

May 3, 2015

**GOD NEVER SAID THAT!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO
1 JOHN 1:8; ROMANS 3:9-12; 6:1-2**

Society's misbeliefs about sin. 1 John 1:8; Rom. 3:9-12

- I am really not a **bad** person. 1 John 1:8; Rom. 3:9-12, 23; Luke 19:9-14; Is. 64:6; 1 John 1:10
- We all know that all **sin** is the same. Rom. 3:23; 6:23; John 19:11; Matt. 11:23-24; 23:14; Luke 12:47-48; 20:45-47; 2 Pet. 2:21; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10, 12; Matt. 16:27; 25:14-30; Rev. 20:12; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Luke 19:11-23
- I am already doing it, and I might as well **keep** on doing it. 2 Peter 2:21; James 4:17; Rom. 6:1-2; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10

Misbelief about sin is costly.

- **Cost** to non-believers. John 3:16; Rom. 5:1; 3:18; 1 Pet. 1:8; Titus 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:4
- Cost to **believers**. Phil. 4:6-7; Ps. 66:18; Prov. 28:13; John 15:4-7; 14:11; Gal. 5:16, 22-23; 1 Pet. 4:10
- Cost to **family** and friends. Ex. 34:7; Luke 15:11-30
- Cost to the **kingdom** of God. 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 6:5-7; Matt. 6:33; Col. 1:18

It does matter what you do (empowered). Rom. 6:6-12

- Sin's power has been **dealt** with and defeated. Rom. 6:8-12; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 2:1-2; Heb. 7:26-28; 9:12; 10:10-12; 1 Cor. 15:3-4
- Sin's power does not have to **dominate** our lives. Rom. 6:6-7; Eph. 4:20-24; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; Col. 2:9-10; Luke 9:23
- Sin needs to be dealt with **moment** by moment. 1 John 1:9; 2:1-2; 3:9-10; 2:29

Dear Church Member:

As you know, the God-ordained institution of marriage is under severe attack. Among other things, it is unthinkable that the Supreme Court will probably rule that all states must recognize same-sex marriages.

As a prudent step, we have been advised by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that **we need to add a doctrinal statement in our Constitution** clearly stating what we believe about marriage. This statement will provide a level of protection for us as we continue to do what is right in God's eyes and according to God's Word. The amendment to our Constitution requires a two-thirds affirmative vote, and the proposal reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the church be amended by the addition of the following Article XI and the renumbering of the subsequent provisions of the Constitution as appropriate:

Doctrinal Statement

XI. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning, which is marriage sanctioned by God, joining one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between man and a woman. (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 7:2)

We will vote on this important amendment Sunday morning, May 17. If you would like to see our Constitution in its entirety, you can access it in the media center or on our website. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions on Wednesday evening, May 13 in room 237, at 6:30pm.

Yours in Christ,



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