

## When Wrong Becomes Right

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Friday, June 26, 2015 will go down in America history as the day, our highest court in the land, chose to applaud and affirm the moral sentiment and inclination of our global community. In a 5-4 vote, they declared that same-sex couples have a right to marry anywhere in the United States. 36 states have already taken that stand, and now, our state and the remaining 13 other states in the Midwest and South will have to stop enforcing bans on same-sex marriage. This 2-decade battle has reached a zenith. Though the ruling will not take effect immediately, giving the losing side 3 weeks to ask for reconsideration, many believe this will be the new law of the land.

Today, as your pastor, I am filled with disappointment and dismay, resilience and resolve, to declare to you, what I sense the Lord would have me say to His church, His bride, in these decadent days.

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers - and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerc - and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.”

The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.

Alexis de Tocqueville

“I never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinions I have no respect.”

— Edward Gibbon

“Where error is irreparable, repentance is useless.”

— Edward Gibbon

**1. When Wrong Becomes Right it signals we have lost the ability to discern the differences between wrong and right.**

Ps. 36:2 In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin.

‘The result of the relativism of the 60’s...Baby Boomers sowed their rebellion and birthed children who were taught there are no absolutes.

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the doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute.

**2. When Wrong Becomes Right it reveals the evil in the hearts of men.**

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NIV)

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

**10** “I the Lord search the heart  
and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve.”

**3. When Wrong Becomes Right it dares God to send judgment.**

**Is. 3:9** The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves.

Prov. 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.

Gen 18:20 ‘Then the Lord said, ‘The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin is so grievous.’

Deut. 31:17 And in that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and

calamities will come on them, and in that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come on us because our God is not with us?’

Jer. 2:19 Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,” declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.

Sometimes that judgment comes from God giving us over to the sin....Romans 1

Romans 1:18-32 “ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

**24** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

**26** For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

**28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **29** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **32** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

#### **4. When Wrong Becomes Right it results in the rejection of God.**

1 Samuel 15:23 ‘For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you.’

1 Ch. 28:9 “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

### **5. When Wrong Becomes Right it reveals the fallen position of God’s people**

**Is. 30:15 This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength but you would have none of it.”**

**Jer. 9:3 “They make ready their tongue like a bow, to shoot lies; it is not by truth that they triumph in the land. They go from one sin to another; they do not acknowledge me.” Declares the Lord.**

### **6. When Wrong Becomes Right it calls for the people of God to stand and:**

#### **1. Pray**

**2 Ch. 7:14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

God’s people, if my people who are called by my name  
 God’s people becoming broken, will humble themselves  
 God’s people seeking, seek my face  
 God’s people repenting, turn from their wicked ways.  
 We will experience:  
 God hearing us, God forgiving us, God healing us.

#### **2. Warn our culture**

**2 Ch. 19:10 In every case that comes before you from your people who live in the cities---whether bloodshed or other concerns of the law, commands, decrees or regulations---you are to warn them not to sin against the Lord;**

**otherwise his wrath will come on you and your people. Do this, and you will not sin.**

Ezekiel's Watchman on Wall...Ezekiel 33:7-9

**7**“Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. **8**“When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. **9**“But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

Is. 30:1 “Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the Lord, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin;..

### **3. Embrace and Declare our Biblical values.**

That The Bible is Authoritative and Completely accurate  
 That our Morals and Values will be Biblically driven  
 That our Church and Ministry is to reflect our biblical convictions.

2 Tim 3:16-17

**16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### **4. Be Strong**

1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

### **5. Be Ready for His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-11 “Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and

our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, **2** not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. **3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. **5** Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, **10** and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, **12** in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## **6. Resist ungodliness**

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:  
**2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

## **7. Be At Peace and Do Right**

Philippians 4:6-7 “**6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Prv 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.  
6In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. 7Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil....

## **8. Share Christ**

1 Cor 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.