

Two Notable Political Actions

There were two notable political actions recently...one commendable the other reprehensible.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed into law a near-total ban on abortion. May God bless her and the people of Alabama.

The Alabama Abortion Ban is encouraging because it suggests that many Americans are finally realizing the evils of killing the unborn...persons who are made in the image of God. John Stonestreet of the Colson Center commented: "Our ultimate goal is not only to make abortion illegal, but also unthinkable."

The other piece of legislation, HR 5, "The so called Equality Act of 2019" was passed by the U S House of Representatives. HR-5 would add sexual orientation and gender identity to other protected classes, such as race or religion, in existing federal laws. It would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes on par with race, sex, and religion.

HR-5 is a dangerous piece of legislation. Bruce Hausknecht of Focus on the Family lists some potential outcomes:

"Children being removed from the home because parents wouldn't allow the child to pursue a new 'gender identity'.

Doctors would be forced to perform trans surgeries and abortions,

Religious institutions would be forced to hire trans and gay people.

Men would be allowed in women's restrooms, locker rooms

Men would be allowed to compete in women's sports.

No religious exemptions for bakers, photographers, and all other businesses who do not wish to use their creative skills to create a message contrary to their deeply held beliefs.

Should this bill become law pastors could not refuse to marry same-sex partners. Teaching or preaching Biblical sexuality would place churches and pastors at risk of prosecution.

HR-5 is extremely troubling...not only because of its potential effects on society but like abortion it destroys the image of God displayed in human beings by endorsing homosexuality, transgenderism and same-sex marriage. The Bible is very clear that God created mankind male and female. HR-5 approves what God has forbidden.

Although it is probable that HR-5 will not gain traction in the U S Senate this term, you can be sure that it will return in the future unless we with God's help begin to change the minds and hearts of fellow Americans. This happens both one-on-one and from the pulpits of our churches.

Many pastors are reluctant to address both abortion and Biblical sexuality from their pulpits. Pastors, teachers and leaders...now is the time to take a stand for Biblical morality before the days come in which the government will forbid the preaching and teaching of Biblical sexuality and put in prison those who faithfully proclaim Biblical standards. Pastors and leaders we can no longer refrain from speaking on these issues for fear of offending unbelievers or members of our own congregations.

To borrow from John Stonestreet...our ultimate goal is not only to prevent the passage of legislation which would endorse what God has forbidden but also to make passage of such legislation unthinkable.