

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## SALVOS LAUNCHED IN A CULTURAL WAR

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If you are still in denial that we are in a moral cultural war in our society, the recent public uproar over Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum’s statement regarding laws concerning sexual conduct should be an eye opener. The remarks were in connection with sodomy laws that are being reviewed by the Supreme Court in our country.

Santorum in an interview said, “We have laws in states, like the one at the Supreme Court right now, that has sodomy laws and they were there for a purpose. Because, again, I would argue, they undermine the basic tenets of our society and the family. And if the Supreme Court says that you have a right to consensual sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery. You have the right to anything. Does that undermine the fabric of our society? I would argue yes, it does... You say, well, it’s my individual freedom. Yes, but it destroys the basic unit of our society because it condones behaviour that’s antithetical to strong, healthy families. Whether

it’s polygamy, whether it’s adultery, whether it’s sodomy, all of those things are antithetical to a healthy, stable, traditional family.”

For decades now, homosexual advocates have tried to place homosexuality on the same level as one’s race. It is merely an alternative life style to be tolerant of, as we are of divergent races or nationalities. The fact that in some states homosexual marriages are now legal, can we not see that some of us are slowly coming around to accept, or at least be tolerant of homosexuality?

Santorum was simply looking at the cause and effect of striking down laws protecting marriage and family in the context of personal freedom. Homosexual advocates responded with asking for the resignation of Santorum’s leadership post. David Smith, the senior strategist with Human Rights Campaign said, “*He seemed to put gay people on the same moral and legal plane as someone who would commit incest.*”

Question: Does God place homosexuality on the same moral plane as incest and adultery? God not only condemns all three sexual

practices, He deals with them in the same context of Scripture. “None of you shall approach to any that are near kin to him, to uncover their nakedness” (*Leviticus 18:6, cf. 20:11*). Incest is therefore condemned. God condemns the sexual act of adultery: “And thy shall not lie carnally with thy neighbor’s wife, to defile thyself with her” (*Leviticus 18:20*). Then, God condemns the sexual act of homosexuality in the following terms: “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination” (*Leviticus 18:22*).

Adultery, incest, and homosexuality are all on the same moral plane. All are morally wrong, therefore sin. Let me cast this salvo: They are as much sin as having sex with a beast is a sin. God also deals with this sexual deviancy in the same context of the above sins (*Leviticus 18:23*).

The shock that a political leader today would dare talk of homosexuality and incest in the same context shows how far some have gone in accepting homosexuality. The war is on!