

Dear Families of Gilead Bible Church,

I personally thank each one of you for your grace, kindness, and prayers. Because of your prayers, God has graciously restored my ability to walk. Praise be to our Creator and Sustainer!

During my absence, the Supreme Court ruled that homosexuals and lesbians have a constitutional right to marriage. I read a letter written by Dr. John MacArthur that expresses a perspective that Christians ought to have:



An Open Letter to TMC Friends

John MacArthur July 1, 2015

Dear Friends:

The highest court in the land has passed its judgment. The headlines proclaim that a slim majority of Supreme Court justices considers freedom of sexual orientation a right for all Americans. This exchange of one set of values in favor of another does not come as a surprise to us who already know that the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who don't believe (2 Cor. 4:4). June 26th, 2015 stands as a significant milestone in the American demonstration of this ancient reality. This is a critical hour for believers across our nation.

Media outlets are bustling with updates, and I don't need to add my voice to the general fray. I would like to communicate the below thoughts that I trust will help you frame the issue in a biblical way.

- 1. No human court has the authority to redefine marriage, and the recent verdict does not change the God ordained reality of marriage. God was not defeated in this ruling, and every marriage will be judged according to biblical grounds on the last day. Nothing will prevail against Him (Proverbs 21:30) and nothing will thwart the advance of His Kingdom (Dan 4:35).*
- 2. The Word of God has pronounced judgment on any nation that would reclassify evil as good, darkness as light, and bitter as sweet (Isaiah 5:20). As a nation, America continues to put herself in the crosshairs of judgment. As a proclaimer of truth, you are responsible for never compromising on these issues. In every way you must stand firm.*
- 3. This ruling proves that we are clearly in the minority, and a people set apart (1 Peter 2:9-11; Titus 2:14). As I wrote in the book *Why Government Can't Save You*, the standards that shaped Western culture and American society have given way to practical atheism and moral relativism. This decision has simply accelerated the rate of decline. A country will not rise above the morality of its citizens, and the majority of Americans don't have a biblical worldview.*
- 4. Religious liberty is not promised in the Bible. In America, the church of Jesus Christ has enjoyed unprecedented freedom. This is changing, and the new normal may include persecution that is new to us.*

5. Marriage is not the ultimate battleground, and our enemies are not the men and women who seek to destroy it (2 Corinthians 10:4). The battleground is the Gospel. Be careful not to replace patience, love, and prayer with bitterness, hatred, and politics. As you carefully consider the dangerous pitfalls ahead, be mindful of the indomitable power of forgiveness through the cross of Christ.

6. Romans 1 clearly identifies the evidence for the wrath of God on a nation: sexual immorality followed by homosexual immorality culminating in a reprobate mind. This most recent step reminds us that God's wrath has come in full. We now see reprobate minds at every level of leadership – in the Supreme Court, the presidency, cabinet, legislature, press and culture. If our diagnosis is in line with Romans 1 then we must also follow the prescription found in Romans 1 – we are not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation! In this day it is our divine duty and calling to strengthen the church, families, and gospel testimony by shedding the pragmatic nonsense that distracts the church from its mission given by God. Homosexuals—like all other sinners—need to be warned of impending eternal judgment and lovingly offered the forgiveness, grace and new life through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

In the final analysis, show patience and a steady confidence in the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the authority of Scripture. Turn your eyes toward the Savior, and remember that when He returns, all will be made right.

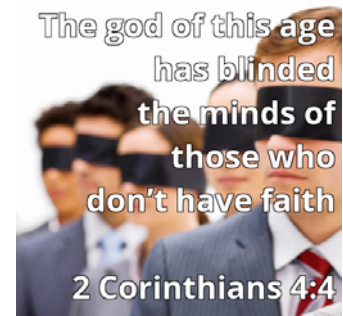
I am praying for your steadfast proclamation of truth, and your uncompromising stand for Christ.

God Bless,

Pastor and Helen Moy

親愛的基列教會弟兄姊妹，
2015年七月

我為你們向我所擺上的恩惠慈愛和為我祈禱向你們致謝。因著你們的禱告，主施恩恢復我的工作能力。為此讚美我們創造和保守之主。



當我在缺席的時間，最高法院判決同性戀婚姻有憲法權利。我讀過一封由約翰·麥克阿瑟博士所寫的信，內容是說明基督徒對這事應有的觀莫角度：

一封向朋友們的公開信
約翰·麥克阿瑟 2015年7月1日

親愛的朋友：

這國家的最高法院已通過裁決認定所有美國人有自由決定性取向的權利。這裁定是以犧牲一種價值觀去交換贊成另一面的價值觀。我們知道這世界的神已將那些不信人的心眼矇閉了(林後4：4)。並不使我們希奇。2015年6月26日已現實了美國一個意義重大的里程碑。這對全國信主的人是一危急時刻。

新聞媒體都熱烈報道，我不需要再加我的聲音去作批判。我只想傳達我的想法，相信可幫助你們由聖經方向去界定問題。

1. 人的法院沒有權去重新定義婚姻，最新的判決並沒有改變神指定何為真實的婚姻。神並未被這判決擊倒，而所有婚姻將在最後的審判日由聖經去判決，沒有無任何事可以敵擋耶和華(箴言21：30)，也沒有任何事能攔阻祂的國(但4：35)。

2. 神的話語已宣佈了，要審判那重新定義稱惡為善，以暗為光和以苦為甜的國家(賽5：20)。美國這國家將會繼續把自己放在審判的十字路口。作為真道的保衛者，你們有責任永不和這爭議妥協，任何形式你們都要站立得穩。

3. 這裁決證明我們是明顯的少數，和眾人分別出來(彼前2：9-11)(提2：14)。正如我在書中寫的為何政府不能拯救你，西方文化和美國社會標準已讓位給無神論和道德相對主義。這決定已直接加快墮落的速率。這個國家將不能提升公民道德，而大部份美國人乃沒有聖經的世界觀。

4. 宗教自由不是聖經的應許。過去在美國,基督教的教會享有前所未有的自由,現在這正在改變,新的常態會包括受迫害,這對我們是截新的感應。

5. 婚姻不是最終的戰場,我們的敵人並非是那些尋求敗壞的男人和女人(林後10:4)。此乃是福音的戰場。小心不要讓苦毒,仇恨和政治去代替忍耐,愛和禱告。正如你要小心顧慮前面的危險陷阱,請記著不屈不撓的力量是由基督十字架上的寬恕而來。

6. 羅馬書一章很清楚指出上帝對國家的憤怒證明:性慾淫亂,其次是不道德的同性戀終成為墮落的迷途。最近的演變提醒我們上帝的憤怒已至極點。我們現在看見墮落的觀念已在每一個領導階層,在最高法院,總統,部長,國會,新聞界和文化界。若我們的判斷是符合羅馬書一章,那我們必須遵守我們在聖經裏找到的治理方法-

我們不以福音為恥,那是神拯救的大能!在這些日子,我們的神聖任務和呼召是要去加強教會,加強家庭和福音見證,以除去那些不務實的,以免教會對上帝的使命分心。同性戀-像其他罪一樣需要警告他們,永生的審判即將來臨,但是,由愛而來有恩典和寬恕,悔改和相信主耶穌基督會將得到新的生命。

在最後分析,要持久從神權柄而來的信心去表現忍耐,高舉耶穌基督為主,和依靠聖經的力量。將目光轉向救主,和記著當祂回來之時,所有都會被改正。

我繼續為你對真理的堅定和你對主堅定的立場禱告。

願神祝福你。

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