



CALLING ALL
CHRISTIANS TO VOTE

RESTORE AMERICA

Commentary

A Day to Rejoice!

April 14, 2005

OREGON SUPREME COURT SAYS "NO" TO 'SAME SEX' MARRIAGES!

The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) Reported this Morning:

"The Oregon Supreme Court on Thursday invalidated the marriages of 2,000 same-sex couples and refused to decide whether gays and lesbians should have the same rights and benefits as married couples.

The decision was a victory for social conservatives who backed Measure 36, the 2004 initiative that defined marriage as being between one man and one woman."

Concluding Remarks from the opinion:

"In summary, we conclude as follows. **First***, since the effective date of Measure 36, marriage in Oregon has been limited under the Oregon Constitution to opposite-sex couples. **Second**, Oregon statutory law in existence before the effective date of Measure 36 also limited, and continues to limit, the right to obtain marriage licenses to opposite-sex couples. **Third**, marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples in Multnomah County before that date were issued without authority and were void at the time that they were issued, and we therefore need not consider the independent effect, if any, of Measure 36 on those marriage licenses. In short, none of plaintiffs' claims properly before the court is well taken. **Finally**, the abstract question whether ORS chapter 106 confers marriage benefits in violation of Article I, section 20, of the Oregon Constitution is not properly before the court.

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The OR Supreme Court decision to uphold the Constitutionality of Measure 36 while denying the validity of marriage licenses handed out illegally in

Multnomah County is a **great victory for all Oregonians**, but more than that, ***it is living testimony to the power of God working through His people to effect change!***

If it had not been for the **leadership of a few Pastors and concerned Christians** (in the Portland area no less), there would have been **NO** Initiative Petition, nor sufficient signatures (in five weeks), nor approved ballot measure, nor serious Christian voter registration and turnout drive, statewide. And finally, **NO** victory for Measure 36 on November 2nd and no Amendment to the Constitution protecting marriage between a man and a woman only!

It was the leadership of **Kent Walton, Dennis Tuuri, Pastors Dick Iverson, Frank DaMazio, Ray Cotton, Ralph Martin, Dale Ebel and Stu Weber as well as Tim Nashif and Mike White** at the Oregon Family Council, that led to this victory for **ALL** Oregonians, current and future. And it was God honoring, Bible believing Pastors throughout the state that responded to their 'Call', and led their congregations to register, sign the petitions, and then to vote, in what turned out to be the highest voter turnout in State history.

The secular forces assembled and arrayed against us was, by all standards, politically unstoppable, however...***they were defeated...by Christians***, the **only ones** who **would** stand for traditional marriage and organize against what they advocated.

Thanks to the Christians taking action to get Measure 36 on the ballot, working hard to get it passed, and fighting the legal battles necessary to defend Marriage, all Oregonians are far better off than with the alternative!

But even further, the sheer number of signatures on the petitions, the 57-43 vote, and the passage of similar Amendments in other states, **again led by Christians**, put great pressure on Oregon's liberal Supreme Court to respect the will of the people. They were apparently not about to ignore our wishes and what is happening across the land through the Body of Christ. For that we are grateful.

You sent a message to all elected and unelected officials, including judges and justices, that we are not about to be trampled by elites on the left who have a secular and immoral agenda.

It is my prayer that we Christians understand that it was God working **through His people** Who placed this Amendment on the Ballot for all registered Oregonians to vote on. May we all **take courage**, and **find strength** to fight in the coming battles for our State and children, for they WILL come!

Congratulations to all, and Sincere thanks to our Spiritual leaders for believing God and taking action!

This is a Day to Rejoice!

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