

IT IS SETTLED!

"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

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From Heaven, or of Men (Part 3)

"What God Hath Joined Together" – Matthew 19:4-6

Who said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"? It was Jesus Himself. This is found in John 3:16. Who said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"? It was Jesus Himself, and this is recorded in Matthew 15:8,9. Who said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin"? Jesus said this; read John 8:34. Who said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"? Jesus said this, also; read Matthew 19:4-6. Let us consider the question: Is it possible to join those whom God did not make to be joined? God's Word never affirms that God joined man to man, or woman to woman; neither does His Word, in any place, condone such. The attempt to make such a union is known as sin. John, called in the New Testament the disciple whom Jesus loved, was the one to whom Jesus gave the keeping of Mary, His own mother, as Jesus was dying on the cross. John is also the one to whom the Revelation was given. As this article comes to a close, let's look at the foolishness of man. Going against the plain teaching of God's Word, some denominations are accepting practicing, unrepentant homosexuals. Those who choose to continue in this sinful lifestyle are being "ordained" to be "preachers" and "bishops." "Marriages" between same-sex couples are being "blessed" by some denominations. The leaders of these man-made religious groups claim to be able to "interpret" God's Word; yet, they are either unable, or unwilling, to understand and accept the plain teaching of God. Listen to God's Words, recorded by John in the Revelation: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:7,8). Readers, let's get serious about knowing, and doing, God's Will!