

## **What Now?**

### **Gay Marriage and the Church**

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*“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

**Matthew 10:34-38 NKJV**

### **Hebrews 13:4 (NCV)**

*<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by everyone, and husband and wife should keep their marriage pure. God will judge as guilty those who take part in sexual sins.*

## **ADVICE FROM PETER**

### **1. BE SOBER**

#### **1 Peter 1:13-16 (NKJV)**

*<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*

### **2. BE SERIOUS**

#### **1 Peter 4:7 (NKJV)**

*<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

### **3. BE STRONG**

#### **1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT)**

*<sup>8</sup> Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.*

### **4. BE SAVED**

#### **2 Peter 3:15 (NLT)**

*<sup>15</sup> And remember, the Lord’s patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—*