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### SAME GENDER MARRIAGE?

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/nsw-set-to-back-samesex-marriage-20130726-2qq3n.html> 27 July, 2013

**NSW set to back same-sex marriage** (Edited by

DCB) - The present political party in power in the Australian state of New

South Wales is supposedly conservative but in spite of that “A NSW Liberal

politician who supports gay marriage has said he is ‘grateful’ to Premier Barry

O’Farrell for setting up an inquiry that...cleared the way for NSW to introduce

a bill to legalise same-sex marriage. ‘This is what democracy is about,’ said the Liberal member for

Coogee, Bruce Notley-Smith.” Because of this “NSW could become the first Australian state to

legalise same-sex marriage after the inquiry found NSW has the power to introduce its own law,

although this was likely to be challenged in the High Court by opponents of gay marriage.” Quasi

conservative Liberal Premier “Mr O’Farrell has promised a conscience vote on the issue, and is the

first Liberal leader to do so.”

Now get this “Submissions in favour of reform came from across the community - parents,

**clergy,** health and mental health organisations, and prominent individuals from all sides. The

number and breadth of submissions in support of marriage equality demonstrates that it is only a

matter of time before a change in the law occurs.” **All one** can say about **the clergy** behind this

bill is that they are the “blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall

into the ditch.” It is expected a vote on the bill will occur before the end of the year.

Can there be such an institution known as same sex marriage? The Lord Jesus in

answering the Pharisees in Matthew 19: 4-6 “said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which

made them at the beginning made them **male and female,** 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?** 6

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let

not man put asunder.” There is no man, government or law of men that can change what Jesus

said!



## **WHICH DID GOD INSTITUTE?**

<http://www.abwe.org/news/the-journey-begins-2013-candidate-class-recognized-by-abwe> July 23, 2013 **The Journey Begins: Candidates Become Official ABWE Missionaries** (Edited by DCB) - In July of this year "...60 newly appointed missionaries were honored during ABWE's Recognition Service of the 2013 Candidate Class." NOTE this service was "Modeled on the Church of Antioch's recognition of Apostle Paul and Barnabas in Acts chapter 13, the recognition service is a special tradition that celebrates the important three-way partnership between the missionary, their sending church and ABWE."

Here is that passage from Acts that ABWE claims their recognition service is modeled after. "Now there were in **the church** that was **at Antioch** certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus" Acts 13: 1-4. **NOTE** the words "the church" and where it was "at Antioch". The local church and a mission agency **ARE NOT THE SAME!!**

**The only** reference to boards in the Bible is Acts 27: 44 which says "And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." These boards were the result of a ship wreck and that is all too often what has taken place in lives when the Scriptures are either ignored or twisted to serve some group or individual's purpose. Of course ABWE and other such like organizations say "we acknowledge that we were in a partnership with missionaries and their churches." Partnership or overlord? It amazes this editor how churches are so blind to what the Scriptures plainly teach when it comes to missions.

## **AMERICA, THE LAND OF THE FREE?**

<http://www.faith-freedom.com/news/trial-begins-pastor-prosecuted-for-reading-the-bible-out-loud-in-public/> August 5, 2013 **Trial Begins – Pastor Prosecuted for Reading the Bible Out Loud in Public** (Edited by DCB) - In the Land of the Free "...the case of two men arrested while reading the Bible – out loud and in public – is going to trial, over a year after the events transpired. One of them is a Pastor Bret Coronado of Reconciled Christian Fellowship in Hemet, California." Their arrest came about "when they went to their local DMV in Hemet, California, and read from the Bible aloud as people stood in line for the DMV to open." A video of the arrest may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FruQO8qaw9c#at=213> . In the video note what is the seemingly dislike the policeman shows toward the man reading the Bible.

Because of Calvary,  
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