

# GLAD TIDINGS

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

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## IF JOHN KERRY’S PRAYER IS ANSWERED...

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**S**enator John Kerry referred in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention to the desire of Lincoln as expressing his feelings about his party’s relationship with God: “*I don’t want to claim that God is on our side...I want to pray humbly that we are on God’s side.*” That has a good ring to it. What would it mean in our country if John Kerry’s prayer is answered?

Our country will be united in condemning homosexuality as an abominable sin. God has made it clear as to what side of this issue He is on. “*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it is an abomination*” (Leviticus 18:22). Women with women and men with men are considered by God as “*against nature*”, spurred by “*vile passions*” producing “*unseemliness*” (Romans 1:26-27). We believers in God and His Word hope Mr. Kerry is serious in his prayer to be on God’s side, for it should not be long when we shall see him leading the campaign to repeal the law in his home state legalizing homosexual marriages. Since Mr. Kerry wants to be on God’s side, we

should hear shortly from him the word God uses to describe homosexuality: “abomination!”

If Mr. Kerry’s prayer is answered, all will be in favor of the death penalty. God has made it clear as to what side of this issue He is on. He has ordained civil government as His minister to mankind “*for good.*” “*...But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil*” (Romans 13:4). Government is God’s choice as to how we should carry out His will regarding those who murder other human beings: “*Whoso sheddeth man’s blood by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man*” (Genesis 9:6). Oh, we long for the day when our society follows the humble desire of Mr. Kerry to be on God’s side. Government carrying out the death penalty on those who shed innocent blood will not meet any longer with protestors. All will be united on God’s side.

Being on God’s side, we will regard the unborn in the womb the same as God regards it: “a babe”. God uses the same word

to describe the unborn: “*the babe...in my womb*” (Luke 1:44) as he does the one who has been born: “*a babe... wrapped in swaddling clothes*” (Luke 2:12). By using the same terminology as God does, maybe we will begin to see the fruit living in the womb not as a mere “fetus” ready to be discarded at the whims of a parent, but as a “babe,” an innocent human life deserving of protection.

We will no longer be divided into Protestants and Catholics, but we will simply be Christians if we truly want to be on God’s side. God is honored by those who honor His Son, Jesus the Christ (John 5:23). We honor the Son by wearing his name to identify who we are. Disciples are called by our God “*Christians*” (Acts 11:26). These were not Baptist-Christians, Methodist-Christians divided up in distinct Denominational bodies or Catholic-Christians under the rule of a Pope in Rome. God is on the side of having *no divisions* among us, but rather having all *speak the same thing* (I Cor. 1:10).