

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE A BIG ISSUE CONFRONTING OUR SOCIETY TODAY

Our Christian response to this issue of same-sex marriage is the Bible, upon which authority we base our belief in. The Bible teaches that when God created the world, He ordained marriage as a union between A MAN AND A WOMAN. Out of this union would originate the natural procreation of their offsprings. This is God's plan of procreation for mankind. Same-sex marriage was not in His plan of creation or procreation. This manner of union does not please Him.

God loves all mankind. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" .John 3:16. God wants to show you His truth and His way through Jesus. You can find out more about Jesus and God's love for you by reading the Bible, and by meeting believers of our Christian faith in the church.

It is right to defend, preserve and protect traditional marriage that God has instituted for mankind from the beginning of time, because this institution has been the bedrock of civilisations, and because of our love for Him. The introduction of same-sex marriage would weaken and devalue traditional marriage. Before long, traditional marriage would become irrelevant to society, and this would be a monumental, detrimental and irreversible loss that society should never be complicit in.

Same-sex marriage, if ever legalised, will bring grave harm and injustice to our society through generations to come. Our freedoms of speech, conscience and religious belief would be under threat as a result.. To find out more about these repercussions, you can look up websites of responsible organisations as given herewith, for their comprehensive coverage and updates on the topic. These organisations are: The Australian Family Association; Australian Marriage Forum; Family Voice Australia; Australian Christian Lobby; Salt Shakers Incorporated and quite a few others.

In the coming election on July 2, it is of the utmost importance that you consider carefully the following points before casting your vote:

- 1. If you vote for the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), your voice would be heard by the Liberal Party because CDP is an ally of the Liberal Party. (Please note that if you vote "1" for the CDP party in the Senate ballot paper, you will be voting for a candidate dedicated to fight for your family and traditional marriage values).
- 2. If you vote for the Liberal Party, and it wins the election, you will have the chance to state your objection to same-sex marriage in a plebiscite that the Liberal Party has promised all citizens of this country. This plebiscite is to be conducted sometime after the election.
- 3. If you vote for the Greens Party, this party will push for the legalisation of same-sex marriage.
- 4. If you vote for the Labour Party, and it wins the election, it will proceed to legalise same-sex marriage within 100 days of winning government. They have openly stated that it is their party policy to legalise same-sex marriage.



同性婚姻-我們社會正在面對的一個重大議題

面對同性婚姻這個議題,基督徒是本著聖經去回應,因我們的信仰是基於聖經的權威。聖經告訴我們,當上帝創造世界時,祂命定婚姻為一男一女的結合;藉由這創始和自然的結合產生他們的後代。這是上帝繁衍人類的計劃。同性婚姻在這計劃之外;這樣的結合不能得到上帝的喜悅!

上帝愛全人類,正如聖經告訴我們:「上帝愛世人,甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們,叫一切信他的,不致滅亡,反得永生。」(約翰福音3:16)。上帝藉著耶穌基督把祂的真理和道路指示你。從閱讀聖經,你可以更多認識耶穌和上帝的愛;也可以到教會參加聚會認識基督徒的信仰。

傳統婚姻一直是人類文明的基石,也因著愛上帝,我們義無反顧地捍衛和保存在創世之初上帝為人類制定的婚姻制度!

同性婚姻的引進,削弱和降低了傳統婚姻的價值;不需很長時日,傳統婚姻會被視為不適切於社會而被否定,其結果是導致不可逆轉、遺害無窮的損失,是社會絕不應容忍而成為共謀的!

若同性婚姻合法化,會即時帶給社會延綿不絕的禍害和不公義;導致我們的言論自由、良心和宗教信仰都受到壓制。要瞭解更多有關這些影響,可以查閱下列一些肯背負社會良心責任的組織所設置的網站,看他們更全面的報導和持續更新的主題資訊。這些機構為:

The Australian Family Association 澳洲家庭協會; Australian Marriage Forum 澳大利亞婚姻論壇; Family Voice Australia 家庭的聲音; Australian Christian Lobby 澳洲基督教遊說; Salt Shakers Incorporated 鹽罐團,還有好幾個。

在 7 月 2 日即將舉行的澳洲聯邦大選,最重要的是在投你的一票前,仔細考慮以下情況:

你看重傳統婚姻制度及道德倫理價值觀念,請你把House of Representative(眾議院)和Senate(參議院)兩張選票都投給<u>基督民主黨 Christian Democratic Party</u>(CDP)。

- 1. 如果你投給 基督民主黨Christian Democratic Party。CDP是自由黨的盟友,可讓他們清楚知道你是反對同性婚姻。(請注意: 建議你在參議院和眾議院候選人中給你選區的CDP代表們投予最優先的次序。你亦可以在那長長的參議院Senate選票,在那粗橫線的上部,將"1"投給 CDP)。
- 2. 如果你投票給自由黨而他們在選舉中贏得了政府,在他們承諾的同性婚姻全民公投,將有機會給你表達反對同性婚姻。如果他們守信,這公民投票是在聯邦選舉後才進行。
- 3. 如果你投票給全心推行同性婚姻的 綠黨Greens Party(GP)。GP將會推動同性婚姻立法。
- 4. 如果你投票給工黨,當工黨贏得政府,就會為同性婚姻進行立法。工黨已宣稱在他們贏 得政府的 100 天內要將同性婚姻合法化。