

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, YOUR
MARRIAGE, THE SABBATH,
AND PRESENT TRUTH
(Bay 111C)

In this seminar we will get an update on the fallout of the recent Supreme Court decision and its impact on marriage / family and witness. We will also look at what a godly Christian witness can do in these trying times.

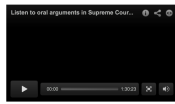
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Obergefell v. Hodges



Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, April 24, 2015
The Administrative Review Case in the oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States in 10:00 a.m.
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Listen to oral arguments in Supreme Court gay marriage case
Oral arguments in the April 28, 2015 oral arguments made before the U.S. Supreme Court on constitutional challenges to state gay marriage bans.

June 26, 2015
SCOTUS Ruling on Same Sex Marriage

Holding: The Fourteenth Amendment requires a State to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State.

Sweeping Federal LGBT Rights Bill from Senate, House Democrats Has Huge Support in New Poll

The Equality Act would include protections in public accommodations, public education, employment, housing, federal funding, jury service, legal protections, and credit.

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With a **new poll** showing more than three-quarters of all Americans support the rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people, Democrats in both houses of Congress today introduced the most significant new legislation to protect LGBT people from discrimination.

The Equality Act would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal laws. But without support from the opposition, Republicans in control of both House and Senate are unlikely to

pass this bill.

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Historic Definition Of Marriage



“Every definition that I looked up, prior to about a dozen years ago, defined marriage as unity between a man and a woman as husband and wife.”

Chief Justice John Roberts

Historic Definition Of Marriage



"But I don't know of any — do you know of any society, prior to the Netherlands in 2001, that permitted same sex marriage?"

Justice Antonin Scalia

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“This definition has been with us for millennia. And it it's very difficult for the Court to say, oh, well, we we know better.”

Justice Kennedy

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“Well, how do you account for the fact that, as far as I'm aware, until the end of the 20th century, there never was a nation or a culture that recognized marriage between two people of the same sex?”

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“Now, can we infer from that that those nations and those cultures all thought that there was some rational, practical purpose for defining marriage in that way or is it your argument that they were all operating independently based solely on irrational stereotypes and prejudice?”

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MS. BONAUTO: Your Honor, my position is that times can blind. And if you think about the example of sex discrimination and what it again, I assume it was protected by the Fourteenth Amendment, but it took over 100 years for this Court to recognize that a sex classification contravened (was in conflict with) the Constitution.... then came...

Craig v. Boren - 1976

Bowers v. Hardwick - 1986

Romer v. Evans - 1996

Lawrence v. Texas, - 2003

United States v. Windsor - 2013

Craig v. Boren - 1976 (ETOH)

Facts of the case:

Oklahoma passed a statute prohibiting the sale of "nonintoxicating" 3.2% beer to males under the age of 21 but allowed females over the age of 18 to purchase it.

The statute was challenged as Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection violation by Curtis Craig, a male who was over 18 but under 21, and by an Oklahoma vendor of alcohol.

Craig v. Boren - 1976

Result of the case:

The Court held that the **gender classifications made by the Oklahoma statute were unconstitutional** because the statistics relied on by the state were insufficient to show a substantial relationship between the statute and the benefits intended to stem from it.

Bowers v. Hardwick (1986)

In this case, **the SCOTUS upheld, in a 5-4 ruling, the constitutionality of a Georgia sodomy law criminalizing oral and anal sex in private between consenting adults when applied to homosexuals.**

The majority opinion, written by Justice Byron White, argued that the Constitution did not confer "a fundamental right to engage in homosexual sodomy."

Bowers v. Hardwick (1986)

A concurring opinion by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger cited the **"ancient roots" of prohibitions against homosexual sex**, quoting William Blackstone's description of **homosexual sex as an "infamous crime against nature", worse than rape, and "a crime not fit to be named."** Burger concluded: "To hold that the act of homosexual sodomy is somehow protected as a fundamental right would be **to cast aside millennia of moral teaching.**"

Romer v. Evans - 1996

It was the first Supreme Court case to address gay rights since *Bowers v. Hardwick* (1986)... The Court ruled in a 6–3 decision that **a state constitutional amendment in Colorado preventing protected status based upon homosexuality or bisexuality did not satisfy the Equal Protection Clause.**

Lawrence v. Texas - 2003

"A landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court. **In the 6–3 ruling the Court struck down the sodomy law in Texas and, by extension, invalidated sodomy laws in 13 other states, making same-sex sexual activity legal in every U.S. state and territory.** The Court overturned its previous ruling on the same issue in the 1986 case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, where it upheld a challenged Georgia statute and did not find a constitutional protection of sexual privacy.

Justice Anthony Kennedy - majority

The Court held that homosexuals had a protected liberty interest to engage in private, sexual activity; that homosexuals' moral and sexual choices were entitled to constitutional protection; and that **moral disapproval did not provide a legitimate justification** for Texas's law criminalizing sodomy.

Justice Anthony Kennedy - majority

Kennedy wrote: "The petitioners [Lawrence and Garner] are entitled to respect for their private lives. The State cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime." Kennedy reviewed the assumption the court made in Bowers, using the words of Chief Justice Burger's concurring opinion in that case, that "Condemnation of [homosexual practices] is firmly rooted in Judeo-Christian moral and ethical standards."

United States v. Windsor (2013)

A landmark civil rights case in which **the United States Supreme Court held that restricting U.S. federal interpretation of "marriage" and "spouse" to apply only to heterosexual unions, by Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), is unconstitutional** under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Historic Definition Of Marriage

“We have changed our idea about marriage...”



... There was a change in the institution of marriage **to make it egalitarian when it wasn't egalitarian.** And same sex unions wouldn't wouldn't fit into **what marriage was once.**”

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“That ended as a result of this Court’s decision in 1982 when **Louisiana’s Head and Master Rule** was struck down. And no State was allowed to have such a — such a marriage anymore. Would that be choice that a State should be allowed to have? **To cling to marriage the way it once was?**”

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“That’s correct. I mean, for centuries we had we had and Europe had this **coverture system** where a woman’s legal identity was absorbed into that of her husband and men and women had different prescribed legal roles. And again, **because of equality and changing social circumstances, all of those gender differences in the rights and responsibilities of the married pair have been eliminated.** And that, of course, is a system in which committed, same sex couples fit quite well.”

“coverture”?

coverture |ˈkəvər, CHoor, -CHər|

noun

1 literary protective or concealing covering.

2 Law, historical the legal status of a married woman, considered to be under her husband's protection and authority.

ORIGIN Middle English: from Old French, from **covrir** ‘to cover.’ It originally denoted a coverlet or a garment, later various kinds of covering or shelter.

The History of Coverture

-The legal system of marriage in England from 1188 to 1870

-The married woman was “covered” under the “protection and influence” of her husband. The wife and husband were viewed as being one legal entity.

-Important clarification - [William Blackstone \(1723 to 1780\)](#) said: “The husband is bound to provide his wife with the necessaries by law, as much as himself; and, if she contracts debts for them, he is obliged to pay them.”

-Coverture is what marriage historically was in the English and early American tradition; men controlled all property and income and men were fully legally responsible for the support of their wives.

Historic Definition Of Marriage



“**Coverture** was not a universal aspect of marriage around the world. And there again, if you look at the **basic definition, it is between a man and a woman.** It does not always say between a man and a woman in which **the woman is subordinate in legal respects.** So I'm not sure it's still again a fair analogy to your situation.”

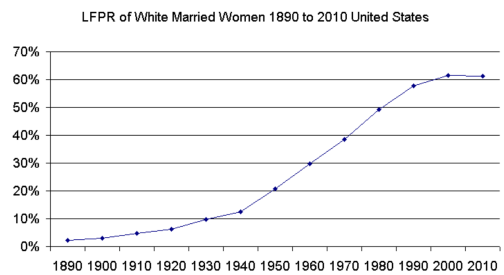
The New York Times

“The United States Supreme Court may soon **liberate the biblically conservative church** from old “prejudices” that should have long ago been “jettisoned,” **forcing it into “rightly bowing to the enlightenments of modernity,”**”

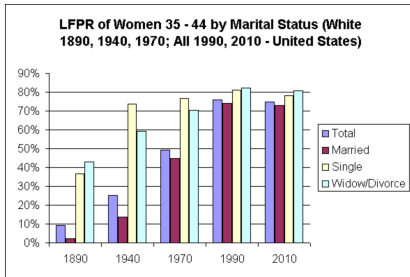
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The Counter Argument
John Bursch -Michigan Solicitor General (former)

Biological Binding

“We want to encourage children to be bonded to their biological mother and father.”
“If you're changing the meaning of marriage from one where it's based on that biological bond to one where it's based on emotional commitment, then adults could think, rightly, that this relationship is more about adults and not about the kids.”

Biological Binding

“And when you change the definition of marriage to delink the idea that we’re binding children with their biological mom and dad, that has consequences.”
“There’s all kinds of societal pressures that are already delinking that reason that the State, again, is for marriage, keeping kids and their biological moms and dads together whenever possible.”
“The government’s sole interest in these cases isn’t about love. It’s about binding children to their biological moms and dads.”

American College of Pediatrics

“Children with same-sex parents fare substantially worse—most measures show at least twice the level of distress— than do children with opposite-sex parents on a range of psychological, developmental and emotional outcomes. The longer social scientists study the question, the more evidence of harm is found.”

A safe environment?

Lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner

Women		Men	
Lesbian	44%	Gay	26%
Bisexual	61%	Bisexual	37%
Heterosexual	35%	Heterosexual	29%



Biology matters - American College of Pediatricians March 2013

“Over thirty years of research confirms that children fare best when reared by their two biological parents in a loving low conflict marriage. Children navigate developmental stages more easily, are more solid in their gender identity, perform better academically, have fewer emotional disorders, and become better functioning adults when reared within their natural family. This is, in part, because biology contributes to parent-child bonding.”

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DONALD B. VERRILLI, JR.
ON BEHALF OF UNITED
STATES, AS AMICUS CURIAE

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CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS:
Counsel, I'd like to follow up in a line of questioning that Justice Scalia started.

We have a concession from your friend that clergy will not be required to perform same sex marriage, but there are going to be harder questions. **Would a religious school that has married housing be required to afford such housing to same sex couples?**

Historic Definition Of Marriage



JUSTICE ALITO: Well, in **the Bob Jones case**, the Court held that a college was not entitled to tax exempt status if it opposed **interracial marriage or interracial dating**.

So would the same apply to a university or a college if it opposed same sex marriage?



GENERAL VERRILLI:
You know, I I don't think I can answer that question without knowing more specifics, but it's certainly going to be an issue. I I don't deny that. I don't deny that, Justice Alito. **It is it is going to be an issue.**

Roberts Dissent

“The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to ‘advocate’ and ‘teach their views of marriage.

The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to ‘*exercise*’ religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses.”

***Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health*, 798 N.E.2d 941 (Mass. 2003)**, is a [landmark state appellate court](#) case dealing with [same-sex marriage in Massachusetts](#).

-The November 18, 2003, decision was the first by a U.S. state's highest court to find that same-sex couples had the right to marry.

What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts

It's far worse than most people realize

by Brian Camenker
October 2008 Updated June 2012

Massachusetts

- Nov. 2003 - Mass. Supreme Court - SSM legal
- Dec. Public schools - SSM celebrations / literature
- Sept. 2004 - gay sex taught in middle schools because "It's legal now."
- 2005 - Elementary school "Who's in the family?"
- 2005 - High school "Little black book" (how to perform various sex acts)
- 2006 - 2nd graders "King & King"
- 2007 - Federal judge says parents have no rights concerning what is taught about homosexuality in the schools - accepting homosexuality is a matter of good citizenship.
- Libraries - filling with books teaching that "gay marriage" was a civil rights victory

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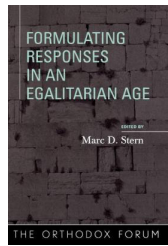
- Mandatory "Gay days" / "Gay Pride" parades - to fight "intolerance"
- As a result - many more children are self-identifying as "gay." (between 2005 - 2009 - a 50% increase)
- Transgenderism being promoted. In 2006 - a cross-dressing man undergoing a sex change operation was brought into a third-grade class in Newton to teach the children that there are now "different kinds of families."
- HIV/AIDS diagnosis caused by male homosexual behavior rose by 30% from 2000 - 2009.
- Domestic violence education budget has gone up

Massachusetts

- People in Mass have been fired for voicing religious objections to SSM.
- All businesses must recognize same sex "married" couples in all their benefits.
- The Wedding Industry - Must serve the homosexual community, or be held liable for discrimination.
- Businesses being "tested" by homosexuals (through PDA).
- Legal Profession - People being "failed" on the bar exam for not answering questions concerning SSM.
- Adoption agencies - retrained, 40% of adoptions are to homosexual couples.

Massachusetts

- Church harassment
- For refusing to allow a SS couple enroll a student in their school
- For holding seminars promoting traditional marriage
- Disruption of services - allowed



“The legalization of same-sex marriage would represent the triumph of an egalitarian-based ethic over a faith-based one, and not just legally.

The remaining question is whether champions of tolerance are prepared to tolerate proponents of a different ethical vision. I think the answer will be no.”

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Égalité

Recognize The Importance Of The Times.... (#1)

"All who exalt their own opinions above divine revelation, all who would change the plain meaning of Scripture to suit their own convenience, or for the sake of conforming to the world, are taking upon themselves a fearful responsibility. The written word, the law of God, will measure the character of every man and condemn all whom this unerring test shall declare wanting."

Great Controversy Page 269

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What can be done? (#2)

A parent should be persistent in instructing, never on any account slackening effort, ever so slightly, in the training and education of children...

Has God given explicit directions for parents to follow? Let us read what he has said, for truly we have no other authority. By reading [Deuteronomy 4:6-10](#), the last verse more particularly, it is found that the caution is given not only to remember all that has been heard and seen, but especially to **teach the ten commandments to the children**. In [Deuteronomy 6:4-7](#) is presented the first great commandment with promise, and that the same is to be taught diligently to children. Notice carefully the marginal reading ("*whet or sharpen*"). The figure used is that of a very dull-edged tool, an ax for instance. The injunction is to whet and sharpen the mind of the child diligently, by constant teaching of the commandments of God. [ARSH May 14, 1889, p. 305.4](#)

Five of the Ten

- 2nd Commandment - Visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children
- 5th Commandment - Honor thy father on thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land
- 7th Commandment - Thou shalt not commit adultery
- 10th Commandment - Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife...
- 4th Commandment - Thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant... (temporal / spiritual leadership)

Don't leave it to others...

The human mind is frequently and naturally very dull, and a child's mind, if left to itself, is sure to be sluggish and stupid. It is lamentable that parents, as a rule, leave to others—disinterested parties—the training and educating of their children,—to the teachers of the day and Sabbath-schools, who have supervision over them for a brief period, an hour or so, at a time.... [ARSH May 14, 1889, p. 305.5](#)

Don't leave it to others...

How many of these same parents can remember the numerous sermons they have listened to, upon the commandments of God, or can even repeat the commandments *verbatim*? ...

Parents, what better or more noble employment can you possibly be engaged in than fitting your child to honor God and to be an honor to you? Never be discouraged, then, but continue daily, hourly, to sharpen that mind; and eventually you will find the lessons instilled coming to the child's lips—repetitions of precious words, truths, and promises, learned from you.

ARSH May 14, 1889, p. 305.5

The Value of Adventist Education (#3)

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:40

Education's End Time Picture Is Coming Into Focus

Education pg. 227-229:

"Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that "each mind will judge itself;" that "true knowledge places men above all law;" that "all sins committed are innocent;" for "whatever is, is right;" and "God doth not condemn." The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, "It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home." Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself. With such teaching given at the very outset of life, when impulse is strongest, and the demand for self-restraint and purity is most urgent, where are the safeguards of virtue? what is to prevent the world from becoming a second Sodom?

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...At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution—all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France. Such are the influences to be met by the youth of today. To stand amidst such upheavals they are now to lay the foundations of character."

Deal patiently with the errors of others (#4)

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

MAJOR U.S. COMPANIES GO NUTS FOR 'GAY' RIGHTS

All your favorite firms push sweeping change for homosexuals

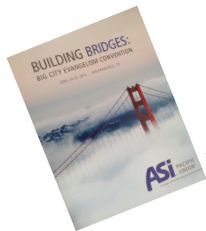
Get Your Policies In Your Business, Church, School In Place (#5)

1. Cite Official Church Statements
2. Carefully Choose Staff
3. Consistently Apply Policies
4. Move forward playfully

Invest Your Time In Risk Management (#6)

Risk Management





Free health services offered to thousands at Alamodome next week

BY PEGGY O'HARE: APRIL 3, 2015

August 3, 2015 in **City**

Free medical clinic underway at Spokane County Fair and Expo Center

Seventh-day Adventists sponsor services aimed at uninsured



Baptist Historical Society.

A Sabbatarian Pioneer—Dr. Peter Chamberlen.

I.—THE LIFE-STORY.

PHYSICIAN in Ordinary to three Kings and Queens of England; and yet a Nonconformist, and for some years a Baptist Pastor! The man of whom we write was born in 1601 and died in 1683; hence he passed through troublous times. In fact, he added to the prevalent commotion; and yet his medical knowledge and surgical skill were jealously retained by rulers of the House of Stuart. Moreover, his religious liberty does not seem to have suffered such curtailment as was visited upon many other Baptists of the time.

“Provide for the poor, and they will provide for you....”

Chamberlen - To Parliament

Never Give Up Confidence In The Power Of The Gospel (#7)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11
