

Defense of Traditional Marriage by Pastor Margaret Court

While we hear so much in the media advocating the views of the Gay Lobby on Same Sex Marriage, very little is heard about why it is so important to protect traditional marriage for the sake of the family.

If we are to have a society that accepts gay people then gay people have to equally accept the unique value of heterosexual marriage and the rights of children to a mum and a dad wherever possible. For gay advocates to continually attack people who support traditional marriage as bigots is just as destructive as homophobia.

The 95% of ordinary Australians who are not gay have an equal right to protect the maintenance of the existing definition of marriage enshrined in Australian law as exclusively between one man one woman voluntarily entered into for life.

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From the very beginning God instigated a covenant relationship between one man and one woman to form family as the nucleus of society¹. After Jesus was born he grew up in a traditional family² and affirmed the God ordained nature of marriage between one man and one woman for life³.

From Gandhi to Napoleon, from Churchill to Lincoln, from Mandela to Merkel there is universal recognition that the greatest teacher who ever lived was, and is, Jesus Christ. His death and resurrection are unique in the history of the world so that whoever believes in him may come into the knowledge of the love of God and inherit eternal life. Here then are Jesus' words on marriage:

"Haven't you read," he (Jesus) replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate³."

God's love is not sensual to simply gratify human urges. Rather sex is something beautiful that God designed to be safe, dignified and fruitful within the exclusive covenant of marriage between one man one woman.

Traditional marriage is the best way to raise and care for our children and bless the next generation. As we are only passing through this world we need to be good stewards of the morals and values we learn from the Bible. To deny this foundation to our Western roots is to be Christophobic.

It is not acceptable for less than 5% of the population to dictate rules of marriage to the other 95%. There is no legal discrimination in Australia for homosexual couples living in registered civil unions. Accordingly justice has already been met in the existing Australian laws on marriage and civil unions.

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Footnotes:

- 1 Genesis 2:22-24
- 2 Luke 1:28-38
- 3 Matthew 19:4-6