

Submission to Marriage Commission
Anglican Church of Canada, July 9, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After much prayer, I am submitting my thoughts about Resolution C2003's proposal to change the Marriage Canon to include same sex couples. I refer to God's Holy Word as the basis for my argument against alterations to the Marriage Canon, and how God himself reveals His plans, purposes and intentions for our lives in the truth of His life-giving Scriptures.

Jesus himself said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deut. 8:3, Matt.4:4).

He also said in his high priestly prayer, "Sanctify them in your truth, your word is truth" (John 17:17).

This implies that God's word does not simply conform to some external standard of truth, but is truth itself. It embodies truth and therefore is the standard of truth against which everything else must be tested, compared and measured.

Jesus further said, "Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord will not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

Jesus attributes divine authority and permanence to his own teaching and words. They are greater than even heaven and earth.

Proverbs 30:5 reinforces this authority: "Every word of God proves true, He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him".

The proverb's emphasis on 'every word' underscores the truthfulness, trustworthiness and reliability of the Bible, not only its overall message but in its every detail—the idea being that human wisdom is limited and that the 'truth' resides only in the word of God and no one is able to enhance that wisdom which God has given.

Additionally, Scripture emphasizes that the word of God is living and active, breathed out by God Himself, and useful for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness (Heb. 4:12, 2 Tim. 3: 14-17).

Therefore if 'TRUTH' is found in God's word alone as breathed out by God Himself, why are we supplanting these truths with human thought and wisdom? Why are we even considering changing the Marriage Canon? As it is currently written, it is wholly consistent with His revealed word in Genesis for the marriage of male and female alone (Gen 1:27).

Accordingly, based on my love and trust in God's word and the truthfulness contained in "every word," I will not lend my support to the changing of the Marriage Canon, which presently stipulates male and female as the exclusive pattern for marriage.

Respectfully submitted,

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