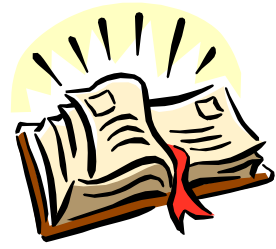


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*God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.*

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## **HIV and AIDS. Same Sex Relationships. Love, Grace and the Bible. Homosexuals and Lesbians.**

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The Bible not only reveals God's eternal Plans, Purposes and Promises,  
But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

*Teach it, don't demand it.*

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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.

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## HIV and AIDS.

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The letters **HIV** stand for **H**uman **I**mmunodeficiency **V**irus. HIV is a virus that takes over certain immune system cells to make many copies of itself and causes slow but constant damage to the immune system.

**HIV affects the body in the following way:** normally, the human immune system is the body's protection against bacteria's and viruses, etc. It is like a coat of armour. When HIV enters the body it starts poking holes in the armour and eventually, the armour becomes very weak and unable to protect the body. Once the armour is very weak or is gone, the person is said to have AIDS.

**AIDS** stands for **I**mmune **S**ystem **D**isease. An AIDS diagnosis is generally made when either the body's protective T-cells drop below a certain level or the HIV-positive individual begins to experience opportunistic infections, an opportunistic infection is an infection that would not normally affect an otherwise healthy person. Oftentimes, it's these infections that are the cause of illness or death in HIV-positive individuals and not the virus itself. If people do not get any treatment for HIV disease, it takes an average of 8-10 years to progress from HIV to AIDS.

**HIV transmitted through four body fluids:** blood, semen, vaginal fluid, and breast milk. In order to pass HIV from one person to another, HIV-infected fluid from one person needs to get into the bloodstream of another person it is usually transmitted through: -

- Sharing needles.
- Unprotected anal, vaginal, and sometimes oral sex.
- From mother to infant before or during delivery or while breastfeeding.
- HIV is not transmitted by saliva.

**HIV treatment:** current HIV antiviral treatments and treatments for opportunistic infections are prolonging the lives of many HIV+ individuals, however, many of the drugs used to treat HIV are very harsh on the body, very difficult to take, and don't work for some people. Research is making great strides toward developing vaccines and better medications for people who are living with HIV, but there is still no cure.

**Pregnant women:** being an HIV-positive pregnant mother does not guarantee that your child will be born HIV-positive.

**First cases of AIDS:** in 1981, the first cases of AIDS were identified among gay men in the United States, scientists later found evidence in Belgian Congo in 1959 that the disease existed in the world for some years prior to this.

### Scope of the HIV epidemic.

- In 1997 in the United States, 612,000 cases of AIDS, and 379,300 deaths among people with AIDS had been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- AIDS is now the second leading killer of people aged 25 to 44 in the U.S.
- Despite an overall stabilization in the number of new AIDS cases in the U.S, the epidemic continues to accelerate in certain segments of the population, notably among women and injection drug users.
- Worldwide, an estimated 30.6 million people were living with HIV/AIDS as of December 1997, a figure that is projected to reach 40 million by the year 2000.
- Through 1997, cumulative HIV/AIDS-associated deaths worldwide numbered approximately 11.7 million 9 million adults and 2.7 million children.

- According to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, "Only an AIDS vaccine can end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- AIDS is killing more people worldwide than any other infectious disease.
- 40 million people are living with the disease, and nearly all those will die within the next twenty years.
- 95% of all new infections occur in developing countries.
- Prevention has slowed the spread, but not arrested it.
- In South Africa, 10% of the population is infected with HIV. South Africa suffers from a death rate of about 600 to 1,000 people a day from AIDS related complications.

The majority of heterosexuals blame and condemn homosexuals for the spread of AIDS but the reality is that more than seventy-five percent of all adult HIV infections have resulted from heterosexual intercourse.

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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.

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End.