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The National Black Church Initiative Answers the Washington Post Attacks on the issue of same-sex marriage

The Black Church Will not back down

Washington, D.C. – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans will answer the attacks from the Washington Post on the issue of same-sex marriage. The Black Church is right to spend its time and energy on this issue as well as others. The press does set the agenda for the Black Church. Christ does!

Colbert King and Eugene Robinson are two well-respected and highly prized Washington Post reporters who are African Americans. We love them both and respect them. They should be honored and their articles should be read often. I read them religiously. We were very happy and proud when Eugene Robinson won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the Obama campaign for the presidency. We love the president and are one of his biggest supporters. I consider Colbert King a personal friend. Both of them have recently commented on the same sex marriage and the Black Church. They both believe that the black church energy is misplaced. They are entitled to their views both as Christians and as journalists and they are fine Christians. However both of them are wrong and their views of same sex marriage are outside the bounds of the religion and the ethics and teachings of Jesus Christ. If I were their pastor, I would have spoken with both of them and if they persist on keeping their views on same sex marriage, I would deny them communion and remove them from any official church board or committee. This authority of the church rests with clergies and pastors and was given to them from God through Christ NOT THE Washington Post.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative said “We can care less what the Washington Post says. It is just another liberal, gay friendly newspaper. They are attacking us because we love the Gospel and refuse to support two men and two woman having sex and getting married.”

They are both working for a liberal newspaper---The Washington Post. The Washington Post has been characterized as a newspaper that goes outside of its way to characterize African Americans as broken, violent, inhumane, and out of touch with reality. So naturally they will paint me (The Rev. Anthony Evans) as some extremist homophobic. They will do this naturally, not because they dislike me or disrespect me as a clergy, but because they are writing to please their white, liberal, gay friendly audience so that can continue to sell newspapers and be popular at my expense. The Christian faith is not a faith of popularity. It is a faith to adherence to the precepts and teachings of Jesus as the Christ. Every Christian knows that if you practice this faith you will not be popular, but you will be ridiculed. Largely, because we are asked to go against what is popular in culture and stand for what is Right and Holy. No matter what Mr. King and Mr. Robinson write about same -sex marriage and the validity of it, according to the scriptures, they are wrong today, they will be wrong tomorrow and they will be wrong when Christ comes. I still love them both even though they insist in using me and the entire Black Church as an enemy to the gay community. *I will continue to pray for their souls.* They and the Washington Post and the entire gay community will have to repent before they enter God through Christ's kingdom. There are no multiple ways to salvation. There is only one and every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Christ is the only way to salvation. Therefore, same sex marriage is wrong and it is one of many threats to the Black and white family.

If Mr. King would have taken the time to go to our website he would have seen that we have just announced seven months ago, a science-based approach to begin to heal the issues around the black family. But of course, he wanted to blatantly ignore the extraordinary efforts that NBCI is putting forth over the next 10 years to help solve the black family crisis. He also wants to ignore that NBCI for the past 18 years has spoken out against violence against gays and anyone else. You can paint us as haters to your white, liberal, gay friendly audience, but God knows we are standing on His word without fear, but love in our hearts.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.