward Gomorrah.

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my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and *pray*, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

Action Step 2: Practice

We need to *practice* the biblical principles
of a healthy marriage as a positive witness

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Action Step 2: Practice

Wives submit to your husbands, as to the Lord...Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her

Ephesians 5:22-33

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Action Step 3: Participate

We need to *participate* in our “government of the people, by the people, and for the people” as Abraham Lincoln described it.

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V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

Action Step 3: Participate

You are the Salt of the Earth... You are the Light of the World."

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

Matthew 5:13-16; 22:21

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Action Step 3: Participate

Support the Marriage Protection Amendment



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Action Step 3: Participate

Express your opinion on traditional marriage.

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Action Step 3: Participate

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Action Step 4: Proclaim

We need to *proclaim* the promise!

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Action Step 4: Proclaim

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STANDARD FOR

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Our future depends on it

"ONE MAN. ONE WOMAN. FOR LIFE"



2008 Commitment Form for California Churches

Yes, our Church will commit to help protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman in California in 2008.

Pastor: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax** _____

Email: _____

Our church will commit to promote the California Marriage Amendment by:

- 1. Recruiting a Key Leader to coordinate efforts.
- 2. Conducting a "Christian Citizenship Sunday" with a non-partisan voter registration drive.
- 3. Promoting the Marriage Amendment during worship services, publications, and other communications.
- 4. Holding a "Stand for Marriage Sunday" in October, 2008.
- 5. Assisting with "Get-Out-The-Vote" efforts on November 4, 2008

Key Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return this form to:

ProtectMarriage.com
P. O. Box 162657
Sacramento, California 95816-2657
Phone: (951)354-8362 Fax: (951) 353-8347
E-Mail: info@protectmarriage.com



2008 Action Steps for California Churches

Pastor, you can help protect marriage in California by taking the following actions steps:

- 1. Recruit a Leader:** Appoint someone who will help coordinate efforts within your church to promote the California Marriage Protection Act that will amend the state constitution to say that "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California" and work with ProtectMarriage.com (either a motivated layperson or an associate pastor). It is very important that we receive contact information as soon as possible.
- 2. Conduct "Christian Citizenship" Sundays:** Plan now to conduct Voter Registration Use Family Research Council's *Voter Impact ToolKit*, which includes a Christian Citizenship Message, Bulletin Insert, PowerPoint, Video, Ten Step Voter Registration Strategy, Voter Registration Forms, etc.
- 3. Promote awareness about the California Marriage Amendment:** Use your church media and communications to make members aware of the Amendment during September and October. Employ the announcement time, info slides, worship folders, church website, and other communications to get the word out about the need to protect marriage. Also, the *Stand for Marriage* Toolkit contains several helps in this regard, including a brief video.
- 4. Hold a "Stand for Marriage" Sunday:** Before the Election have a special emphasis Sunday or Sundays on marriage in your church. Focus on marriage and the threat to the biblical definition in California and how people need to vote in favor of the proposed Marriage Amendment. The *Stand for Marriage* Toolkit contains much of what you need to have a successful event (Full-Text Message, Message Notes, PowerPoint, Bulletin Insert, Video, etc.). Consider preaching a message or series of messages on marriage during early voting in October or, at the latest, on the Sunday before the election - November 2. Encourage your people to sign commitment cards pledging to vote for the Marriage Amendment.
- 5. Get Out The Vote!** Point them to www.iVoteValues.org where they can find more info on the candidates and their positions on the issues, including marriage. The deadline to be registered to vote for the November 4, 2008 election is October 20, 2008.

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Seasoned Advice on the use of Sermon Materials

1. Pastoral Warning: There is no substitute for the pastor's leadership from the pulpit, preaching the word of God without fear or favor, and applying it to burning issues such as abortion, the radical homosexual agenda, judicial tyranny, pornography, racism, gambling, etc. However, I have preached messages like these many times and they never fail to offend somebody. In fact, I've had people walk out on me during the sermon, and others leave my church membership. But be encouraged because I've also had people join my church in large numbers because I took the stand. Always remember what God told the prophet Jeremiah when He called him: "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them." (Jer. 1:17).

2. Wise Counsel: As the pastor, you already have a good idea what your flock needs from God's word. However, if you are new to preaching on moral issues in the public arena, it may be wise to talk with your deacon body or elders or governing board or trusted leaders – whatever accountability group you have in your church. In the multitude of counselors there is much wisdom. Remember, God's word offends people. Don't preach it if you can't handle the consequences. So before you launch out, seek the counsel of your trusted leaders, and ask for their support.

3. Legal Issues: Abortion, same-sex "marriage," embryonic stem-cell research, etc. are moral issues with political implications. There are some legal dos and don'ts for pastors and churches if you want to maintain your tax exempt status. Check out our [Legal FAQs page](#) for details (for more advice, visit www.iVoteValues.org click on Leaders, then on Legal Dos and Don'ts, then on What a Pastor May Do). Here's the biggie: Don't stand in the pulpit and tell your people how to vote (e.g., Vote for Candidate A and don't vote for Candidate B). However, you can confidently preach on moral and cultural issues from a biblical perspective and tell people to do their homework on the candidates without fear of losing your tax exempt status.

4. Practical Matters: You might want to put a "PG rating" on some sermons that deal with the killing of the unborn or the homosexual agenda and allow parents to make decisions about young children hearing some of the content that will be discussed. If you take that route, you might want to provide for childcare beyond nursery and pre-school age during the message. I have found that parents appreciate a heads up and childcare when handling such topics. Just know that when you describe a moral problem with any detail you will get feedback. Plan ahead and you can avoid some problems.

5. Perspective: If Americans of faith don't take action on moral and cultural issues, then we will allow the devil and his people to win by default in an arena Jesus commanded us to influence as the salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16). That being said, remember that the way to change the world, beginning where you are, is through the Gospel. It is only when a person surrenders his or her life to Jesus as Lord and becomes His disciple that the heart and mind will change when it comes to these moral issues being debated in the public arena (Rom. 12:1-2). Equip your people to engage cultural issues from a biblical perspective, but also equip them to share their faith and make disciples, beginning at home. Otherwise, we will be on defense all of the time and we will lose the battle for America. By the way, that is exactly what the devil wants. The reason? Americans have a unique Christian heritage, and on that foundation we have become the greatest missionary sending nation in the history of the world. Let's make the Great Commission the main thing!

Again, these message helps are intended to help you develop your own messages as you equip your people to follow the teaching of Jesus by being the salt and light in the arena of culture and especially government (Matt. 5:13-16). Don't keep these sermons a secret. More message helps can be found by going to www.watchmenevents.org, clicking on the Pastors Portal, and then Sermon Starters. Forward these sermon-helps to your friends in the ministry. Feel free to copy, cut, paste, and prepare your own message as the Lord leads, and then, as Paul says in 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the Word!"

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Stand for Marriage – California Ballot Initiative (ProtectMarriage.com Labeling)
ARP Video Message - Churches

Hi, I'm Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council in Washington DC, with a challenge to churches in California. Back in 2000, a solid majority of Californians voted to define marriage like the Bible does – a relationship only between one man and one woman. However, the State Supreme Court overturned the votes of over 4.6 million Californians, declaring Prop. 22 unconstitutional, and paved the way for same-sex “marriage.”

Abraham Lincoln once described our government as being “of the people, by the people and for the people.”¹ You, the people of California, need to decide what constitutes marriage, not a group of unelected judges, who are quick to bow to the wishes of a radical minority bent on redefining God's standard by legislating from the bench.

Fortunately, you can do something to change this miscarriage of justice, re-establish the biblical pattern for marriage, and send a message to all Americans. Here's how: Support ProtectMarriage.com's effort to pass Proposition 8, the Marriage Amendment to the California State Constitution.

Take a stand for marriage. Our future depends on it.

¹ <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/gadd/images/Gettysburg-2.jpg>

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ARP Video Message - Pastors

Hi, I'm Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council in Washington, DC, with an urgent message for Pastors in California. As you know, marriage is under assault in your state. While a solid majority of Californians voted back in 2000 to define marriage like the Bible does – a relationship only between one man and one woman, the State Supreme Court overturned Proposition 22 as unconstitutional, paving the way for same-sex “marriage.”

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The solution to this miscarriage of justice is a Marriage Amendment to the California Constitution. Proposition 8 simply states: “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”

How can we be successful in protecting marriage? Let me suggest the following five Action Steps:

First, Recruit a Leader: Appoint someone who will help coordinate efforts within your church to promote the Marriage Amendment and work with ProtectMarriage.com. It is very important that they receive contact information as soon as possible, and that you order the petitions you will need for the next action step.

Second, Conduct “Christian Citizenship” Sundays: Plan now to host a non-partisan voter registration drive in your church. Use Family Research Council's *Voter Impact ToolKit*, which includes a Christian Citizenship Message, Bulletin Insert, PowerPoint, Ten Step Voter Registration Strategy, Voter Registration Forms, and much more. Point your people to iVoteValues.org for more information. The deadline to be registered to vote in the November 4 election is October 20.

Third, Promote awareness about the Marriage Amendment: Use your church media and communications to make members aware of the Amendment during September and October. Employ the announcement time, worship slides, bulletins, church website, and other communications to get the word out about the need to protect marriage.

Fourth, Hold a “Stand for Marriage” Sunday: Before the Election, plan for a special emphasis Sunday or several Sundays in your church. ProtectMarriage.com has a “Stand for Marriage” Sunday Toolkit CD, which contains much of what you need. This feature-rich resource includes a biblical, ready-to-preach message on marriage and many other promotional materials for a successful event.

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Consider preaching a message or series of messages on marriage in late September and during early voting in October. Encourage your people to sign the Protectmarriage.com commitment cards in support of the Marriage Amendment.

Fifth, Get Out The Vote! Point your people to californiainfamily.org and FRCAction.org where they can find more information on the candidates and their positions on the issues, including marriage. Make a determined effort to remind your people of their responsibility as Christian citizens, and encourage them to prayerfully mark and mail in their ballots or go to the polls on November 4. Every vote counts.

Finally, Isaiah 62:6 is the theme verse for our ministry to Pastors, calling them function as Watchmen on the Wall, who will watch, and pray, and sound the alarm at the threats to faith, family, and freedom.

Make no mistake. The threat is real. The stakes are high. The time to act is now. So I challenge you to encourage members of your church to support ProtectMarriage.com's efforts to pass the Marriage Amendment to your state's Constitution. Take a stand for marriage. Our future depends on it.

ⁱ See the Address at <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/gadd/images/Gettysburg-2.jpg>.

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Marriage Is God’s Plan

God has ordained three basic institutions: the church, the government, and the family. The family is the first and foundational institution of human society, composed of individuals related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

According to the Bible, marriage can only be the union of one man and one woman (Gen. 1:27; 2:24). It is the only proper place for sexual relations and is intended to be a life-long relationship. While some in the culture might seek to redefine what constitutes a family, God’s perspective is unchanged.

Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of marriage according to the divine pattern.

Marriage According to Jesus

Jesus was clear about the definition of marriage: “Haven't you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”(Matthew 19:4-6). Jesus affirmed God’s plan for marriage, thus rejecting all other sexual relationships – including homosexual relationships.

Marriage Is Under Fire

Unfortunately, many in our culture are seeking to redefine marriage, and therefore destroy it altogether. For when the God-given pattern for marriage is undermined, as is happening in California, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Alarmed by this growing threat to traditional marriage, a number of states have taken action.

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Marriage Is Being Defended

Since the legalization of same-sex "marriage" in Massachusetts, twenty seven states have voted in favor of a constitutional amendment preserving traditional marriage. In fact, all ballot measures except one have passed by considerable majorities. The loss in Arizona was close: 51.4% against and 48.6% in favor of a poorly worded amendment.

Marriage In California

Some might say, “We voted to define marriage as only between one man and one woman back in 2000.” That’s true, but on May 15, 2008, the State Supreme Court overturned Proposition 22, thus legalizing same-sex “marriage” in California.

A Marriage Amendment to the California Constitution is the only defense against the efforts to redefine marriage by homosexual activists and their allies. The proposed Amendment simply states:

“Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”

The Marriage Amendment is on the November 4 ballot. Be sure and register to vote and vote your values. The time to stand for marriage is now.

For more info on the proposed “Protect Marriage Amendment” Visit www.protectmarriage.com

For more on how you can engage the culture in California Visit the California Family Council @ www.californiafamily.org

For more on defending faith, family, and freedom in America Visit the Family Research Council @ www.frc.org

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TAKE ACTION

Action Step 1: PRAY: We need to *pray* for God's mercy on a nation that is sliding toward Sodom (See Genesis 18; 2 Chronicles 7:14)

Action Step 2: PRACTICE: We need to *practice* biblical principles for healthy marriage as a positive witness (See Ephesians 5:22-33)

Action Step 3: PARTICIPATE: We need to *participate* in our “government of the people, by the people, and for the people” as Abraham Lincoln described it (See Exodus 18:21; Matthew 5:13-16; 22:21; Romans 13:1-7).

- **Support** the Marriage Amendment to the state constitution and encourage others to do the same. Visit www.protectmarriage.com for more details.
- **Contact** your California elected officials. Visit www.frc.org, enter your zip code, and follow the prompts.
- **Vote** your values. Visit www.ivotevalues.org, follow the easy steps to register to vote, help register your friends, and then prayerfully consider voting for candidates who share your biblical values. Find out where the candidates stand on the Biblical definition of marriage and remember in November!

Action Step 4: PROCLAIM: We need to *proclaim* the promise found in 1 Corinthians 6:9b-11: “Do not be deceived: no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. Some of you were like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” That is Good News!

On November 4, 2008, Californians have the opportunity to vote for a Marriage Amendment to define marriage as only between one man and one woman. Will you stand for marriage?

Exterior Front (Center – as you have it now)

Graphics of Couple

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Gen. 2:24

Stand for Marriage Sunday

One Man. One Woman. For Life.

Our Future Depends On It.



**California Marriage Amendment
Commitment Card**

I will commit to the following:

- Pray for the effort to pass a Marriage Amendment to the California State Constitution.
- Register to vote and vote for the Amendment.
- Encourage my friends and family members to vote for the Amendment.
- Make myself available for "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities in my community.
- Contribute to the cause.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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