

Is Marriage Biblical?

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Should the scriptures be our guide on how we live in this society or should society be our guide on how we interpret scriptures? I have discovered that a faithful following of the scriptures has been the happiest and healthiest way to live. However, there are times when following God's word will cause conflict with the prevailing cultural ideas.

Paul gave some advice to the young minister Timothy,
"But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you." (2 Timothy 4:5, NLT)

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Last May the California Supreme Court defied the scriptures, world history and the will of the people when it struck down California's law defining marriage as only the union of a man and a woman.

By a 4-3 margin, the justices struck down the California definition of marriage, adopted by 61 percent of voters in 2000. By imposing same-sex "marriage" on voters, the California Supreme Court knowingly usurped the right of the people to effect change in public policy.

A petition was circulated and is now certified, with far more signatures than California requires, placing a definition of marriage on the November ballot. The initiative would place the definition of marriage, as a union of one man and one woman, into the state constitution. If the voters of California pass the proposal it will place the definition of marriage out of the reach of the California Supreme Court.

Nebraska Attorney General John Bruning appealed to the California Supreme Court to "stay" their decision until the November election, however they refused. If the court cared at all about the democratic process, it would have stayed its decision until the people's voice was heard on the November amendment. This is nothing more than a court forcing a redefinition of marriage on the people of California and potentially the rest of the nation.

In response to the court's May 15 ruling, California public health officials already have amended marriage license applications to read "Party A" and "Party B" instead of bride

and groom. Local officials have been told to start issuing the revised licenses to same-sex couples on June 17.

Congressman Paul Broun of Georgia has recently introduced the [Marriage Protection Amendment of 2008](#) (H.J. RES. 89). This amendment to the U.S. Constitution would make marriage legal only between a man and a woman. A Federal Marriage Amendment is the only way to legally ensure a traditional definition of marriage will be maintained in our nation.

Genesis 2:24 says, *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."*

Webster's definition of marriage is *"the state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law."*

What action do we need to take-prayer!

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

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