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The Three Sins.

Same Sex Relationships.

Love, Grace and the Bible.

Homosexuals and Lesbians.

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Thank you for clicking on this topic, my aim in this study is not to change anyone's mind to a particular view, but rather to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but happen to be born for whatever scientific or medical reason with a natural attraction to a partner of the same sex. Please take the time to read the title, "About the Author and Testimonies" to understand the motive and intent of my heart in writing these articles.

The Three Sins.

We Love the Sinner, but Hate the Sin.

When a heterosexual says to a homosexual person, "We love the sinner but hate the sin; go clean up your act and then we will welcome you," What they hear is, you are sinners and we are not. Since all Christians know that everyone is a sinner, what do they mean? "You are great sinners and heterosexuals are little sinners?" Or possibly, "Well, everyone knows what your great sins are, but ours are hidden"? This is all ridiculous, but hopefully it makes it easy to see why homosexual men and lesbian woman who love the Lord Jesus Christ hate this statement?

Many heterosexual church members honestly think that same-gender sex is a worse sin than any they commit so much worse that men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others but for whatever medical or scientific reason have been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender (homosexuals) cannot be welcomed into heterosexual's churches, but can such a judgment be right?

Some people take the story of Sodom as evidence of the sin of homosexuality. Sodom, was destroyed for its sinfulness, it is mentioned in the Bible as an example of sin at its worst, but the only time the Bible gives any clear detail of Sodom's sins is in the following verse.

Ezekiel 16:49-50 ----- ⁴⁹Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, *pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness* was in her and in her daughters, *neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.* . ⁵⁰They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

Ezekiel sums up the sins of the people of Sodom into the following three categories: -

1. Pride.
 2. Laziness
 3. Detestable things before God.
1. Sodom's first sin was pride and its companion, haughtiness. Ezekiel first names the sins of the spirit they were the sins for which Jesus condemned the Pharisees even though they went regularly to worship services, they knew their Bible thoroughly and they tithed faithfully, but Jesus knew their pride and hypocrisy and said such was their great sin, so great they could not get into his Kingdom because of it. It was their sins of the spirit that condemned these people who otherwise were so exemplary. The problem with sins of the spirit is that most of the time so many of us are probably not conscious of them. A Christian can go to church and study the Bible and give to the church; they may be pretty good people, but if, like the Pharisees, they are not conscious of their own sins of the Spirit there is a danger they could be like the Pharisees.

Sins of the Spirit are insidious enemies, they include, pride, hypocrisy, greed, apathy, jealousy, envy, covertness, self-interest, hate, anger and lust. The list could go on (there are many others) these threaten every Christian and for Jesus to condemn them they must be considered great sins and at least equal to all other sins. Are there any Christians who can honestly say that they are not guilty of at least one sin of the Spirit at least once every week? If there are, as Jesus says, let him or her cast the first stone.

2. Sodom's second sin was the sin of omission. Ezekiel then says that the people of Sodom had been blessed with abundance, but they did not help the poor and needy. These are sins of omission, most of us are probably not really conscious of our sins of omission, but if we are honest is there any of us who are not guilty of some of the following?

How much we have failed to be or do what God has expected of us, how much we have left undone in God's Kingdom work that we could have done and how indifferent we have been to the needs of those less fortunate than we are when the Lord expected us to help them.

Both the Old and New Testaments have so very much to say about helping the poor that someone has said, "No one will ever get to heaven without a recommendation from the poor," how many of us have sacrificed what we want for ourselves to give to the poor or have invited them in to eat with our family and this is only one sin of omission, when all the others are added maybe the sins of omission are every Christian's greatest sins.

3. Sodom's third sin was sins of crime and other offences. Ezekiel finally says that the people of Sodom did detestable things before God, these sins involve committing a crime or some other offence. Some Christians think they are good people because they don't commit sins of crime. Christians believe they can go for days without committing any sin because they haven't committed any criminal sin, but those who limit sin to only sins of crime have no awareness or understanding of sins of the Spirit and sins of omission or of what sin is before God.

If Christians could live without sin why did Jesus give them a model prayer that could be prayed every day that included, "Forgive us for our sins?" In God's sight all are great sinners and therefore cannot possibly point a finger at anyone else and say, "Sinner?" No-one can ever judge another, persons' sins as worse than their sins.

Heterosexual men and women are sinners yet they can still be part of the fellowship of the church, so why is it, that men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others but for whatever medical or scientific reason have been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender (homosexuals) are considered such great sinners that they are not even able to be part of the same fellowship?

Why do heterosexuals judge those in committed loving same sex relationships as worse sinners than they are, when they themselves cannot live before God free from sin? Every heterosexual Christian knows that the only hope of salvation for them comes through the blood of Christ and that without Christ they have no righteousness before God. With this conviction is it right to condemn to eternal death mature adult Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ are doing no harm to another human are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others but happen to be living in a loving committed relationship with another adult of the same sex?

Especially when we take into account that whenever the Bible condemns same sex relationships it has in focus heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other and is almost always in the context of people who not only deny God, but actually hate him, and are violent and rebellious and in many context worship idols.

Consider for a moment: when we reject and condemn to eternal hell-fire those who love the Lord Jesus Christ simply because they are born with an orientation and disposition toward the same sex maybe we are in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves since we all have dwelling within our corrupted fallen bodies our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions and not one of us can stand before Christ and claim we are free of sin and not one of us is saved without the washing and cleansing power of Christ's blood and God's abundant grace.

In our society, where in some places homosexuals are treated with little respect and often met with hostility, and in some countries even today are banned from their families, sacked from their jobs, brutally beaten and even put to death. Added to this many who love the Lord Jesus Christ are filled with guilt and mental torment and some are driven to suicide because of traditional Christian teaching so why would any-one choose to be Gay? Surly we have to ask ourselves if this was just a matter of simple choice why would they be driven to sitting in absolute depression and despair with a gun in their mouth as Chely Wright and many others like her are

rather than simply chose to be heterosexual, perhaps we should not be so concerned about trying to understand it as we should be about showing mercy and grace especially since there are within the Gay community those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are in a committed loving caring relationship, breaking no laws and showing kindness to others.

- To see Chely Wright testimony, see the title: "About the Author and Testimonies," on the index of these articles.

I, like the Jews of old who had to work their way through adopting Gentiles into their midst and work out-together what that meant for each group, still have certain questions that I am working through myself and for that reason my aim in these articles is not to tell anyone what they should or should not believe, but simply present unbiased information that hopefully will help people who like myself were influenced by my generation to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians and by certain church leaders to condemn everyone who was in a same sex relationship to condemnation and hell-fire.

End.