****** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)

Subject: What Makes A Civilized Society?

The institution of marriage must be honored and conducted as it was set up by God so that the civilized social order of a nation might be maintained. If man fails to maintain the institution of marriage as it is given by God, then the social order of society will be downgraded to the level of animals. When animals have sex, they don't have to honor anything but their instinctive nature or desires to have sex.

In the beginning, God created a foundation for civilization which was constructed around marriage between male and female. We as humans cannot make ourselves maintain a civilized social order, we must follow the instructions that God gives to do so. The instructions for a civilized society to maintain its civilized status was incorporated in marriage. If the institution of marriage is not properly honored in this present world, those who dishonor marriage will not be honored in the marriage between Christ and the church in the first resurrection.

Christ is the bridegroom for the Church of God. When Christ returns for the church, all who have disrespected and dishonored the institution of marriage by committing fornication, adultery, and homosexuality will not be included in the marriage during the first resurrection to go to heaven with Christ. You cannot submit yourself to the Lord when you have dishonored the marriage institution. Listen to Ephesians 5:22-23:

- Verse 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- Verse 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Saved people are the members of Christ's body. When they properly honor and obey the instructions given in the word of God for the husband and wife, they are then acceptable members of Christ's body to be received in the first resurrection by Christ.

Subject: Marriage:

When you are married the bed is undefiled. If the woman becomes pregnant, the child will be legitimate in the eyes of God. When the man and woman are married, their private life is not defiled. They are respected by their neighbors, the community, and the church. They will be respected when they are together in public and in private. If they are not married, God will categorize them as fornicators, whoremongers, or adulterers.

The foundation of our civilization is ordained by divine order through the marriage relationship. Marriage is a creation of an institution consisting of the husband and wife (male and female), and later the children. This develops a family. The people need rules on how to conduct themselves so God sets instructions in the scriptures for the husband, wife and children. I Corinthians 11:3 reads as follows:

Verse 3 - But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Unless a family is governed by the Holy Bible, they will have trouble staying together as a family. The scriptures teach that the devil wants to spoil marriages by means of adultery.

Subject: The Institution Of Marriage Is For Man:

Animals in the zoo are animals of a lower order that were created by God. God gave such animals the privilege to mate with any female of their lower order. They can mate with whatever animal is available. When God created man, He created man to be in a higher order than the animals in the zoo. Therefore, God established the institution of marriage, and He commanded that the man and the woman should remain united in this relationship during their life, and that there be no promiscuous mating as it is among the animals of a lower order.

The animals of a lower order do not recognize any difference in females of their species. They don't marry, they simply mate with whatever females are available. When a man begins to mate with whatever females are available, God will then categorize the man who does so in the same order of the animals that do so. Such men will reproduce children of an uncivilized generation that will get no more attention or concern from God than the animals of a lesser order.

Subject: The Institution Of Marriage Cannot Be Changed:

Marriage is an institution set up by God. Men and women of the earth cannot add nor take away anything from the institution of marriage. To make changes in the marriage institution, such as approving or legalizing homosexuals to be married would be adulterating the work of God.

The institution of marriage was put in the Bible for men and women to follow and not change to satisfy their ungodly desires. Listen to St. Matthew 19:4-6:

Verse 4 -	And he answered and said unto them, <i>Have ye not</i> read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
Verse 5 -	And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
Verse 6 -	Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
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If a person adds anything to the marriage institution or takes anything away, God will see to it that their name is deleted from the book of life. The institution of marriage is a part of the word of God, and it is not to be tampered with or changed in any way. Listen to Revelations 22:18-20:

- Verse 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
- Verse 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
- Verse 20 He which testifieth these things saith, *Surely I come quickly*. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.