

For the Sake of Clarity: Instruction Regarding Homosexuality

The Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin against God. For that reason, homosexuality is regarded as wickedness in the Bible.

- ◆ That does NOT mean that a person who is a homosexual is of lesser value than someone who is not homosexual.
- ◆ That does NOT mean that a person who is a homosexual has fewer rights or should be treated with less respect than anyone else.
- ◆ That does NOT mean that God does not love a homosexual person.
- ◆ That does NOT mean that Jesus did not die on the cross for the homosexual.

It does mean that homosexuality stands opposed to the holy character of God and the way He designed man and woman in creation.

A few years ago the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled in favor of same-sex marriages. The greatest legal minds of our nation stood opposed to the clear biblical instruction of the Creator *in praise of the wicked*.

Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But those who keep the law strive with them. --Proverbs 28:4

According to the Bible Christians are those who are devoted to God's divine instruction. Christians will stand opposed to the anti-biblical ruling of the Supreme Court Justices.

What exactly does that mean? What behaviors are expected? Are Christians supposed to mount opposition or use aggressive behavior?

The Apostle Paul answers:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this

darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

--Ephesians 6:12

So, there is no room for violence. There is no room for disrespect. There is no room for rejection or hate. The fight is not against those that the Bible refers to as *sinner*s. (Remember, we all fit into that category.)

We need to see that that the laws of our land do not force Christians to sin. The battle is a spiritual battle. (You or I may not like the laws, but there is no law that forces anyone to commit murder, to steal, to commit adultery, to practice homosexuality, etc.)

Christians must also understand that while the struggle is spiritual, it has become more physically aggressive. Yet, we do not need to form demonstrations or lash out against anyone. Whatever changes may occur in our society, they do not justify ungodly judgmental behavior on the part of Christians.

Do not be surprised if Christians are someday persecuted for their faith in the Bible. Many people will misinterpret our understanding of the Bible as hatred. However, we must remain faithful to God by pursuing lives of holiness and purity. At the same time we must respond to societal changes with a patient and loving Christian attitude toward others.

After all...

The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. --James 1:20

Be wise...Be Aware...Be Ready!

Be strong and courageous.