

Brethren

I wrote this column and bulletin article almost two years ago. The local newspaper even ran it. I reprint it because my heart is broken this morning for my beloved country. I know many of you will preach against homosexuality tomorrow. Do so! Yet remember that what happened in the Supreme Court is but a symptom of our sin sick nation. Men, women and children need the gospel. Please, please pray for our country. And please, seek out others and tell them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am also including a letter to the editor I sent to the local newspaper in Columbia yesterday. God bless and help us all. Roelf

Is the U.S. Becoming A Totalitarian Society?

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“And they said again, This fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door” (Gen. 19:9).

Winston Churchill once said that a **totalitarian** society seeks to “liquidate its opponents” (Webster’s Illustrated Dictionary). Totalitarian societies (North Korea, Iran, etc.) seek to silence all opposition to their oppressive rule and then try to eliminate them physically. But we do not live in such a society or do we? For a generation **homosexuals** in our land have waged a very effective media and legal campaign for acceptance of their decadent, depraved and degrading life choice. Through persistent and moneyed influence they have nearly won the battle. The **majority opinion** in our fickle country now is that theirs is an acceptable lifestyle and as such they have “rights” (special rights).

Now the next phase of this nefarious **agenda** is to isolate and persecute those who disagree with them. Already in some states “Human Rights Commissions” have fined businesses who will not cater to these deviants’ demands. Churches, such as the **Ridgeway church of Christ** in Chattanooga, have been harassed and ridiculed because they dared to privately rebuke members who publically supported a lesbian relative in her quest for spousal benefits for her newly wed “partner.”

If you happen to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper or comment on the internet about homosexuality you are given an electronic thrashing by homosexuals and their allies.

I believe that these are all symptoms of an increasing **totalitarian** society.

Brethren, we may be past the point in which we can “vote the rascals out” of office and change things. Our culture has gone beyond all that. **What can we do as Christians?** The same thing our brethren have done for 2,000 years. First of all we must pray for our nation and its leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2). You and I may not be able to change our political leaders’ attitude toward homosexuality, but God’s hand can (Dan. 2:21).

Secondly, we must live in such a manner that others will listen to us and give weight to our warnings (Mat. 5:13,14; 1 Pet. 2:12-15). Thirdly, we must expect persecution (Luke 6:22,23; Tim. 3:12). Some of us may lose a job or even our freedom over opposition to homosexuality.

Finally, we must seek to lovingly proclaim the gospel (Publically & Privately) so that **all** may have the opportunity to obey it and to enjoy it for eternity (Jude 22,23). This last point is perhaps the most important. Men can be set free from the **bondage of sin**; however depraved and vile. *“And*

such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11).

AMERICA, WELCOME TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH

It is a sad day to be an American. This week the United States Supreme Court mimicked the Dred Scott Decision of 1857 and went backward rather than forward. It is a supreme case of the continuing judicial tyranny in this country. Before my words are censored for political incorrectness I would like to add something from the Supreme Being’s law – the Holy Bible.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:7-8).

“and (God) turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment” (2 Peter 2:6-9).