



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love. . . .when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are thus produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down." — St. John Chrysostom*

## Thrown into Confusion

History didn't start in 1939 when Germany launched the second World War. It didn't start with the Civil War or the Revolutionary War ... touched off on this day in 1776. Luther didn't start the history of the Church. Hundreds of millions of people lived and acted all the way back to the beginning of recorded history.

One of those people was known as "Golden Mouth." He was a preacher. His name was John Chrysostom. He lived and preached in the mid to late 300s in the Roman Empire. He was martyred by an arrogant empress who ordered him out into the elements on a forced march until he died.

He was the most powerful Christian Bishop of his day. But he wasn't powerful enough to avoid being murdered by the government. Christianity was approaching her four hundredth birthday. It was, however, the official state religion of Rome. Constantine the Great embraced the nascent monotheistic faith early in the 300s.

Chrysostom was much beloved for his sermons on family life. His quote above sounds very common sense to our Western ears. I wonder how it sounded to the recently converted pagan ears of Rome 1700 years ago?

He concludes his thought on "husband and wife" saying the lack of love between a husband and wife causes everything to be "thrown into confusion and turned upside-down." I have always argued that it is in the interest of the government to discourage "love" outside the bonds of matrimony. The state, and indeed civilization itself, is strengthened by strong marriages. Just over two centuries from our July 4th birth America is becoming a theatre of the absurd.

Our world is being turned upside down. Everything we hold dear is being thrown into confusion. And we aren't reserving our madness to ourselves. We are using our global influence to force lesser powers to bend to our will on all things sodomy.

Brazil's evanjellyfish Minister of Health just proudly announced that her office would seek counsel from a government sponsored LGBTQ-P board on stopping "violence" against sodomites. This followed on Trump's tweet in *continued on back of this page*

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early June declaring that his government would push this plank of the gay agenda globally. Brazil installed a conservative government last year headed by Jair Bolsonaro.

There are no John Chrysostom's in Christianity in 2019. Church leaders with the power he wielded in the young Christian Roman Empire don't exist. All of them are playing footsie with the so-called gay agenda. None of them are willing to be force marched to their death by the West's Jezebels who are in power right now. They are all more concerned about maintaining their worldly power than heeding Chrysostom's insight, "Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love."

We Americans celebrate the sacrifice of men's lives for the esoteric political notion of freedom on this day every year. We don't give a thought to the reality of warfare, it seems. Real men are MOST willing to die "for the sake of this love." What love? The "love" of drag queens forced on our grandchildren in our libraries and schools? The "love" of public smooching by two men or two women? The "love" of non-diverse same gender couples kidnapping babies through state forced "adoption" and destroying their budding lives through daily abuse?

No.

Chrysostom was right. Real men "take up arms and even sacrifice their lives" for the sake of love ... not lust. And that is as far as our concept of love goes today. We are all in lust with one another. We don't begin to understand or practice the kind of love that Chrysostom is describing here. If we did then men would have taken up arms long ago. Instead, men have softened into the lusting arms of Jezebel. Pastors and Priests have led the way.

Our civilization will continue to slouch toward Gomorrah until men stop lusting and start loving. Men lead the way in love. Women follow. Men choose fidelity, loyalty and sacrifice in love. Lust leads men, and civilizations, to death ... to Chrysostom's point where "everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down."

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love never fails.*

*Paul the Apostle*