

## **HOMOSEXUALITY**

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As more and more national sports figures come out of the closet and announce their homosexuality, our society is being bombarded with the propaganda of the Gay/Lesbian gospel. Recently, a whole gymnasium crowd of people clapped and showed their approval of a homosexual basketball player. Did this crowd know that they were supporting sin and cheering this man on to condemnation? Were they just being "politically correct"? Are they just ignorant? What about you neighbor? Are you ignorant of what God says about homosexuality, or in spite of what God says are you being "politically correct"?

Have you seen the bumper sticker that says "Just because the government makes something legal, doesn't make it right"? Isn't that true!

When a preacher or any man says that God says something, do you check behind them? Are you interested in learning the truth on things? Or are you willing to take someone's word for it just because they wear their collar turned around? Isn't the most important to hear from God? Has God spoken on a subject? Then listen to God and obey Him! Now, someone may say that "God says so." But shouldn't you check that out to see if God really said that?

Those who defend homosexuality and same-sex marriage are unreasonable and illogical. They are making their case in the face of the explicit teachings of God. God is explicit and uniform in His condemnation of homosexuality. It takes "help" to misunderstand what Scripture says about this subject. Homosexuality is no more condemning than any other sin, but it is no less condemning, either. It is a sin. God says so. And God says that like any other sin it can be forgiven if repented of, but if not repented of, that sin will keep the person out of heaven.

A person can't live in God's will and live as a practicing homosexual. It can't be done. Just as an unmarried heterosexual person must exhibit self-control in order to maintain sexual purity, so a person that may have homosexual tendencies must exhibit that same sort of self-control and choose celibacy. Furthermore, those who live together outside of marriage are committing fornication. Not only is homosexuality condemned by God, but sexual union without promises is also condemned. It is called "sexual immorality" in Hebrews

13:4. The Bible says at that place, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." ([Hebrews 13:4 ESV](#)) When the Gay/Lesbian people ask us to label their relationships as "marriage", they are asking us to "honor" that arrangement and let that bed "be undefiled." How can a Christian go against God's thinking on this subject? We cannot be true to God's Word and practice or honor this practice by calling it "marriage."

Accepting God's definition of marriage may not be culturally popular, but it is the truth. On many subjects, there are people who twist the Scriptures to try to justify their sins. The apostle Peter says they do this "to their own destruction." (2 Peter 3:16) By "twisting the scripture" they are trying to make what's wrong sound right. But it is not God's truth. Here's what God says through the Holy Spirit's inspiration of the apostle Paul:

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived.** Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **homosexuals, nor sodomites**, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God.**" (1 Corinthians 6:9) Down in verse 18 Paul wrote: "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

The Bible is uniform and consistent in its identification of homosexual behavior as a condemning sin. Furthermore, there is not one positive statement in the Bible about homosexuality, except that those who practice that sin can be forgiven if they repent! People in sin need our love, not our acceptance of their sin! That's right! You see, if we really love sinners, then we will reject their sinful lifestyle and beg them to repent! We will enlighten them with God's Word on the subjects they need to hear. What good is it if talking with a homosexual I refuse to talk to him or her about the scriptures that pertain to their situation? I am not helping them unless I show them what God says about their situation.

When I go to the druggist and receive what the doctor ordered, that druggist

takes me aside and explains to me how I should take it and the possible side-effects of those drugs. I think that is a good rule because here is something I need to know. Shouldn't you be informed about your sins? Shouldn't you know the consequences of your sin?

Of course, most sinners do not want to hear it! That's right! For instance, do you find many sinners in church services? No. Most sinners will not attend church services for fear they will hear what they do **not** want to hear. So, should the church stop preaching the truth about sin, and the destiny of sinners? The apostle Paul wrote that Christians should speak "the truth in love". By doing that Paul said, Christians "are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..." ([Ephesians 4:15](#)). Do Christians need to hear about sin? There may not be any sinners present, but do Christians need to hear about sin anyway? Notice what Paul says next in Ephesians 4: "Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!" ([Ephesians 4:17-20 ESV](#))

Christians also need to be warned about sin. How else can we "no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds"? If we don't know what "futile thinking" is then how can we avoid it? Notice that the problem that the Gentiles had was darkened understanding. That was due to the "ignorance that is in them". And the ignorance is caused by a hardened heart that refuses to search for the truth! The sensuality, the greediness, and the practice of every kind of impurity was rooted in their refusal to hear the truth. Their ignorance, even their happy ignorance, was killing them! Are Christians supposed to be glad of this ignorance? Are we supposed to remain quiet about it? Yes, even the church needs to hear about the darkness, and much more the church needs to stand up and speak out to the public about the darkness.

Somehow or another, in our twisted world, **tolerance** has come to be considered as the highest virtue. It is politically correct to accept people's behavior no matter what they are involved in. The apostle Paul had to deal with the issue of tolerance in the Corinthian church. There was a Christian man in that church who was living with (and presumably sleeping with) his father's wife (apparently his

step mother)! The church considered itself so “enlightened” and was so “tolerant” that they allowed that situation to go unchallenged. Paul was shocked! Paul told the Corinthians that that sin would not even be tolerated among the pagans! In the name of Jesus Christ Paul commanded them what to do. And what he commanded was for the purpose of bringing that Christian to repentance so that he could remain in fellowship with Christ and the church. That Corinthian church needed to care enough about that man's condition to do something about it.

Do we care enough about the homosexuals, and their lost condition, to speak the truth in love?