

Eagle Mountain International Church

Where Do You Stand on Same-Sex Marriage?

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“Our two political parties represent two radically different visions of the nation and its future, two different understandings of the role of government, two very different ways of reading the U.S. Constitution and even two different moralities. Every vote is a decision about the future of our society. Each election serves to define us as a people.”

—R. Albert Mohler Jr., President Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
in Louisville, Kentucky

A. Proverbs 29:2—When the Righteous are in Authority, the People Rejoice: but when the Wicked Beareth Rule, the People Mourn

1. Early voting in Texas begins on Monday, October 13.
 - a. Our vote is our seed.
 - b. We will live with the fruit that seed produces.
 - c. We need to vote for those who identify with Biblical values.
2. How do I know who to vote for?
 - a. We identify where each party stands by reading the platforms.
 - b. We compare those platforms to what the Bible says.
 - c. We determine which platform best aligns with God's Words and God's laws.
3. Politicians will make decisions on our behalf based upon their platform.
 - a. The platform is the driving agenda for all legislation.
 - b. It is what they will push to accomplish over the next four years — and beyond.
4. To vote for a platform is to attach yourself to the judgement of that platform — good or bad.
 - a. “Those who vote for politicians knowing their immoral policies and platforms better repent. They are partners with those politicians and will be responsible for every baby's death.” — Kenneth Copeland, November 29, 1998
 - b. Where does the platform stand on abortion, Israel, the Supreme Court and judges, same-sex marriage, education, and religious freedom?
5. “I am the Democratic Party right now. The platform of the Democratic Party is what I, in fact, have approved of.” — Vice President Joe Biden, Tuesday, September 29, 2020

B. Where Does the Democrat Party Stand on Same-Sex Marriage?

1. The 2020 Democrat Party Platform is silent on the subject of marriage.
2. However, the 2016 Party Platform supported the redefinition of marriage through the Supreme Court's decision in the Obergefell v. Hodges on June 26, 2015.
3. Democrats applauded the Supreme Court's decision that recognized LGBT people, like other Americans, have the right to marry the person they love.
4. The Supreme Court ruled the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
5. The 5-4 ruling requires all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the Insular Areas to perform and recognized the marriages of same-sex couples on the same terms and conditions as the marriages of opposite-sex couples, with all the accompanying rights and responsibilities.

NOTE: The Democrat Party Platform uses the LGBTQ+ acronym twenty times.

C. Where Does the Republican Party Stand on Same-Sex Marriage?

1. We are the party of independent individuals and the institutions they create together — families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods — to advance their ideals and make real their dreams. Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of a civil society. And, the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.
2. Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values.
3. We condemn the Supreme Court's lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, robbing 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
4. We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law.
5. We do not accept the Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage and we urge its reversal, whether through judicial reconsideration or a constitutional amendment returning control over marriage to the states.

D. Where Does the Bible Stand on Same-Sex Marriage?

1. Genesis 2:21-25 "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

2. Leviticus 18:22 (NLT) “Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.”
 - a. (KJV) Abomination
 - b. (HEB) A disgusting thing.
3. Leviticus 18:24-26 (MSG) “Don’t pollute yourself in any of these ways. This is how the nations became polluted, the ones that I am going to drive out of the land before you. Even the land itself became polluted and I punished it for its iniquities—the land vomited up its inhabitants. You must keep my decrees and laws—natives and foreigners both. You must not do any of these abhorrent things.”
4. Genesis 19:4-7 (NLT) “But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house. They shouted to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!’ So Lot stepped outside to talk to them, shutting the door behind him. ‘Please, my brothers,’ he begged, ‘don’t do such a wicked thing.’”
5. Romans 1:26-29 (AMPC) “For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one, and the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution. And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome, until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice.”

“For those who say, ‘God made me this way,’ they must understand that
God never created anyone to be what He condemns.”

— Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons

E. The Open Door to the Curse

1. The results of this kind of lifestyle:
 - a. “...don’t pollute yourselves in any of these ways.”
 - b. “...suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing.”
 - c. “...don’t do such a wicked thing.”
 - d. “...they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness and iniquity.”
2. Time won’t allow to detail all of the specific diseases connected to the LGBGQ+ lifestyle.

3. However, the following March 11, 2020 Reuters' article summarizes the health issues:

LGBT+ Community at Heightened Risk of Coronavirus, Groups Warn

“More than 100 LGBT+ rights groups called on the U.S. public health officials to address the heightened vulnerability of gay and trans people to the coronavirus, warning that their frequently weakened immune systems can put them at risk.

Rates of HIV and cancer that are higher than in the overall population make LGBT+ people susceptible to the virus, said the open letter signed by such groups as the Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal and GLAAD, a media advocacy organization...

‘We call on public health officials to ensure that LGBTQ+ community is considered and included in the public health response to COVID-19 based on potential risk factors in our community,’ said Dr. Scott Nass, president of GLMA, an LGBT+ health advocacy group...

Compromised immune systems linked to HIV and cancer put gay and trans people at risk....People who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual are more likely than straight people to rate their health as poor and to have more chronic conditions, according to research by the Kaiser Family Foundation, a U.S health policy analysis group...

According to 2018 government data, gay and bisexual men account for more than two-thirds of U.S. HIV diagnoses, and CDC data in 2017 found the percentage of trans people diagnosed with HIV was triple the natural average.

4. In addition to the extensive health risks, disorders such as alcoholism, substance abuse, depression and suicide rate are much higher among the LGBT community.
5. A study published on the mortality rates of homosexuals concluded that they experience a significantly reduced life span.

F. What About Marriage and the Family?

1. 1 Corinthians 7:1-4 (NLT) “Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain from sexual relations. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man (male) should have his own wife (female), and each woman (female) should have her own husband (male). The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife.”
2. Ephesians 6:1-4 (AMPC) “Children, obey your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right. Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother (male and female) —this is the first commandment with a promise—That all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.

Fathers (male) do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.”

3. Proverbs 1:8-9 (NLT-96) “Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”
4. God designed the family to operate successfully under the leadership of a husband and wife — a man and a woman.
5. The characteristics of both men and women are essential for the Godly development of children.

G. The Office of Vice-President

1. The Vice-President is only a heartbeat away from the Office of the President.
2. Vice-Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris stand on same-sex marriage is crystal clear.
3. In 2013, as the California Attorney General, she presided over a civil union ceremony shortly after a federal appeals court cleared the path for same-sex weddings to resume.
4. Right before the ceremony, she tweeted, “About to marry the Proposition 8 plaintiffs. Wedding bells are ringing!”
5. Pray for God’s Awakening among those who identify with the LGBTQ+ community.