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Subject: Christmas Eve appeal to reconcile with Jim Cross

Mr. Cross,

An interesting comment was made this morning about how if we cave on the veracity of Scripture, the acceptance of homosexuality in the institutional church will not be fought against. It brought to mind, from a December 19 email, your statement *"The Lord absolutely defines marriage as between one man and one woman."* This was followed by you shredding the Scripture. You then go on to quote part of Matthew 19:8 and draw a conclusion from it that contradicts even the rest of the same sentence from Matthew's Gospel. (<http://family.kozlowski.org/Email-2017-12-19+1>)

On December 8 you stated that *"We don't want to send the others the message that we embrace Jack's behavior. But, we do intend to embrace Jack, the man."* My response was an agreement, but my question is why?

If we reject homosexuality, why do we do so? Is it because we find in Scripture the Lord's condemnation of it? It is repeated often, so the rejection seems consistent with Scripture. However, do we embrace all of Scripture, and all of the Lord's definition of the relationship of marriage? I will stand firm on 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, and **place my hope** that verse 11 will also apply to Jack.

We have from Matthew 19:4 *"Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female"*. This would be consistent with the arguments against homosexuality and I think we agree that the follower of Christ should embrace this.

Two verses later we read *"What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."* Note again this is a verse you seem to find only applicable in some situations, and not applicable to my wife and me. Why the change? Remember you drove her to the court (*"let not man separate"*), I wasn't there.

Mr. Cross, if you do not embrace all of Scripture, the often discussed "tota Scriptura", then why embrace any part, why not accept Jack for his choices? You are being inconsistent. Either the Scripture is what it claims, or we just take our best guess and what works for you is fine. As for me, **by the grace of the Lord**, I will follow in all of Scripture.

In summary it seems you agree with Matthew 19:4 *"Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female"*.

However, you use part of Matthew 19:8 *"Because of your hardness of heart"*, and use it not as written (eisegesis), and ignore the remaining *"but from the beginning it was not so."*

You then completely ignore and even go against Matthew 19:6 *"What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*

You amplify this on September 5 by stating that Dorothy-Jane “is a free woman, plain and simple - according to the Scripture.” However, Matthew 5:32, 19:9, Mark 10:12, and Luke 16:18 are all 100% in contradiction to your statement. So what Scripture are you using? Or is it again you are looking to the authority of man or the Talmud (same thing)? Are you really accepting of the idea of allowing your daughter to commit adultery with your blessing? To quote you: “how is that working for you?” (<http://family.kozlowski.org/Email-2017-09-05+1>)

It is worth noting at this point that I bring up the Talmud a lot lately and you have yet to comment if you embrace or reject it. As for me I follow the Scripture and not the Talmud in keeping with Mark 7:8 “*Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men*” (i.e. the Talmud). You have done an indirect reference to it to support your “free woman” idea, so where do you stand?

I’m assuming that you will be, if not already, on the way to celebrate a Christmas Eve service. Perhaps you will again do your norm and offer a gift. Consider point 27 from Martin Luther’s 95 Thesis “They preach man who say that so soon as the penny jingles into the money-box, the soul flies out of purgatory.” You will probably think that “I don’t subscribe to purgatory”, but miss the point. Please consider again Matthew 5:23-24. Is your priority the “coin” or reconciliation? Where is your allegiance?

We are celebrating that the Lord, the creator of heaven and earth stepped into his own creation to reconcile His elect to Himself by His own effort. He commands His elect to do the same with each other. The “coin” or reconciliation is your choice. **Why are you celebrating Christmas?**

One foul sinner to another, I’m here ready to reconcile with you. Drop the firewall between us (I have <http://family.kozlowski.org/Email-2017-12-24+1>) and come to the table. Let’s follow the same Lord!

Respectfully,

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Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13