

## *Homosexuality*

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*The Bible is clearly against the practice of homosexuality.* God did not intend for male and male, or female and female to have sexual Relations. As the popular saying goes, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve!" He made woman for the man and not a man for a man or a woman for a woman, He meant for "Man" to be fruitful and reproduce {Have children} it is somewhat hard to do that with a "Man & Man" or a "Woman & Woman"? Now we must remember and understand that there were not Courts, Ministers to go to and be married there were no Marriage Certificates to get and have. Man & Woman stood before God and took each other to be Husband & Wife, and Not "Life Partners". Marriage has to be by Gods' law and not man. How many times in nature have you?

Seen a Male Dog mate with another Male Dog, or a Female Dog Mate with another Female Dog {or any other Mammal for that matter}. However, humankind will do most anything that

The flesh will tell them to do, unless and until they put the their flesh under the *Power of God and the Holy Ghost*. So now lets see what the "Word of God" says in the Bible.

*The OT & NT condemns homosexuality. The Law of Moses said, "You Shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22; c.f 20:13).*

The OT also condemns "sodomites," which were male temple prostitutes (I Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; II Kings 23:7). Some would argue that these male Prostitutes were for the female worshippers, but it was primarily the males Who involved themselves in the cultic worship of the pagan temples. The male Prostitutes were for the purpose of homosexual acts with other men.

The NT is just as clear on this issue as is the OT. In Romans 1 Paul was Demonstrating how the Gentiles have failed to live up to the revelation of God given them. He wrote of the many evils they did while suppressing the Knowledge of God revealed to them (Romans 1:18-21). Such evils included Idolatry, fornication, maliciousness, disobedience to parents, hate for God, Inventions of evil things, and homosexuality.. Paul plainly declared, "Because of this [the suppression of truth resulting in idolatry], God gave Them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations For unnatural ones. In the same way, the men also abandoned natural relations With women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed Indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for Their perversion" (Romans 1:26-27, NIV). Although homosexuality is not named

As such here, the act of homosexuality is clearly described, and went on to say that not only the ones that do such act, but also those who have pleasure in those that do them. It was in Judgment that God allowed men and women to have sexual relations with the same sex, but they did receive in themselves their due punishment for such indecent acts.

While listing those who would not inherit the kingdom of God, Paul noted That homosexual will not be saved: "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" (I Corinthians 6:9-10, NIV). To Further, demonstrate that these things are not to be named among Christians Paul continued to say, "And that is what some of you were. However, you were Washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (v. 11).

The Biblical evidence is conclusive that homosexual relations are ungodly, However, the case against homosexuality is not limited to the Biblical witness. There are also sound reasons to object homosexuality as an acceptable Behavior. Homosexuality is unnatural. Speaking as plainly as I can, all People have "openings" in their body. Some openings are Designed to take things into them, and some openings are designed to rid things From the body. We should not confuse the obvious purpose of these openings. Nature argues against homosexuality as an "alternative" lifestyle.

We must understand as well that NO! Homosexual act can be performed even between Man & Woman. That is no usage of these Openings other than what they were meant to be.

Most people who argue for homosexuality will tend to believe in evolution Also. You could point out to these individuals that even evolution argues Against their practices. Evolution teaches the survival of the fittest. Since homosexuals cannot reproduce offspring, they cannot continue in the Fight for survival, and thus are an inferior "species." I'm sure that no Homosexual would like to think of himself / herself in this manner, but their Own philosophies would lead them to that conclusion. There is no denying it That their lifestyle contradicts the natural order of things.

Some now say that Jesus Loves all people no mater what there lifestyle is, Jesus does love but he does not love sin. If we look at what he says in Matthew 5:17-19 we see that he came into the world and did not do away with any part of the Law that was spoken of in the Old Testament. Therefore, we do still have to take heed of it. Even in the last book of the Bible Revelations 22:18, John spoke the words of God which states "Do NOT add to or take away" from his word.

### **In conclusion:**

The sin of homosexuality is debase, but homosexuals are in need of salvation as are all other sinners. We are to love the sinner, but hate his / her sin. All people are valuable and should be loved simply because they are created in God's image. We must respect homosexuals as human beings, however, never condone or accept their ungodly behavior. ***There is a difference between our position as to the moral nature of homosexuality, and our personal feelings towards homosexuals.*** Some Christians have confused these two issues, allowing their position to influence their feelings toward the homosexual person in a negative, hateful manner. Such an attitude is unchristian. **Let us make it clear to our world that we love all people because they are created in God's Image, but must stand in opposition to their sin against the word of God and his Word and Spirit.** We can never get the Light of the word of God to these souls if we will not or do not speak to them or if we keep them out of the church {Building} because of this sin. We "MUST" remember that the church is a "Hospital" for the souls and spirit of man, if we shun these souls from it, then they can never be "Healed" {Delivered} . Or even see or know they need to be. It is no wonder why people cannot understand the true word of God, mankind has changed it so much over the years and is still trying to change it. Taking away the words like "Man" & "Woman" to fit their needs, but no matter how they change the written words of God they can never change the words of God. **It has been spoken and no man will ever be able to do away with it.**