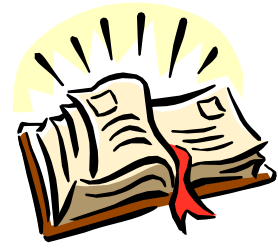


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Thank you for clicking on this topic, my aim in this study is not to change anyone's mind to a particular view, but rather to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but happen to be born for whatever scientific 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.

Abusers of Themselves (1Cor 6:9).

The King James Bible says: -

1 Corinthians 6:9 ----- ⁹Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor *abusers (arsenokoites)* of themselves with mankind.

The Revised Standard Bible says: -

- Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, *nor sexual perverts*, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

The word abusers: comes from the Greek word (*arsenokoites*) and from Strong's Concordance means a sodomite, an abuser that defiles-self with mankind, in the Revised Standard Bible abusers is translated sexual perverts. Sexual perverts is actually two different words. The first word is (*malakos*) which is the singular form of the word (*malakoi*) while the second is (*arsenokoitai*). The following table shows how some Bibles have translated (*malakos*) and (*arsenokoitai*).

	Malakos.	Arsenokoitai.
KJV	Effeminate.	Abusers of themselves with mankind.
NIV	Male prostitutes.	Homosexual offenders.
NKJ	Homosexuals.	Sodomites.
RSV (1952)	Homosexuals.	
RSV (1977)	Sexual perverts.	
RSV (1989)	Male prostitutes.	Sodomites.
Jerusalem Bible	Catamites.	Sodomites.

In the footnotes of the New American Bible it is written that the Greek word (*catamites*) can be translated as boy prostitutes and refer to boys or young men who were kept for the purposes of prostitution, a practice common in the Greco-Roman world. In Greek mythology this was the function of Ganymede, the "cupbearer of the gods," whose Latin name was Catamus" (NAB).

The literal meaning of the word (*malakos*) is soft. The following verses show that (*malakos*) has been used in reference to clothing and in relation to some kind of sexual sin.

- Jesus said: "What went ye out for to see? A man clothed in *soft (malakos/catamite)* raiment? behold, they that wear *soft (malakos/catamite)* clothing are in kings' houses (Matt. 11:8).
- Paul wrote: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor *effeminate (malakos/catamite)*, nor abusers of themselves with mankind" (1 Cor. 6:9).

In the above diagram the words surrounding (*malakos*) link it to prostitution and the word (*catamites*) can refer to men taking young boys to sleep with, which means that the original Greek focus was more likely to be upon male-prostitutes or men who take young boys for the purpose of sex which was a common practise amongst the Romans and the Greeks at the time of the New Testament than being upon same sex partners in a committed and loving relationship. The Jerusalem Bible even translates the word (*malakos*) as (*catamites*) and interprets it to mean, a young soft prepubescent pet.

It makes perfect sense that Paul would rebuke not only the prostitute, but also the male-bedder who sleeps with that prostitute. Strong's Concordance also says when the word effeminate is used figuratively it means a (*catamite*) meaning a boy kept by a man for sexual intercourse, even the homosexual community would say this is wrong.

There was a common practice during the time of Paul in which men would have slave pet boys whom they sexually exploited. These boys were prepubescent and without beards so they seemed like females. Today, this practice is referred to as pederasty.

Since there are so many shades of grey upon the meaning of the original Greek words (*malakos*) and (*catamites*) it is certainly not good Bible practise to use (Matthew. 11:8) (1 Corinthians 6:9) to dogmatically condemn homosexuals who are in a committed loving relationship especially since the words (*malakos*) and (*catamites*) embrace men who take young boys for the purpose of sex in their original meaning. Even the gay community who are in honest same sex relationships condemn these practises. It appears (to me at least) that those who use these two verses to condemn all those in same sex relationships to hell-fire are in danger of reading more into the verses than God and the original Greek writers intended.

For further information see the titles: -

- Effeminate.
- Sodinites.

In Same Sex Relationships (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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.