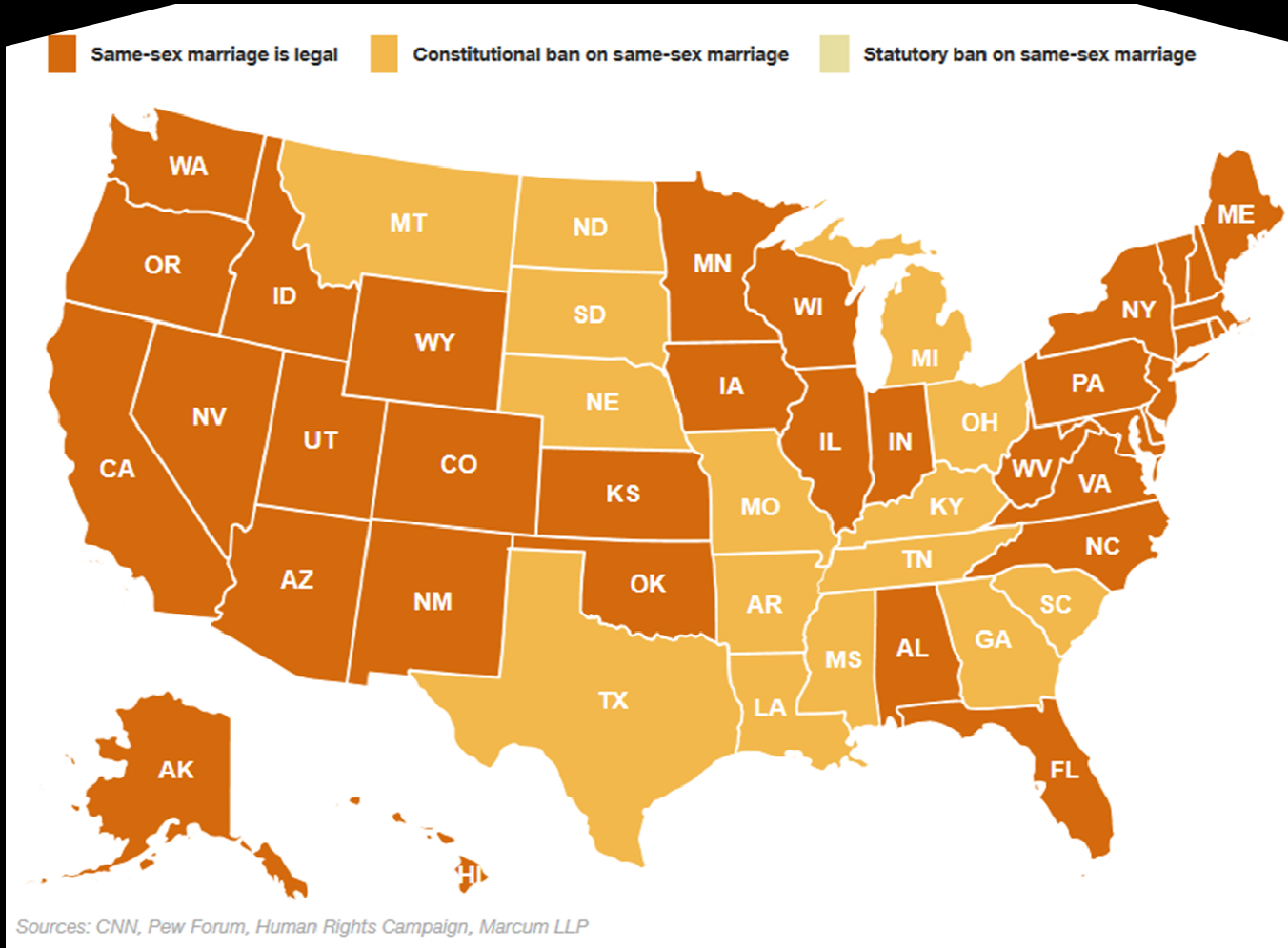


Romans 1:26-27

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.



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Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

II. Jesus affirmed marriage as an enduring covenant between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:3-9).

Matthew 19:4-5

4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leaves his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

Matthew 19:6, 9

6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

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Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.