

**Title: Christian (Biblical) Thinking Upon Two Present, Prominent Cultural Issues**  
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**Some thoughts on Mel Gibson, producer of the film, "The Passion of the Christ"**

**First, I have seen the film and I highly recommend that you see it. While no movie could ever depict what it meant for Christ to have the very wrath of God poured out upon Him, this film can at least give us a sense of understanding that Christ went through untold suffering when He was put to death for our sins. You ought to take an unbeliever to see it and discuss it with him/her afterward. Use it as an evangelism opportunity.**

**Having said that, let me now share with you---**

**Some thoughts on Mel Gibson that we should keep in mind:**

**Gibson is a Catholic. Some of Mel's beliefs are as follows:**

- 1.) He believes the Virgin Mary to be Co-Redemptrix with Christ.**
- 2.) He believes the Virgin Mary to be Co-Mediatrix with Christ.**
- 3.) "I have been actually amazed at the way I would say the evangelical audience-has hands down-responded to this film more than any other Christian group." What makes it so amazing is that "the film is so Marian."**
- 4.) "In the Old Covenant, blood was required. In the New Covenant, blood was required. Jesus could have pricked his finger, but he didn't; He went all the way."**
- 5.) "We (all religions) worship the same God."**
- 6.) The film was guilty of doing what so many professing Christians (both Protestant and Catholic) do. While the film excellently portrayed the suffering and death of Christ, there was very little emphasis upon the resurrection and present life of Christ as Lord of all.**

**Gay Marriages**

**Mitch Albom recently asked the question: "How does allowing gays to marry affect you?"**

- 1. The legal approval of gay marriage will eventually lead to mandatory diversity training by those who oppose it.**

- 2. The legal approval of gay marriage will lead to employment denial and employment loss by those who oppose it.**
- 3. The legal approval of gay marriages will lead to governmental sanctions upon businesses that oppose it.**
- 4. The legal approval of gay marriage will lead to our public school children being required to take diversity training education classes.**
- 5. Th legal approval of gay marriage will lead to the gradual acceptance of homosexuality as a legitimate lifestyle.**
- 6. The legal approval of gay marriage will lead to the "ostracization" of those who oppose it. They will be deemed to be "right-wing" and/or "religious" fanatics.**
- 7. The legal approval of gay marriage will lead to non-profit, religious organizations being forced to give up their tax exemption.**
- 8. Politicians, both Republican and Democratic, who claim to want to protect the institution of marriage, yet allow gays to enter into "civil unions" with the same benefits, are all playing political semantics. The issue of what constitutes marriage is not the term marriage, but the institution that is at stake.**

**The gays wish to present the issue of gay marriage as a "civil rights" issue.**