

God, Christians, and Homosexuality, Part 2

In the first article on “God, Christians, and Homosexuality,” I showed that the Bible, God, and Jesus all spoke harmoniously on the issue of homosexuality. Secondly, I showed that homosexuality is clearly considered to be sinful.

In this article I wish to consider two of the primary claims that some people make to justify the practice of homosexuality.

“Jesus Accepts Everyone”

Many people consider Jesus to be full of grace and compassion concluding that he was never ‘judgmental.’ So he would embrace all kinds of diversity, including homosexuality.

While it is true that Jesus was compassionate, he embraced sinners with an expectation for change. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke clearly about God’s expectation of righteousness. In addition, Jesus preached a gospel message demanding repentance saying:

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel.” (Mark 1:15 NASB)

When confronted with Jews who were worried about circumstances involving fellow Jews (Luke 13:1-9), Jesus boldly told them that they would perish unless they repented and met God’s expectations.

When Jesus dealt with the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), he treated her with gentleness and compassion. However, the last statement he made to the woman was: **“From now on sin no more.”**

Jesus recognized a standard of righteousness and demanded repentance and righteousness in his preaching and interaction with people.

“God Made Me This Way”

A very common claim is that God made some people homosexual. (So how can he condemn them?)

The scientific community has produced evidence that some people are born with homosexual tendencies. While this is widely accepted, it does not appear to be conclusive. More importantly, this line of thinking contradicts the Genesis account of creation in which:

God created man in His own image...male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27 NASB)

Jesus and the apostles drew from the creation account to define and explain marriage. Homosexuality was not God’s design or intent.

However, what if...?

What if it IS true that some people are born with a natural sexual desire for someone of the same sex? Is homosexuality justified?

Consider further: What if a person is born with a predisposition to collect things that do not belong to him? Is his theft justified? What if a person is born with a natural inclination to burn things (pyromaniac)? Is arson justified?

The Apostle Paul wrote about the power of sin:

For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. (Romans 7:19 NASB)

Even IF a person is ‘born’ with homosexual tendencies, sin is still sin. Sin is not justified. The answer to the power of sin is found in Jesus Christ.

(Next week: A Christian Response to homosexuality.)

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