

The Bible Says



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United Methodists & The Baptist

The following is (in part) a letter from one of our readers.

"Therefore, you feel we have an unlawful marriage and live in the state of adultery and fornication.

"Someone needs to go to the United Methodist Church on Flower Ave. and tell them they should stop arranging and participating in unlawful marriages.... Then they should go to Idlewile Baptist Church and advise Pastor Whitten and all the other many Pastors they should stop allowing people, who are living in adultery and fornication, to join the church and be baptized there."

We discussed this letter in last weeks article. This week I will give the reasons why I believe the United Methodists and the Baptists would not object to fellowshipping those who are living in adultery.

United Methodist

Why would the United Methodist object to anything regarding divorce and remarriage? In the 2009 September-October issue of the INTERPRETER (official publication of the *United Methodist Church*), they were discussing "the reappointment of one of their Clergy, the Rev. Drew Pheonix, the former Ann Gorden." before her/his gender identity transformation. She (now a "he"?) was accepted.

Idlewild Baptist

And, why would the Baptists object? They believe in "Once saved always saved." The Rev. Sam Morris, an ordained Baptist preacher in Stamford, Texas in a tract "Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?" explains exactly the consequences of the doctrine, "once saved always saved." "....All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger."

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