

What's Wrong With Homosexuality?

Introduction:

- A. This is an ongoing controversial subject.
- B. **[This May...Obama became first sitting president for same-sex marriage]**
- C. **[LGBT – common place letters]**
- D. It is a growing issue **[We all now a homosexual]**
- E. Why are we against it?
- F. 1 Cor. 6:9-11
- G. *“In today’s culture we must understand why homosexuality is viewed as sin in the Bible.”*
- H. What do we need to know?
- I. 2 Observations:
 - I. We must be aware of the current facts of homosexuality.
 - a. There has been a large push to normalize homosexuality.
 - i. Sexual orientation classes in elementary schools.
 - ii. TV Sitcoms & Movies embracing homosexuals
 - iii. Gay rights legislation.
 - iv. A push for homosexuality to be labeled a minority along side of African-Americans & Hispanics.
 - v. Homosexuals have the right to adopt children...
 - vi. And most recently there have been large outcries for same-sex marriage or civil unions.
 - vii. **[Tolerance = acceptance]**
 - b. There are evident health risks within the homosexual lifestyle.
 - i. The AIDS epidemic was launched from homosexuals & 50% of AIDS victims are homosexuals.
 - ii. They are 1000 times more likely to get AIDS
 - iii. 80% of homosexuals claim that ½ of their partners are total strangers.
 - iv. Some statistics claim that the average homosexual has had more than 500 partners & some as many as 1600 partners.
 - v. 1 in 20 homosexuals are child molesters.
 - vi. They are 100 times more likely to be murdered & 80% of them have some STD
 - vii. The average lifespan of a homosexual is 39 & only 2% live to 65.
- c. There is notable history and science in connection to homosexuality.
 - i. Ancient notabilities who were gay:
 - 1. Socrates and Plato
 - 2. Alexander the Great was possibly bisexual
 - 3. Julius Caesar, Tiberius Caesar, & Nero were homosexuals.
 - 4. It is believed that nearly all the Caesars engaged in homosexual behavior.
 - ii. Science played its role in defining homosexuality.
 - 1. Sigmund Freud believed that homosexuality was a psychological disorder related to a domineering mother.
 - 2. In the 1930’s Havelock Ellis printed a manual on sexual behavior that equated homosexuality to a special genius – thus point to some famous peoples as being gay.
 - 3. In the 1940s & 1950s Albert Kinsey published the Kinsey Report that stated that 1 in 10 people were homosexuals. **(However, studies have proven that only about 2% are homosexual)**
 - 4. After such findings the American Psychiatric Association declassified sodomy as a sickness & determined that it was hereditary, thus removing it from their standard diagnostic manual.
 - 5. 1991 Dr. Simon LeVay released a study that claimed there was a difference in the size of homosexuals brain compared to a heterosexuals, however the study proved to be flawed.
 - 6. In 1993 Dean Hamer made the claim that his research may have found a gene for homosexuality, but his findings could never be validated.

7. There may be some scientific evidence that there may be a genetic predisposition to homosexuality, but the vast research has failed to establish any solid evidence that shows a purely genetic basis for homosexuality.
 8. Science has proven that environmental factors play the major role in deciding someone's sexual ordination.
 - a. Parents, peers, & experiences are classified as environment
 - b. Corrupted and perverse relationships in any of these 3 areas could lead to homosexuality.
- d.** Even "churches" have embraced the homosexual lifestyle.
- i. Both the World Council of Churches & the National Council of Churches declassified Homosexuality as a sin.
 - ii. Major demotions have ordain to the pastorate both gay man and lesbian women.
 - iii. **[Gene Robinson – Openly Gay Episcopalian Bishop]**
 - iv. Quakers, Presbyterians, Methodist, & even Baptist have congregations that openly embrace Homosexuality as normal and not a sin.
 - v. The Metropolitan Community churches are designed for Christian homosexuals.
 - vi. How do these Christians openly embrace what the Scripture's seem to teach to the contrary? – Liberal Theology

"So those are the known facts, the next observation..."

II. We must be aware of the Bible's stance on homosexuality.

- a.** The Old Testament's stance on homosexuality.
- i. *"And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." – Gen. 18:20-21*
 1. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?

2. **Gen. 19:1-11**
3. You can see Satan's attack on corrupting Gen. 1:28 - "*Be fruitful and multiply*"
 - a. In Gen. 4 - Polygamy
 - b. In Ch. 12 – Adultery
 - c. In Ch. 19 – incest
 - d. In Ch. 34 – rape
 - e. In Ch. 38 – prostitution
 - f. Now we see the perversion of homosexuality.
4. While homosexuality wasn't Sodom & Gomorrah's only sin, it was the primary reason for the destruction of the cities.
5. Thus we received the trim still used today – "sodomy"
 - a. *"There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel." – Deut. 23:17 KJV*
 - b. *"And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel." – 1 Kings 14:24 KJV*
- ii. *"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination... If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." – Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13*
 1. From the Law we learn God views homosexuality as an abomination.
 2. "Abomination" – a disgusting and wicked act.
 3. "to lie" – is a biblical reference to sex.
 4. Israel was commanded to execute those who do such acts of perversion.
- iii. *"A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God." – Deut. 22:5*

1. **[This is not a proof text that women shouldn't wear pants!]**
 2. This is God's warning against anyone who wears clothing so that they may appear as the opposite sex.
 3. This directly deals with the current trends of transsexuals & transgender.
 4. Even sex change operations, do not change the act of homosexuality.
 5. This too is considered an abomination to God.
- b. The New Testament's stance on homosexuality.**
- i. *"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."* – Rom. 1:24-27
 1. Homosexuality is a result of denying & thus disobeying God.
 2. Sodomy and lesbianism are identified here as expressions of full blown depravity...
 3. God "gave them up" – to show them the futility and hopelessness of life apart from God.
 4. Thus God doesn't create anyone gay, but people become so because of sin.
 5. The act of sodomy defies nature & God's design for sex...
 6. Ultimately it is a form of the idolatry of self!
 7. Homosexuality is a choice.
 - a. People may be born with a greater susceptibility to homosexuality...
 - ii. **1 Cor. 6:9-11**
 1. Here we have a list of sins that identify people that are not redeemed and therefore not part of the kingdom of God.
 2. *"nor homosexuals, nor sodomites"*
 - a. KJV – *"nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind"*
 - b. This is a definition of those who take the passive and active roles of homosexuality.
 3. This answers the question can a Christian be gay.
 - a. If a person claims to be a Christian, but they actively, perpetually, and unrepentantly live a homosexual lifestyle...they aren't Christians.
 - b. However notice verse 11a...
 - c. There were former gays in the church of Corinth
 - d. Therefore a Christian my struggle with homosexual temptations, feelings, & desires...
 - e. However, the Christian will repent and struggle with these temptation...
 - f. Where the non-Christian will live openly and proudly in their sin of homosexuality.
 - iii. *"knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine"* – 1 Tim. 1:9-10

1. Paul here explains that the true purpose of the law is to show sinners their sin.
 2. It is to make them aware of their need for a Savior.
 3. Paul then proceeds to list the type of people for whom the law was made for.
 4. We find that sodomy is a sin against the law of God...
 5. And that it is contrary to sound doctrine.
- c. Jesus' stance on homosexuality.
- i. [redletterchristians.org]
 - ii. Jesus' teaching on sex and marriage
 1. *"And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" – Matt. 19:4-5*
 2. Jesus saw sex and marriage between a man and a woman.
 3. Jesus is not in support of same-sex marriage and neither should we.
 - iii. Jesus' stance of the teaching of Moses.
 1. *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" – Jn. 5:46-47*
 2. Jesus was equating their belief to Moses to their belief in Him.
 3. Thus Jesus was embracing the same conclusion that God had set up in the O.T. about homosexuality.
 - iv. Jesus' taught the sin of sexual immorality.
 1. *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." – Mark 7:21-23*
2. Here we see Jesus labeling fornication as a sin.
 3. Any sex outside the marriage of a man and a woman was wicked, including homosexuality.
- v. Jesus' also recognized the judgment of Sodom.
1. *"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." – Luk. 17:28-30*
 2. This also could be an indication that during the End Times society will be worse than Sodom.
 3. It was known in Jesus' day of the sin of Sodom
 4. *"as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." – Jude 1:7*
- d. The Christian's stance on homosexuality.
- i. Homosexuality is not the greatest of all sin.
 1. God does not hate homosexuals!
 2. *"These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." – Prov. 6:16-19*
 3. He hates sin, but not the people
 4. Yes homosexuality is a grave sin, but so is adultery, fornication, murder, idolatry, & drunkenness!
 5. We are never to show hatred, but love for our neighbors...even our gay neighbors.
 6. [Westboro Baptist Church – SHAME]

- ii. Christian should proclaim the forgiveness that can come in spite of homosexuality
 - 1. See **1 Cor. 6:11**
 - 2. Victory can be found in Jesus.
 - 3. Jesus died for them too!
 - a. *“He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.”* – 1 John 2:2 NLT
 - b. He didn’t die for the acceptable sins...
 - c. But He gave His live for all sin!
 - 4. Jesus can make anyone, even homosexuals, new people!
 - 5. *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* – 2 Cor. 5:17
 - 6. We must uphold the truth with love.
 - a. We must speak truth in a loving, gentle, & respectful manner.
 - b. We must warn others about the eternal dangers of homosexuality...
 - c. But we must do it with a focus of finding love, freedom, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
- iii. Christians must be prepared to be labeled.
 - 1. Christians are called homophobic.
 - 2. “homophobic” – the fear of homosexuals
 - 3. However it now included hatred as well...
 - 4. If you stand for the God’s word you will be labeled as a hate monger, a violent lunatic, and a suppresser of happiness.
 - 5. *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”* – Jn. 15:18-19

- 6. However, we must show the love of Christ...
- 7. Real love tells the truth about sin.

Conclusion

- A. Have you dealt with this issue?
- B. Have you found the One who can give you real freedom?