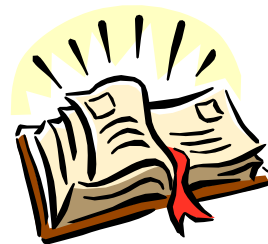


**Welcome to: -
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God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

**God gave them Up
To
Dishonourable Passions.
Same Sex Relationships.
Love, Grace and the Bible.
Homosexuals and Lesbians.
(2013)**

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.

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.

God gave them up to Dishonourable Passions (Rom 1:24-27).

Romans 1:21-31 ----- ²¹When they *knew God*, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³And *changed the glory of the uncorruptible God* into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. ²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their *women did change the natural use into that which is against nature*: ²⁷And likewise also the men, *leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly*, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. ²⁸And even as they *did not like to retain God in their knowledge*, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰Backbiters, *haters of God*, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Paul in these verses introduces a group of people who wilfully and knowingly reject God and from this point on their lives spiral downward. This group of people: -

- Are worshippers of idols, birds, animals and man.
- Are women who lust for women and men who lust after men.
- Are of a reprobate mind (meaning corrupt).
- Are full of fornication, wickedness, covetousness and maliciousness.
- Are envious of others (meaning they are jealous greedy spiteful bitter and resentful).
- Are murders (meaning they kill and take innocent lives).
- Are debaters (meaning they argue, dispute, contend, quarrel, fight and bicker).
- Are deceitful (meaning they are full of dishonesty, treachery, trickery and pretence).
- Are whisperers (meaning they are spreaders of gossip and of tales).
- Are full of malignity (meaning they have an intense hatred and a strong desire to do harm even to cause death).
- Are backbiters (meaning, they make spiteful or slanderous comments about somebody who is not present).
- Are haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters and inventors of evil things.
- Are disobedient to parents, without understanding and covenant breakers.
- Are without natural affection (meaning they are unmerciful and lacking in compassion and empathy for others).
- Are implacable (meaning cold and hard-hearted, ruthless, cruel and uncaring).

Paul in this list not only presents an overall picture of men and women who deny God, but also hate Him, which raises the following question: -

When Paul wrote: "Women and men burned in lust and change the natural use into that which is against nature" (v26-27) did he have in mind men and women who love God and 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)? Or did he have in mind heterosexual men and women who are haters of God and from craving lust are choosing to have sexual relations with those of the same sex (perhaps similar to Roman and Greek orgies which was a common practise during the time of the apostles).

The following will help answer this question, the word natural as used in (v26-27) comes from two Greek words (*phusikos*) and (*phusis*) which literally mean, "that which is a person's natural disposition" and "something that comes instinctively to a person." In other words, it is who you are naturally; without reprogramming, counselling, or any other form of behavioural modification that attempts to change a person's natural disposition or sexual orientation. Consider the following for a moment amongst the world's population there is a certain percentage of men and women: -

- Born with abnormal physical or mental disabilities.
- Born with female breasts and female genitals, but with an inward male persona.
- Born with male gentiles, but with an inward female persona.

Generally Christians don't want to think about these truths and realities, most (certainly not all) would rather turn a blind eye because they don't fit our mould of how a Christian should look. This is mostly because we are conditioned to judge people according to outward appearance rather than the goodness of the heart and character, but these are real men and women who not only need to know the love and grace of God in the same way that all of us do, but who also suffer mental and emotional difficulties that we can't even begin to comprehend.

When we understanding that not all births result in a perfect baby physically or mentally it should not be difficult to accept the fact that a certain percentage of babies will be born with an imbalance of male or female hormones, genes or chromosomes or whatever determines sexual orientation. There are scientific studies that indicate the possibility of this, but as yet no conclusive proof nevertheless for whatever medical or scientific reason it appears a certain percentage of babies are born with an inward nature that is attracted to those of the same sex.

For this group of people attraction to the same sex is their normal and authentic self it is who they are on the inside. When this phenomenon happens the men are referred to as homosexual and women lesbians. It should be pointed out that homosexuals are not heterosexual men who chose to have sex with other heterosexual men neither are lesbians heterosexual women who are choosing to have sex with other heterosexual women.

For a homosexual man or lesbian woman to be sexually intimate with a person of the opposite sex is not only repulsive, but also extremely repugnant and stomach churning in the same way that a heterosexual man or woman would be repulsed by being sexually intimate with someone of the same sex. Obviously there are exceptions (there always are in all things) since there are certain heterosexual men or women who can obviously be sexually active with the opposite sex and is simply choosing for whatever reason to sex around with a partner of the same sex.

It creates enormous and destructive mental and emotional tension when a Christian homosexual or a Christian lesbian who loves Christ is told to change who they are on the inside, when their natural disposition is biologically attracted toward a person of the same sex. This problem is compounded by the fact that traditional church doctrine teaches that all homosexuality is simply a sinful choice, but for a homosexual man or lesbian woman to change who they are on the inside requires the same effort that it would take for a heterosexual person to change their natural sexual orientation, something that is impossible for them to do.

Traditional Christianity has assumed that every man and woman in a same sex relationship is simply heterosexuals who have chosen for whatever reason to have sexual relationships with partners of the same sex and can therefore change their mind at any time. Certainly a great many, no-doubt fit into this category, but should men and women whose natural orientation and disposition is to be attracted to a person of the same sex be judged the same as those who are going against the natural nature they have been born with?

Placing all men and women in a same sex relationships under the one umbrella and condemning the entire community to hell-fire drives the homosexual and lesbian women who have a conscience toward God and a love for the Lord Jesus Christ to deep depression, despair and even as Chely Wright found herself sitting with a gun in her mouth. Surely when our teaching brings such torment and pain it's time we stood up and considered that the path of compassion and mercy might be more pleasing to the Lord we all love especially if we take the time to consider that for a man or woman that is born with an orientation and natural attraction to a person of the same sex, to say they are not, would for them, be lying to God.

- To see Chely's story see the title: "About the Author and Testimonies," on the index of these studies.

Does God make mistakes? Some Christians stand against this reasoning saying, God does not make mistakes, but who are we to say He has. I know an absolutely fantastic Christian man who was born with no legs and no arms and he proclaims the Gospel worldwide and teaches Christ in Universities in all nations, did God make a mistake? There are multitudes of babies born with horrific physical deformities and disabilities, society years ago called some of these people freaks, is God making a mistake with these babies? To say that no-one is born attracted to another person of the same sex because God does not make mistakes is foolishness to the extreme and very shallow human reasoning.

The evil of blanket statements: admittedly not all men and women in same sex relationships are born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender. Obviously there are many other types of men and woman who are living within the global community of those in same sex relationships some of which maybe: -

- Heterosexual women who have been so badly abused by fathers, husbands or men and been so emotionally wounded that the only emotional comfort they can find is in a faithful friend of the same sex.
- Heterosexual men, who have been mocked, intimidated or rejected by females and find emotional comfort with another man.
- Heterosexual teenagers who because of the lack of sexual clarity existing in the world today are simply experimenting with same sex partners not out of lust, but because of their confusion and the need to be loved.
- Heterosexual men and woman given over to lust and indulging in any form of sexual activity solely for their own selfish sexual pleasure.

Naturally because human nature is complex there are of course many other reasons men and woman maybe living in same sex relationships and there is always going to be a variety of emotional reasons that over time can accumulate and lead a man or woman into such a relationship, but if this is the case surely it would be better for the heterosexual Christian community to be showing compassion and mercy rather than casting everyone in these relationships out and condemning the entire community to eternal damnation.

Should everyone living in a same sex relationship be condemned on the basis of the lustful and bad behaviour of some? Especially when we consider there are those who love the Lord Jesus Christ within the community. Added to this we all have dwelling within us our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions and no-one stands before Christ free of sin and not one of us is saved without God's abundant grace. Consider the following: -

1. Christian men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are humble 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 judged as great sinners because their lifestyle is evident.
2. Christian men and women who faithfully follow the Lord, but happen to smoke and are seen smoking are often judged as lesser Christians.
3. Christian men or women who are full of pride or lustful thoughts who faithfully follow the Lord are mostly considered righteous by all since their pride and lustful thoughts are hidden.

But before God whose eyes see all who is really is the lesser Christian or the greater sinner? If the entire gay community is to be judged because of a selected few who sleep with multiple partners and publicly display their sexual behaviour (i.e., Mardi Gras), let's begin condemning the entire heterosexual community first. Next to weapons of war and drugs heterosexual pornography is one of the biggest businesses in the world. Heterosexual sex displayed in the media, movies, TV, the internet and mobile phones is doing far more harm to the next generation of children than a homosexual couple in a committed loving relationship ever will.

To make blanket statements or judge an entire community on the behaviour of a few, whether it be a religion, nation, community organisation or a group of people is a very unloving and dangerous thing to do. Throughout history multitudes of innocent people have suffered because of blanket statements. Now back to our original question, "What is natural?" The best answer to this question is to ask, "What is truly natural for you?" Only you can answer that question.

A naturally occurring phenomenon: with the intense socialization process gay people go through from their youth on (i.e., the rejection of family and friends, the mockery, the physical abuse and mental torment, coupled with the fact that society rejects homosexuals in almost every way possible), it is surprising that there are any gay people at all. For someone to come out the other end of the process still desiring a mate of their own sex is truly amazing! Surely if it was as simple as choosing to make a different choice they would have certainly done so and avoided all the pain, but they remain as the proverbial fish swimming upstream. In spite of the obstacles throughout history and across all racial and cultural lines, there has always been a small minority of every population whose sexual orientation is homosexual. How can this be? It can only be because homosexuality is a naturally occurring phenomenon in nature for some people.

CONCLUSION: obviously there are heterosexual men and woman who indulge in lustful selfish sexual activities with those of the same sex gender, but should those who are born for whatever medical or scientific reason with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender (homosexuals) be cast out and condemned because of the lust and bad behaviour of others.

Surely it would be better if we in the heterosexual Christian community who never have to struggle with the enormous mental and emotional difficulties, the rejection by families and church the mocking and beatings those in same sex relationships suffer if we showed more compassion mercy and grace rather than cast out and judge to condemnation and remember that not one of us stand before the Holiness of God free of sin if any of us could attain to this glorious state Christ died from no reason.

Every faithful brother and sister in Christ who is honest before the Holiness of God not only knows that they have dwelling within their fallen corrupted body sinful aberrations and dysfunctions (selfishness, pride, jealousies, lustful thoughts, anger, covetness and such like things), but also understands that it is only by God's grace that anyone of us is saved to eternal life. With these two great truths in mind, perhaps it is time to question with an open mind (at least for a certain amount of time) what we have been taught by traditional Christian thinking especially since we live in an age where we have all the knowledge of the world available to us in the palm of our hand, something no other generation has ever had and rather than judge to condemnation and hell fire show mercy and grace toward those in committed, loving same sex relationships especially when we don't understand

what is in their heart, their hurt or the orientation they have been born with. Sadly the secular world and many Christians perception of a Christian is basically of a person who attends a church building every Sunday, performs certain religious rites and sings a few songs of worship. It may come as a shock to many that in God's global and worldwide family there are people who come from all walks of life which do not fit into the normal mindset of what a Christian should look like and others who never attend a church building, but meet in homes, coffee bars and wherever they can to fellowship together whenever they are able. It matters not to God where we fellowship or even on what day we fellowship for the following three reasons: -

1. True Christianity is twenty-four hours a day seven days a week, it is a lifestyle not a once a week meeting.
2. Though strictly adhering to ceremonial rites and holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions maybe spiritually healthy for some they are not what God values or the things that delight His heart.
3. Humility and love, compassion and grace, mercy and justice and a spirit of forgiveness and such like things manifested not only toward God and the Lord Jesus Christ, but also shown toward others, especially toward those who seek after Him and love his Son these are the things that delight the heart of God and that His eyes are constantly looking for.

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.

End.