

An evangelical leader deploras evangelical support for California's anti-gay-marriage Proposition 8

“Proposition 8 passed largely because of the intense support given to it by Evangelical Christians. They helped raise \$40 million—not to get out the Gospel, to minister to the poor, to help the oppressed—but to make sure that gays and lesbians would not be allowed to marry. We brought in 10,000 volunteers and went door-to-door throughout the state—not to invite people to Christ or tell them of God’s love—but to get them riled up against the gay and lesbian community. The day after the election, we Evangelicals were jumping up and down and clapping our hands and yelling, “We won! We won!” To that I have to ask, “What did we win? Did Mary and Jane say to each other, ‘I guess our marriage is over. Proposition 8 is passed.’ Did Harry and John in their committed relationship not climb into bed with each other that night because Proposition 8 had become the law of the land? Of course not!” As we were celebrating, tens of thousands of gays and lesbians—in San Francisco, LA, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta—marched the streets, shouting hatred at the Church, treating the Bible as though it was created to beat them into submission, and acting as though Jesus was their enemy—none of which is true. If you call that winning, you and I are not on the same page!”

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