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# **Strange Flesh And Perverting God's Grace.**

**Same Sex Relationships.**

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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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## Strange Flesh and Perverting God's Grace (Jude).

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### People, who pervert the Grace of our God into Sensuality.

Jude 4 ----- <sup>4</sup>For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who *pervert the grace of our God into sensuality* (lasciviousness in KJV) and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This verse is sometimes used to condemn men and woman 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), but does Jude have this group of people in mind when he penned this chapter or was he referring to heterosexuals who are living to satisfy their lusts and fleshy sensual desires through partying, drinking and living in selfish indulgence and excessive luxury.

**Lasciviousness:** means, filthy and wantonness. Wantonness carries the idea of one who is unrestrained, unruly lacking discipline and restraint in behaviour physically or sexually, it refers to a person who is heedless of reason, inhibition and thoughtless of reasonable limits characterized by indulgence, greed and extravagance (i.e., excessively rich and opulent luxurious living) or of one who is without sexual restraint.

In Scripture lasciviousness is linked with, theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness, strife, envying, adultery, fornication, greediness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries (Mk 7:22) (Rom. 13:13) (Gal. 5:19) (Eph. 4:19) (1 Pet 4:3).

**Sensuality:** refers to the capacity for enjoying the pleasures of the senses

The words of Jude, "Pervert the grace of God into sensuality" (v4) (lasciviousness in KJV) carries the idea of people parting, revelling, sleeping around with different sex partners and of people who are full of greed and indulge themselves in selfish excessive luxurious living and claim they are covered by God's grace. To apply this verse to 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) seems grossly unfair especially when it is noted that Jude says of the people he is referring to that they deny the Lord Jesus Christ (v4).

In the context of the entire chapter the words "Pervert the grace of God into sensuality" more likely applies to both homosexual and heterosexual men and women who are abusing the grace of God and denying the Lord Jesus Christ by living a lifestyle solely to satisfy self (i.e. they sleep around, revel in alcoholic drunkenness and indulge themselves in excessively luxurious lifestyles with no thought for others).

### Going after Strange Flesh.

Jude 1:7-8 ----- <sup>7</sup>Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to *fornication*, and going after *strange flesh* (unnatural desire in ESV) are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup>Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile (sully and taint) the flesh despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Some claim the expression, "Going after strange flesh" refers to homosexuality because it is linked to Sodom and Gomorrha, but even if this was the case the men of Sodom attacked Lots house with the sole intention of raping and abusing his two guests this is a far cry from 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) (for further information see the title Sodom).

**Strange:** comes from the Greek word (*heteros*). From Strong's Concordance it means altered and carries the idea of something being different.

**Fornication:** comes from the Greek word (*ekporneuo*) and (*porneuo*). The word (*ekporneuo*) means to be utterly unchaste (i.e., giving oneself over to sexual immorality and fornication) and the word (*porneuo*) means to act the harlot and indulge in unlawful lust of either sex. Figuratively it means to practise idolatry.

**Flesh:** comes from the Greek word (*sarx*) and from Strong's Concordance flesh when used figuratively refers to the body as opposed to the soul (or spirit). When a person is referred to as being fleshy or of the flesh it carries the idea of them being carnally minded meaning occupied with physical needs and appetites contrasted to being occupied with spiritual things and intellectual qualities. The expression, "of the flesh" is often used as a symbol of what is external and to human nature with its frailties (physical or moral) and passions.

The two key words in this verse are, "strange and unnatural." The following two things in this verse should be considered: -

1. The unnatural flesh the men of Sodom went after was the angels in lots house.
2. The men of Sodom attempted to take them by force with the intent of raping them.

Admittedly there are many heterosexuals today as there was in Lots era who are having sexual relationships with others of the same sex and who are totally given over to lust, some even have sleep over parties where the men and women all jump into the same bed and nothing is taboo. But should 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) and are therefore living in a committed loving and caring relation be judged and condemned because of heterosexuals who are not only toying with sex and perverting it, but are also able to return to a heterosexual relationship at anytime they choose.

In contrast to this for men and women who are born for whatever scientific or medical reason with a sexual orientation that is naturally attracted to those of the same sex, to lie with someone of the opposite sex is not only unnatural its repulsive, revolting and grossly stomach-turning.

**Notice:** the people being referred to in Jude: -

- Swear and curse against everything they do not understand.
- Abandoned their own integrity for the sake of gain
- Are rebellious and self-serving looking after themselves.
- Grumble, complain and make trouble (malcontent).
- Follow their own sinful desires and passions not caring about others.
- Are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favouritism to gain advantage.
- Reject authority, and blaspheme God's prophets and chosen men (the glorious ones).
- Are worldly and devoid of the Spirit.
- Do not believe in God or His word and deny the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Once again to place 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) seems grossly unfair since they do not fit into

the list of offences Jude speaks of. The Bible seems to be silent on those who find themselves born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex who are in a loving and caring relationship, devoted to God and the Lord Jesus Christ, are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others. Whenever the Bible condemns same sex relationships it has in focus heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other and it is almost always in the context of those who deny God 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 fallen corrupted bodies our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions and no-one stands before Christ and God's Holiness 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.

**NOTE:** it should not surprise us that the Bible appears silent regarding this group of people since the Bible teaches the perfect ideal, (i.e. it is silent on masturbation) yet as many psychologist state that almost every-one practises it at some time and many even into their old age whether non-Christian or Christian male or female perhaps the great sin of the Christian homosexual community who love Christ and worship God is that there lifestyle is evident, much like a humble person who happens to smoke is often judged as a lessor Christian whereas a person full of pride or lustful thoughts can be considered righteous simply because their sins are hidden.

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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 though 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.