

## **In Defense of the Gospel**

### Pro-Homosexual Theology vs. Biblical Christianity

Gay theology is catching more and more Christians off guard. As some Churches pave the way for same sex unions and sex outside of marriage to be blessed by the "Church", the pro-homosexual theology that fuels much of the debate slowly marches on. In an effort to better understand the moral dilemma facing the Church we must look at how this radical homosexual movement (both inside and outside the Church) is attempting to change traditional Biblical teachings and push forth a different, homosexual worldview. It is becoming imperative that the Christians become equipped to discern between truth, deception and rhetoric. We need to take a close look at the homosexual movement and pro-gay theology and contrast it to the traditional Biblical view held by the Church since Her beginning. Because the debate over whether or not the Bible condemns homosexual conduct will continue to divide the Church, it is of great importance that every discerning Christian be familiar with the homosexual agenda, and the pro-homosexual theology it has given rise too. Traditional religious convictions have always been a barrier to the homosexual campaign, and as it is with the cults, theology has become the battlefield.

Much like the cults, the cult of homosexuality has engaged in the revisionism of Scripture to conform to its agenda. Homosexual Apologists have put forth a radical pro-gay theology that mirrors the cults. By their participation in classic Scripture twisting and poor hermeneutics, they are reading "into" the text what they want it to say, actively reinterpreting Scripture to fit a pro-homosexual worldview. Following in the footsteps of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science cult, the "Mother/Father" concept of God, and a gender free gospel doctrine is being preached from many pulpits today. The fact that many of our gay brothers and sisters are sincere in their theology does not change the fact that they are sincerely wrong. We must make every effort to bring them into the fold, repentant and ready to receive healing for their affliction. The following are examples of how pro-homosexual theology is being taught in the Church today, and how to discern and answer these attacks on Scripture.

#### **Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:**

A clear reading of the story in 1 Samuel shows that King David and Jonathan were actually homosexual lovers. (1 Samuel 18:1) **"After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself"**. (1 Samuel 18:3) **"And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself"**. Jonathan also stripped himself in front of David. (1 Samuel 18:4) **"Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt"**. The Bible even states that Jonathan was very fond of David. (1 Samuel 19:1), and Saul tells Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:30 **"You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you?"** They even kissed each other; ( 1 Samuel 20:41) **"After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together--but David wept the most"**. (This text, along with others is most often used to support and allegedly prove that Jonathan and David were lovers).

#### **Biblical Christianity Teaches:**

In verses 18:1 through 18:4 David had just killed Goliath and was brought to Saul still holding the giant's head in his hand. After talking with Saul at length and because of his prior expression of faith in God, David won the respect of Saul and Jonathan as a warrior. To honor David, Saul takes David into his court and Jonathan makes a covenant of loyalty with David (This covenant endured even after it became clear that David would be the successor to his father's throne). Jonathan ratified this covenant by giving up his personal items, even his sword to show loyalty and recognition that David would one day take his place on his fathers throne. Evidence says they were not even alone when he gave David these articles. Saul's jealousy of David eventually leads him to try and kill him, but in verse 19.1 Saul tells Jonathan his plan, and because Jonathan was fond of David, he warned him. This is not an act of homosexual love but an act to warn his comrade in arms of his father's plan of murder. In verse 20:30 Saul is characterizing Jonathan by using a Hebrew idiom about his mother. By this time Saul has gone almost completely insane and is now convinced that David will take his throne, and can't understand Jonathan's lack of concern. Verse 20:41 comes at a time of great distress. Again a sworn friendship. Verse 20:42 states **"Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'"** **Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.** Nowhere in the original Hebrew (or today's English) is homosexuality ever implied, in fact it is just the opposite. Note the verse says "between your descendants and my descendants" implying that both men were heterosexual.

#### **Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:**

That there is a form of love that God condones between people of the same sex and that they should be allowed to be blessed and wed in the name of Jesus Christ, in same sex unions. That as long as individuals believe homosexual conduct is sinful they cannot be accepted in the Church. Traditional Christianity has misled the Body of Christ into

believing that God condemns sodomy and other forms of homosexual expression between two men or two women, even though the Bible actually supports this conduct.

#### **Biblical Christianity Teaches:**

As in the Garden of Eden the lie is again being put forth ". . . Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" "You will not surely die, . . ." Many have already eaten the fruit of this lie, and many more have died. Religious leaders who endorse homosexual conduct are not only out of touch with their constituents but with traditional Christian theology as well. It's hard to imagine that our loving Father in Heaven would not have given us a model, or some form of instruction for homosexual relations (as He has with heterosexuality) if they were indeed given by Him. However, same sex unions are never modeled in Scripture. In fact God gives only one design for the union of two people, and it's between a man and a woman. (Genesis 2:22-24) **Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.** Sexual sin is no less forgivable than any other sin. We all possess a fallen nature in our earthly state, however we must respond redemptively to each other just as Christ has responded redemptively towards us. We know that because Christ died for our sins we are able to proclaim a deliverance from the bondage of sin. It's not that the Church won't accept homosexuals (all though that's what radicals proclaim) it's that we will not, and cannot condone homosexual conduct. Repentant homosexuals have been in the Church from Her beginning. Paul, talking to the Church at Corinth in which a group of repentant homosexuals were present, states: (1 Cor. 6:9-11) **"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were". But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God".** There are thousands of X-gay men and women who have given testimony to God's healing in their lives and deliverance from this sinful behavior. Just as Jesus told the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11) . . . **"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."**, they too are living a life in Christ free from this bondage. It's just poor logic to believe that the Bible actually supports homosexual conduct. If it did, it would mean that God has let His Bride, the Church go on for 2000 years teaching a false gospel against it, and that's simply not the case. In fact it's just the opposite, Paul tells us in Galatians 1:6-8 **I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel, which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!** It is also important to remember that acts of homosexuality, (oral and anal copulation with members of the same sex) was strictly forbidden by the Jews, before, during and after Christ's earthly ministry. Jesus never protested or demanded these laws be changed.

#### **Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:**

To say that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for homosexuality is to misinterpret the Scriptures. The Bible tells us God destroyed these cities because the people broke the law of hospitality to strangers, which was so religiously observed in their culture. Because the sin of inhospitality was shown to the Angels (or strangers) at Lot's home these cities were destroyed. The men of Sodom wanted to rape the Angels at Lot's house. Rape should always be condemned. The Hebrew word for homosexuality, "ahakabh" is not even used, and Ezekiel 16:49-50 tells us that God was displeased with Sodom for other reasons as well; (Ezekiel 16:49-50) **"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.** Genesis 18:32 uses the Hebrew verb "to know them" in regard to the Angels. It is used 943 times in the Old Testament and only in 10 places does it refer to sex, and each time it's heterosexual sex.

#### **Biblical Christianity Teaches:**

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for many reasons. However God did not destroy them because of the attempted rape of (or inhospitality shown) the Angels. The Angels handled that themselves in verses 19:10-11 by blinding the men. Genesis 19:4 tells us that this city was so wicked that every man in it was evil **"Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom, both young and old surrounded the house."** and because all the men were evil we are told in Genesis 19:13 **"The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it."** This outcry of the detestable inhabitants, wholly given over to the depravity of homosexuality and rape is why they were destroyed. Ezekiel was comparing the sins of Sodom with that of Jerusalem. This comparison also included "detestable practices" and "depravity" (or perversion), in verse 16:47. God repeatedly, in the Old Testament, links sodomy (anal intercourse) and infanticide as two "abominations" for which he judges cities and nations. But what does the New Testament say about Sodom; (Jude 1:7) **In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.** This is indeed more than just inhospitality. The Hebrew verb "yadha" actually appears 13 times in reference to sex, and ten of them are heterosexual sex. However two of them refer to sex between men (Gen. 19:5 and Jdg. 19:22)

and one refers to a rape committed by a group of bisexuals (Jdg 19:25). Homosexual behavior is not always translated "ahakabh". Different transliterations of homosexual acts such as oral and anal copulation between men (and women) are without doubt or dispute, referred to several times in Scripture, and always in a negative context. Two references of homosexuality in the Greek include 1 Corinthians 6:9 **"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders"** and 1Timothy 1:9-10 **"We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers--and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine."** Both of which, in the Greek and English are strong statements.

#### **Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:**

A man or a woman whose sexual desire is for the same gender, resulting in a physical homosexual expression of love, is a way of glorifying God. The first chapter of Romans teaches that homosexual acts committed by people who are not really homosexual, have changed their nature. Because they were actually heterosexual, homosexuality is not "natural" to them, and they should not indulged in it. The Romans passage in no way condemns homosexual conduct between people who are naturally homosexual. It is natural for some to live a life of homosexuality if that is their natural self. The passage really condemns people who are not naturally homosexual, but are committing homosexual acts.

#### **Biblical Christianity Teaches:**

In this passage, homosexuality is clearly placed in derogatory terms. No statement is ever made saying it would be normal if they had "always" been a homosexual. The statement: **"men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another"**, implies they had definite homosexual attractions. If you cannot change your nature to become heterosexual as gays claim, then how can you change your nature to become homosexual? The fact is, it's a choice of behavior. Romans 1 is one of Paul's strongest statements against homosexual conduct. If homosexual conduct is only sinful when performed by people that it did not come naturally to, are we to assume that the other sins listed in Romans 1 are also, only sins when they are committed by those to whom they do not come "naturally" to? What other acts of behavior does the bible say are sins for one person but not a sin for another? None! If Paul wanted to imply that it was only unnatural for heterosexuals, he could have said "as in the men who were basically heterosexual became basically homosexual, thus changing their true nature". Paul uses strong wording in the Greek. The rare Greek word Paul uses for men reflects the gender of men (male). Paul is saying homosexuality is unnatural for the male ("arsen") gender, not because of their personality, but because it is unnatural for a man to have sexual relations with his same gender. Doctors have confirmed that God designed the body so that when a sperm goes in search of an egg to fertilize, it put the woman's immune response to sleep. It doesn't hurt the woman, because she has a closed system in that area as well as a double protective membrane. However when sperm is injected in the rectum (or other apertures), and gets in to the bloodstream, there will invariably be damage to the immune system as well as the rectum walls. In addition people who engage in homosexual activity are 15 to 35 times more likely to contract hepatitis A,B, and other exotic infections. Homosexuals make up only 2% of the population but account for over 50% of all venereal disease. The average life span for the male homosexual is between 40 to 50 years. All this is hardly the result of a natural God given sexual relationship as set forth in Scripture. Yet all of this is avoidable in a monogamous heterosexual relationship as defined by the Word of God, and is not avoidable for those who continually participates in the acting out of homosexual behavior.

#### **Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:**

Any prohibitions against homosexuality in Leviticus has been made obsolete. Ours is a new law of grace from our Lord Jesus Christ. One only needs to read the whole book to see it is not relevant for us today. No shrimp, no oysters, no intercourse during the menstrual period, and many other obsolete laws, such as killing all divorced people who remarry and a host of others. As Christians the old law is brought to an end in Christ, (Romans 10:4) **"Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."** The New law of Christ is love. Neither Jesus nor Paul, nor any of the New Testament Scriptures implies that Christians are held to the cultic or ethical laws of the Mosaic Law.

#### **Biblical Christianity Teaches:**

Yes, praise God we are indeed under grace, but one must take into account that God did command that we abstain from homosexual behavior in both, the Old and New Testaments. The claim that these laws are obsolete may or may not be valid in all cases. However if you take a close look at each verse in this passage, you may notice that at least most, if not all, are still very valid instructions, even today. Also in this particular passage, the laws listed are not just laws, but reasons why God drove out the nations before Israel. Note the following Scripture:

#### **Leviticus 18:1**

The LORD said to Moses, [2] "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. [3] You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. [4] You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the

LORD your God. [5] Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 18:6**

No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 18:7**

Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.

**Leviticus 18:8**

Do not have sexual relations with your father's wife; that would dishonor your father.

**Leviticus 18:9**

Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.

**Leviticus 18:10**

Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter; that would dishonor you.

**Leviticus 18:11**

Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father's wife, born to your father; she is your sister.

**Leviticus 18:12**

Do not have sexual relations with your father's sister; she is your father's close relative.

**Leviticus 18:13**

Do not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, because she is your mother's close relative.

**Leviticus 18:14**

Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.

**Leviticus 18:15**

Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her.

**Leviticus 18:16**

Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife; that would dishonor your brother.

**Leviticus 18:17**

Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.

**Leviticus 18:18**

Do not take your wife's sister as a rival wife and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.

**Leviticus 18:19**

Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.

**Leviticus 18:20**

Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

**Leviticus 18:21**

Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 18:22**

**Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.**

**Leviticus 18:23**

Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

## Leviticus 18:24

**Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. [25] Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. [26] But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, [27] for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. [28] And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.**

Why did God tell us in verse 18:27, **"for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled"**? How did homosexuality defile the land before the Mosaic Law or the Jews? The passage makes this simple statement; **"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable."** Why was this so detestable at that time and not now? These are not just laws laid down for the Jews to follow, there are the reasons the prior inhabitants were "vomited out" of the land. They are the reasons that brought about the defilement of it's people, and nowhere in Scripture are these reasons (reasons that caused God to vomit them out) ever revoked. We may be under grace from our Lord Jesus Christ, but He let stand the Mosaic Law in Scripture to show us how He views and judges the nations and our sinfulness. That is why our repentance is of such great importance. (Matthew 5:17-19) **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."**

## Pro-Homosexual Theology Teaches:

Jesus Christ never teaches about homosexuality, much less against it! Never did Jesus say anything about homosexuality being wrong or sinful.

## Biblical Christianity Teaches:

To believe this would be to deny that God the Father, Son & Holy Ghost are indeed a Trinity since the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and Scripture condemns homosexual acts, then Jesus did indeed say plenty on the subject. In addition if nothing was recorded directly from Jesus on the subject that would not mean He never address the subject. Logic would tell us there are probably many things that Christ said that went unrecorded. The Bible never record that Jesus ever kiss His Mother. That doesn't mean He never kiss his Mom good night when he was a little boy. Jesus did tell us this: (Matthew 19:4-6) **"Haven't you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."**

## In Conclusion:

An issue of this magnitude must be weighed in light of Scripture. We are commanded (Thessalonians 5:21-22) **"Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil."** One cannot eliminate homosexual behavior from the scrutiny of Scripture, or give up a general right to disassociate ourselves from it for any reason. Christians that hold the Biblical view that homosexual conduct is sinful should not be intimidated by name calling such as "homophobic, unloving, bigoted, judgmental and even racist. Even when it appears in the Church Liturgy (as it has). Remember we are called to suffer for the cause of Christ. In the words of the Apostle Paul (1Ti 6:11) **But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

There are many Greek words we should be aware of. One particular word hung over the doorways of the Roman bathhouses where homosexual acting out was the norm. It read "Pornos" and has been translated as "fornication, perversion or sexually immoral". It portrays the act of homosexual conduct as sinful. Today we get our English word "Pornography" from it, for its public expression of sexual sin. This word carries a warning to the sexually deviant and unrepentant homosexual. We read in book of Revelation: (Revelation 22:14-15) **"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, (Pornos) the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."**

Homosexual conduct, even when it is excepted by a society as the norm, as in Rome, has always led to destruction, disease and death. When we look at places today where homosexual conduct is acceptable behavior, like San Francisco or New York, we see that sexuality transmitted disease, drug abuse and other deviant behavior is extremely higher than in areas of the nation where it is not the acceptable behavior. We would be doing the most unloving thing in the world to the unrepentant homosexual by approving such behavior. It is truly with compassion that we should be giving the hope, that by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit there is healing and restoration from the sins of homosexuality. No longer must anyone live with a sexually confused identity or struggle with the fear and rejection caused by a misunderstanding of the gift of sexuality. God can and will heal the whole person if we let Him. We must keep our motives pure and bring all that are willing to Christ, that we can say as Paul has said, (2 Tim 4:7) **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**

May God Open Your Heart & Mind To The Truth Within His Word.

## **Scripture Is the Final Court Of Arbitration!**

One thing is sure, we will be called to account for how we've handled God's Word. We will answer for "making the Bible say" whatever we want. We are warned about distorting God's Word into doctrine "to suit their own desires" and to satisfy our "itching ears" (2 Tim. 4:3). Indeed we have a mighty God, and we would be deceiving ourselves to believe His Word cannot be understood, or is less than divinely inspired truth. The question is, do we know God's Word, or are we just satisfying our own itching ears. We must remember the words of Paul the Apostle:

***Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)***

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Transformation Christian Ministries  
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Exodus International  
PO Box 2121  
San Rafael, CA 94912

Another Chance Ministries  
7325 MacPherson Ave.  
Burnaby, B.C. V5J4N8

NARTH (National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality)  
16542 Ventura Blvd  
Suite 416  
Encino, CA 91436

Love & Action  
3 Church Circle #108  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Homosexuals Anonymous  
(215) 376-1146

PFOX (Parents & Friends of Ex-gays)  
(703) 689-3578

Regeneration Books  
(410) 661-0284