

San Francisco Bay Area Chinese Church Pastors' Declaration on Marriage

In recent years, the change on the concept of marriage by some societies, particularly on the legalization of same-sex marriage, has caused us great concern. Such behavioral upheaval if allowed to continue will certainly lead to social chaos, moral bankruptcy, family breakdown and the end of civilization. We have seen the pathetic samples of Sodom, Gomorrah and the latter years of the Roman Empire.

Here are the crucial reasons why we cannot agree to homosexual lifestyle and same-sex marriage:

I. Our view on Marriage:

1. We believe marriage is between one man and one woman. God, in the beginning, has instituted marriage to be one man and one woman. God created Adam(male) and then created Eve (female) to be Adam's helpmate. They were husband and wife. (Gen. 1, 2)

2. The Old Testament scripture clearly denounces homosexuality as sin.

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." (Lev. 18:22)

3. The New Testament scripture is equally clear on homosexuality as sin.

"In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." (Rom 1:27)

4. God's Word says: "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Heb 13:4)

II. Homosexuality is against Chinese cultural values.

1. Chinese ethics and morality reject homosexual lifestyle, especially homosexual marriage.

2. Chinese cultural tradition respects nature. Homosexual lifestyle is anti-nature. Homosexuals cannot have children. If everyone adopts homosexual marriage, we would then be the last generation of mankind. Proponents of homosexual marriage are actually promoting the extinction of mankind.

3. Chinese emphasize the moral upbringing of our younger generation

(1) The homosexual movement promotes their way of life through media, rallies, parades, literatures and publications (including the possibility of rewriting school books.) The ones who get hurt the most are our children and young people.

(2) Because homosexuals cannot have children, they almost always adopt children. Can we imagine what the children in a homosexual family will grow up to be like?

III. The short-term and long term impacts on homosexual marriage

1. Present time

(1) Since 1980 to now, it is estimated that there has been 15,000 people in San Francisco who have died of AIDS. (In America, over 50% of AIDS patients are homosexuals.)

(2) According to recent San Francisco Public Health study,

the life span of homosexual men is about 20 to 30 years shorter than heterosexual men.

2. Long-term

The key homosexual activists' long-term goal is far beyond homosexual marriage. Since the 1970s, they have 12 long-term goals among which 8 have been reached(i.e. attaining equal rights etc.). Presently, they are continuing to fight for the remaining four goals:

(1) Legalization of homosexual marriage

(2) Legalization of prostitution

(3) Lower age of sexual consent

The American homosexual movement condones a radical group called "North American Man Boy Love Association". Their slogan is "Sex before 8, or too late".

(4) Union between multiple lovers (three or more people)

If the homosexual movement has their way, we may see incest marriage: brother marry brother, sister marry sister, or polygamy etc.

IV. Most Americans are opposed to homosexual marriage

1. All polls show that 60%--70% of Americans are opposed to homosexual marriage.

2. In the Year 2000, California voters passes a State Proposition acknowledging only man-woman marriage to be lawful. In that survey 61% of the people voted in favor of one man, one woman marriage

V. Our duty: to be God's mouth piece

We are living in the end time. This is an era of darkness and lawlessness. The Adversary is using all means, including slogans like "freedom", "equality", "human rights" etc., to lead people astray. It is lamentable that the world is following the devil into the road of destruction. But the Bible says: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal 6:7)

God has commanded the church to be light and salt of the world. It is our responsibility to propagate love and salvation to all mankind. We do not agree with the homosexual life style but we love and pray for the homosexuals, in the same manner as our Lord Jesus Christ hates sin but love the sinners.

We pray for the homosexuals, and pray for San Francisco, California, the United States and the world. May the Lord have mercy on this generation. May He also revive His church. Let us spread the gospel light, which is able to penetrate all darkness of the society and resulting in their repentance and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. May the hearts of the unsaved be transformed so they too can become God's people and His servants for the sake of spreading of the gospel until our Lord's return!
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