

On the Eve of U. S. Supreme Court Arguments on Same-Sex Marriage  
Pastor Robert Brandhagen [4/26/15]

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IV. Why Does This Matter?

- A. For the U.S. to *legalize* and to *normalize* same-sex marriage, and to *criminalize* opposition to it is an insult to the Creator, and a massive rebellion against Him.
- B. Jesus said, "**So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's**" (Matt 22:21b, NIV). Marriage is God's. We as the church, the bride of Christ, must do all we can to render marriage to God, not to Caesar.

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