

! o " shoul# " e respo # to the Supreme Court's ruli g o marriage%

There are a couple o& #i&&ere t respo ses that professi g Christia s ha'e ha# regar#i g the (S Supreme Court's ruli g o same se) marriage* Some sa+ that it is the la" o& the la # a # "e must o,e+ a # &ollo " * - thers sa+ it is time to raise up a arm+ a # start a e" re'olutio * - thers sa+ .ust ig ore it/ it " o t& affect us*

1. O hat is our o,ligatio " ith respect to o,e+i g the la" s o& the go'er me t%
 1oma s 13:1-5 2 atthe " 22:17-21 15:1-9
 4 cts 5:27-29 1oma s 12:18
 Titus 3:1-2

The go'er me t " as #esig e# ,+ Go# to &u ctio as the ,earer o& Go#s s" or# to carr+ out Go#s .ustice o those " ho pursue a like o& crimi al acti'it+ agai st their &ello" ma * Oe are calle# to o,e+ the go'er me t a # gi'e to it the respect that it #ue it as calle# ser'a ts o& Go#* There are limits/ as #e&i e# ,+ Go# / as to ho " &ar " e are calle# ,+ Go# to o,e+ the go'er me t* The ,asic limit is i& the go'er me t is as&i g +ou to #iso,e+ Go# / the " e are calle# ,+ Go# to o,e+ Go# rather tha the go'er me t* This mea s that i& the go'er me t as&s us to " orship a i#ol/ mur#er a other perso 7capital pu ishme t 8 " ar are ot " hat are i 'ie" here/ ,ut a ,ortio " oul# ,e9/ steal &rom a other/ or support si &ul acti'it+ li&e homose)ual ,eha'ior/ the " e are comma #e# ,+ Go# to re&use to o,e+ the go'er me t a # o,e+ Go# i stea#* :& " e are calle# ,+ the go'er me t to 'iolate Go#s comma #me ts i or#er to li'e peacea,l+ " ith others/ the li'i g peacea,l+ " ith others is o" ,e+o # our co trol*

2. O hat might ,e the co se;ue ces o& re&usi g to &ollo" the e" la" %
 <oh 16:1-4 16:32-33 =u6e 12:11-12 21:7-13
 2 atthe " 10:16-22 2:15-22 2 ar& 13:7-? 10:30

<esus " ar e# us that to o,e+ Go# rather tha ma " oul# result i persecutio ,+ the " orl# Oe 6 o" that tri,ulatio a # turmoil " ill come a # that there " ill ,e ma + " ho ,elie'e that the+ are #oi g Go#s " ill ,+ see&i g to #estro+ those " ho re&use to ,o" #o" to the go# o& this " or# Oe 6 o" that ,elie'ers " ill ,e arreste# / thro " i .ail/ put to #eath/ torture# / a # ma + other &orms o& persecutio simpl+ ,ecause he re&uses to su,mit to the u go#l+ calls o& the go'er me t*

3. O hat might ,e the co se;ue ces o& &ollo" i g the e" la" %
 2 atthe " 10:33 1 Cori thia s 5:1-5
 1 e'elatio 2:4-5 1 <oh 2:15-17

@ollo" i g a&ter the e" la" " ill ,e to &ollo" er a&ter ma rather tha to &ollo" a&ter Go#* :t is a t+pe o& #e ial o& Christ ,e&ore other people* To &ollo" a&ter this la" C - (=A ,e a i #icatio that the i #i'i#ual #oes ot u #ersta # the call o& Go# a # o& Christ a # has less &ear o& Go# tha there is &ear o& ma * O he a perso #e ies Christ/ the Christ " ill #e + the perso * 1emem,er Paul's call to the Cori thia church " he #eali g " ith a si i gi i #i'i#ual i the mi#st o& the co gregatio / he calle# &or the church 4 BA the i #i'i#ual to repe t a # #o " hat Go# sa+s*

4. O hat #o "e ee# to 6eep i mi # a,out Go#s call to us #uri g this time%
 Esther **4:14** :saiah 6>5>
 1 Cori thia s 25?-10 2 Cori thia s **4:15-16**
 1 Thessalo ia s **4:7-8**

Go# has create# each o& us &or this time a # &or this hour* !e has calle# us to li'e i holi ess #uri g
 this #i&icult time a # to co ti ue mo'i g &or" ar# remem,eri g Christ a # telli g others a,out
 Christ* Oe ee# to remem,er that o matter ho " lo g or ho " se'ere the persecutio ma+ ,ecome/
 it ca e'er compare to the glorious riches "e ha'e i Christ* !is riches are ot temporar+ ,ut
 eter al*

5. O hat #o "e ee# to 6eep i mi # a,out the people em,raci g the e" la"%
 Psalm **73:10-19** 4cts 3513-1?3 17530-31
 Ephesia s **4:17-19**

Oe ee# to remem,er that the "orl# is completel+ ig ora t o& Go#s call a # comma #s/ as "ere
 "e at o e time* There&ore/ "e ee# to ha'e compassio o them "ith the &ull 6 o" le#ge o& " hat
 a" aits them 7eter al hell9 a # that their percei'e# success is ,ut temporar+* Oe ee# to pra+ &or
 them that the+ might repe t a # ,elie'e the gospel a # u #ersta # " hat the+ ha'e #o e*