

Last Monday on our drive home we saw a bright sunset on one side, dark rain clouds straight ahead, and a brilliant rainbow on the other side. What an appropriate time to see that rainbow as we end May and look toward the month of June -- a month declared by an ever-increasing portion of our population as "Gay Pride Month." More and more corporations, businesses, and loud public voices seem to demand that all the world officially recognize and even promote the unscriptural and morally-bankrupt lifestyle choice of a small percentage of our population.

Especially concerning to me is the "gay pride" flag of 8 colors. Its origin seems to go back to about 1978 when an openly homosexual man and drag queen chose a flag for a symbol of pride. He designed one of 8 colors, seeking to represent human diversity in terms of religion, gender, and sexual preferences, viewing the rainbow colors as a natural flag from the sky.

Understand that it <u>is</u> the responsibility of every believer to love any and all lost in sin. We should have an intense desire to see them come to know God the Creator through the sacrifice of Jesus and accept Him as Savior and Lord. It is <u>not</u> our responsibility to condone, support, or encourage in any way those lost in sin to pursue life choices that deny God as Creator and Designer and to rebel against His design and plan.

The "natural flag from the sky" was never meant to support rebellion against God. You can find its origin in Gen.9:12-16 -- read about it! God used this new phenomenon with Noah to remind Him (and all future generations) of His covenant to never again send a flood to destroy all of creation as He did in that day. I've often wanted to launch a "TBTR -- Take Back The Rainbow" movement, but God recently reminded me that we can't "take back" something that we've never lost! The rainbow reminding us of God's protection can never accurately be a symbol of any who will fall under God's judgment because of their rebellion against Him. However, the rainbow can be a conversation starter and witnessing tool to that one who needs Jesus.

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- PRAY this month for: Development of a new outreach plan
- Youth campers (week of June 14th)
- God's "Great Rebuild" in our lives / church
- VBS plans (week of July 19th)



