

Is the Recent Supreme Court Ruling Scriptural?  
(1 Peter 2:13-17)

Introduction:

1. According to 1 Peter 2:13-17, Christians must obey civil laws.
2. However, if a civil law violates God's law, we must obey God (Acts 5:29).
3. We have studied same sex marriage in the past, but it is necessary for us to address this issue again to determine if the recent Supreme Court ruling is scriptural.

Discussion:

- I. SAME SEX MARRIAGE WAS UNSCRIPTURAL AT CREATION
  - A. God made Adam and Eve on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (Genesis 1:26-28).
  - B. According to Genesis 2:24, God ordained marriage for a man and a woman.
  - C. God's plan for marriage has not changed (Ephesians 5:31).
- II. SAME SEX MARRIAGE WAS UNSCRIPTURAL DURING THE TIME OF THE PATRIARCHS
  - A. (Genesis 12:1-3) God chose Abraham to be the father of His chosen people.
  - B. The Gentiles had become so wicked that God gave them up (Romans 1:18-32).
  - C. (Romans 1:26-27) Homosexuality was one of the sins practiced by the Gentiles.
  - D. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah should teach us a lesson.
    1. The people of Sodom were wicked when Lot moved there (Genesis 13:13).
    2. The Lord inspected Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20-21).
    3. Two angels discovered how wicked Sodom was (Genesis 19:1-14).
    4. The Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-25; Jude 7).
- III. SAME SEX MARRIAGE WAS UNSCRIPTURAL UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES
  - A. The Law of Moses prohibited homosexuality (Deuteronomy 23:17).
  - B. In addition to prohibiting homosexuality, the Law of Moses stated that homosexuals were to be put to death (Leviticus 20:13).
- IV. SAME SEX MARRIAGE IS UNSCRIPTURAL UNDER THE CHRISTIAN SYSTEM
  - A. We learn from Galatians 5:19-21 that "fornication" [illicit sexual activity, including homosexuality] is a work of the flesh that will prevent a person from inheriting God's kingdom.
  - B. The Bible clearly states in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 that homosexuals are among those who will not inherit God's kingdom.
  - C. Thankfully, forgiveness is available (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Conclusion:

1. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court has made another ruling that contradicts the will of God that He has revealed in His Word.
2. Let us remember the principle given in Proverbs 14:34 -- *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*