

## Concerning the suggestion of Amendment of Canon XX1

“Yes, Jesus loves me, THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.” I remember as a small child singing that on my way home from Sunday School and I KNEW that if the BIBLE said it, then it was TRUE. I had my little BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER then, like now, and I loved every word. I found that friends changed, my parents parted, promises were broken but I was taught that JESUS stays the same and so does his WORD.

Now, at 72 years of age, the Anglican Church of Canada is asking me to submit my thoughts on changing the Marriage Canon - one of TWO CORE DOCTRINES Jesus himself taught us. Marriage is a Holy Sacrament and Jesus told us exactly who was to marry – one man to one woman. Full stop!

As the years have gone by, I have left the church in tears many times, my beloved Anglican church was changing the words of scripture and I felt my Jesus was betrayed. These are the words he gave his disciples thru his Holy Spirit, to write for us, to guide us. “ancient words tried and true” and I clung to them as I became an adult and taught my six children about Jesus. Many an answer I found in the BIBLE.

The Bible tells us about sin and what is right and what is wrong and it specifically guides us about same sex relationships, anyone can read it for themselves. Now we are asked our views on having the MARRIAGE laws in Canon XX1 altered, changed, rubbed out, to include the MARRIAGE OF SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS.??? In the name of all that is still HOLY will you leave the BIBLE alone? You wonder why our churches are being sold for museums, a lonely church bell rings but few come ? IT IS ALL YOUR FAULT!

Anglicans are being toyed with as priests are calling out from the pulpits “we are to LOVE everyone, we are to INCLUDE everyone, we are to JUDGE no one!” We do love, we respect, we include and we welcome ALL sinners like ourselves to come to church and repent and be healed and help us in our walk to follow Jesus Christ. Our church is divided only BECAUSE We don’t want our BIBLE changed, our Canon Laws changed, and no number of parades, flags and demonstrations can say that louder as we stop going to church ourselves, because of our leaders not understanding or plain ignoring the BIBLE. We are hurt and lost and go in search of TRUTH and thank heavens there are ANIC churches set up to allow us to flop down on our knees and pray with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart, to the end that we might obtain forgiveness of our sins by his infinite goodness and mercy. We invite all mankind to join us.

I can’t in all conscience deny Jesus Christ and his word. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE! IT IS ALL SO SIMPLE. WE DON’T NEED TO CHANGE ANYTHING AS SACRED as God’s word. THE LEADERS NEED ONLY TO FALL AT JESUS’ FEET IN PRAYER AND AWAIT THE ANSWER TO THIS ISSUE. Hurry, though, as the lonely church bell is ringing and we can’t in all conscience go in the way the Anglican Church of Canada is going.

I trust you understand what my view is. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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