

The Bible and Homosexuality

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God says, in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: "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. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Notice that in order to be saved these people had to be "washed" from these sins and be saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, God loves homosexuals, but He hates their sin. The Bible teaches that a person has to repent of their sin in order to be saved. "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:30, 31

How does God feel about what homosexuals are doing? The New Testament gives this answer very clearly in Romans 1:26, 27, where it explains: "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."

Is it any wonder that a person can destroy their own immune system with a life style such as this? Many homosexuals contract AIDS thru their life style. Barring a miraculous healing AIDS is always fatal. But then sin always has fatal consequences because the Bible says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23. Some people teach that there are those who are born with a bent to homosexuality. This is an attempt to excuse their actions by saying, "I just cannot help myself because God made me this way."

If God made people this way, why would they have to be washed from homosexuality as Paul said in the book of Corinthians? Yes, we all have been born with a bent to sin, but it is not because of what God did to us, it is as a result of Adam and Eve's sin that has been passed down to us. Romans 3:23 reminds us. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," but aren't you glad that God loves us and does not leave us to wallow in our sin but gives us the good news of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." You too can receive Christ as personal Lord and Savior by repenting of your sin and by turning to Christ to save you.

Is this what you want, a new start in life? You can have it with the change of your heart in repentance (turning from sin) and by turning to Christ for forgiveness and salvation. Will you pray right now and ask Christ to come into your heart and life? You could pray a prayer like this: "God I repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is truly your Son born of the Virgin Mary. I believe that He died on the cross for my sin, and rose again the third day. Right now I want Jesus to come into my heart and save me from my sin. In Jesus name amen."

If you prayed that prayer and really meant it, you have become a child of God. Now you will need to find a good Bible believing Church to attend. You will need to read your Bible and pray daily for victory.

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