

Candidate 7 evidence

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"Therefore is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, no male and female, for you are all one in Jesus" Galations

"The Church of Scotland's highest law-making body has voted to allow ministers to be in same-sex marriages"

Dr Vaughan

"My command is: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John

"Is same-sex marriage is morally wrong?"

The question I have chosen to investigate is the claim "Same-sex marriage is morally wrong". This would be classed as a moral issue as many people would agree that to be a good person would must support same-sex marriage but others would disagree with that statement saying that you can't be morally good and support same-sex marriage. In the article in BBC which is about Australia's vote and supporting same-sex marriage it claims that this is issue is still an relevant moral issue in today's society as it states "about 7.8 million people voted in support, and approximately 4.9 million against" this clearly shows that same-sex marriage is still and issue in today's society as we can see by the vote. I have chosen this issue as being a strong Christian I support my cousin being engage with his boyfriend, and I think that is morally right. However, I have noticed that many people in my church would not accept gay marriage as it as a morally bad area, and I want to investigate why.

Even today there are many Christians that would agree that is impossible to be a good Christian a support same-sex marriage. Many Christians would agree with this statement as following this bible for their beliefs tell them that only a man and a women should be in a marriage not the other way round. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife" (Matthew 19:4-80) this shows that for some it is clear that marriage is a union of two people a man and women. They believe That God created us male and female to be with one another, and homosexuals are forbidden in gods eyes they are sins. Homosexual practice is also forbidden in the book Leviticus as it states that sex should only be between a man and a women and gay sex is claimed to be disgusting and type of hatred to God. Leviticus "if a man lies with a man as a women, both of them have

committed an abomination” This clearly shows why many Christians have rejected the idea of same-sex marriage because they have been brought up to think a relationship should be man and women. A benefit of Christians holding this view is that being brought up to understand the bible will make them think being gay is wrong but will have rules that will make their life feel better, even if they are gay but don't come out. An example of this is the 10 commandments “You shall not covet your neighbour's house, wife, or property”. This gives us an idea that we can't spend our life's having jealousy of others and anything permitted outside of marriage is seen as wrong doing, so based on these Bible Quotes they will say that Gay marriage is wrong but marriage between man and women is right.

Ken Ham is an Australian Christian fundamentalist. He is the president of answers in Genesis. He believes everything that is found in genesis, Adam and Eve was an historical couple and that the origin of marriage was designed by god to be between two people man and women “Homosexual behaviour and gay marriage are deviations from God's design and homosexual actions are condemned in God's word”. This shows that ken believes that god see's homosexual as sins and disgusting. As we see that Ken is not supportive of same-sex marriage he would agree that “Christians must lovingly point homosexuals to Christ” this means that he would guide and give advice to someone that has done wrong doing that they have committed in god's eyes. Overall we see that Ken Ham would answer negatively if he was asked about the rights for same-sex marriage.

Since gay marriage was legal in the republic of Ireland in 2015 with the vote 62% for changing the constitution to allow gay and lesbian couples to marry, There is still discussion in areas of Ireland is the vote should have happened. An archbishop name Diarmuid Martin has commented after the vote that same-sex marriage is that he thinks it's a “social

revolution" meaning there has been changes in the nature of reality. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin told the broadcaster RTE "we have to stop and have a reality check, not more into denial of the realities. We won't begin with a sense of denial". Overall he believes we should respect gay rights and should not need to "change the definition of marriage" as marriage is between two people if denial that then you are wrong.

Some people think that it is possible to be a good Christian and support same-sex marriage, this is simply because you cannot forbid the physical action of real love. However even though the book Leviticus shows homosexuality was forbidden under the old law "you are not to have sexual relations with a male as you would with a woman it's detestable" many Christians are not under that old law today, it clearly shows that many things like the law have improved allowing homosexual couples to marry one another. As we are shown because Christians are not under that old law today the support from many Christians has decreased to 53% which means that in many years' time most Christians will support same-sex marriage. Even Christians following the bible can support same-sex marriage as it states that "therefore is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, no male and female, for you are all one in Jesus" Galatians. However even though society has changed so much that even the laws in the bible would not be accepted now which have changed people's opinion towards gay marriage. Result of this is that not all Christians disagree with the issue about the rights for same-sex marriage

There is still debate round areas of the world if gay ministers should be allowed to marry the same sex. An area around the world that has taken a vote for gay ministers to be able to get married is Scotland, "The Church of Scotland's highest law-making body has voted to allow its ministers to be in same-sex marriages". This shows that the idea of same-sex marriage is

changing because in today's society has improved as we see because of the vote for gay ministers. However, there are still many people that will be against the vote for gay ministers to marry and because they would say that it's going against people's religious views in what they believe in. As we have been shown we see that they would agree that society is not stopping gay people from loving each other but are stopping them from marriage between same-sex couples as all rights have limits.

I was fortunate enough to have a discussion with a Christian moderate view with Dr Vaughan. We had a discussion about how she believes being gay is okay because it's only fair on society to allow same-sex couples to be with each other, however she then started to discussed with me that god's ideal of sex is between a man and a women in marriage which Dr Vaughan's Baptist church would also agree with that marriage is between man and women. Dr Vaughan lives by the bible and thinks same-sex marriage is a problem however this could cause a problem as areas in the bible allow same-sex marriage. So based on the discussion I had with Dr Vaughan we see that she would agree that a relationship between the same sex is okay but same-sex marriage is not.

Overall have discovered that many people have different views when it comes to same-sex marriage and I think they have the right to have their own opinion. My viewpoint on this issue has not change and will never change as some people around the world deserve to love whoever they want and marry whoever they want. I also think jesus would agree with me as he was all about love and bring people together "my command is: Love each other as I have loved you Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" even if you do not support same-sex marriage is not very Christian to be against it. Like I

have shown, many Christians like archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Dr Vaughan say we should support our gay friends and family members.