

# ICFT: An Assault On Traditional Marriage

(Matthew 19:1-9)

## Introduction.

- A) *On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States determined that under the Fourteenth Amendment, a state is required to license a marriage between two people of the same sex – essentially redefining a multi-millennial held view of marriage. However, God's definition of marriage supersedes that of SCOTUS.*
- B) Folks, we are seeing spiritual warfare in our midst.
- C) Contextualize this sermon in the series, *Issues Christians Face Today.*
- D) Contextualize Matthew 19: 1-9.

## I. God's Plan for Marriage

**Principle:** *God's plan is that your spouse be the sole source of intimacy in your life.*

- A) Marriage defined (v. 4-5)**
- B) Marriage mathematics (v.6)**
- C) Marriage permanence (v. 6)**

## II. Man's Tendency to Stray

**Principle:** *Because our sin nature, mankind has a tendency to go outside the God-given boundaries of marriage.*

- A) Pre-marital relationships**
- B) Extra-marital relationships**
- C) Same-sex relationships**

#### **D) Other relationships**

**Application:** *Sexual sin is the result of our old sin nature and not because God created us to stray!!!*

### **III. Consequences of Sexual Sin**

**Principle:** *Historically, God placed harsh consequences on sexual sins because He knows its enslaving nature on people and the debilitating consequence on society.*

#### **A) Sexual sin enslaves participants.**

(Pornography, adultery, homosexuality)

#### **B) Sexual sin results in debilitating consequences on society.**

(It affects the moral air that we breathe.)

### **IV. Significant Questions.**

#### **A) How should Christians respond to those in same-sex relationships?**

The same way we respond to everyone else caught up in sexual sin. Respond like Jesus did to the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11).

#### **B) How is your pastor going to respond to participants in same-sex relationships?**

The same way I respond to people caught in any other sexual sin. I will not knowingly condone, enable, or participate in another's sin. I will, however, do all I can to minister to them in order to see spiritual conversion in their life. Homosexuality does not keep someone out of heaven. Failure to trust Christ for eternal life does

#### **C) How is our church going to respond to the gay community? 1)**

We are going to continue to welcome those that are genuinely seeking God to participate in our services. 2) We are not going to permit same sex marriages at CBC, because to do so would be an endorsement of a relationship contrary to one of our core beliefs. 3) We are not going to make our facility available to rent to the public, but restrict its use by members, events sponsored by members, or events that meet the mission of CBC. 4) We are going to make some strategic legal and ethical moves to protect our church family (What if someone sues us?)

5) We are going to continue ministry as usual.

## **Conclusion.**

Core value #1 of Celebration Baptist Church is life-change. That mission is true in our ministry to the gay community, the straight community, adults, and children.

Only through Jesus Christ can anyone be free of the eternal consequences of sin AND victorious over the earthly draw and/or involvement in sin.

Do you know Jesus?