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

Defile themselves with Mankind.

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.

Defile themselves with Mankind (1 Timothy 1:9-10).

The King James Bible says: -

1 Timothy 1:9-10 ----- ⁹Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰For *whoremongers (pornos)* for them that *defile (arsenokoites) themselves with mankind*, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Whoremongers: comes from the Greek word (*pornos*). From Strong's Concordance it refers to a male prostitute as venal, meaning corrupt and immoral with the idea of being able to be brought.

Defile: comes from the Greek word *arsenokoites*). *Arsenokoites* is made up from the Greek (*arrhen*) and Greek (*koite*) and from Strong's Concordance refers to a sodomite or an abuser that defiles himself with mankind. The Greek word (*arsenokoitais*) (defile and abuse in English) has posed a problem for scholars throughout the years, as it appears to be a slang word not commonly used and only appears twice in Scripture, once in this verse (1 Timothy 1:9-10) and again in (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

The English Standard Bible translates the same verses in the following way: -

- Understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, *men who practice homosexuality*, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim 1:9-10).

Homosexual: there is no Greek or Hebrew word in the Bible that is equivalent to the English word homosexual is of modern origin, and it wasn't until about a hundred years ago that it was first used. Homosexual is a compound English word made up from the Greek word (*homo*) meaning the same, and the Latin word (*sexualis*) which means sex. The 1946 the Revised Standard Bible was the first translation to use the word homosexual, prior to this the word did not exist.

It is important to know that the word homosexual does not refer to heterosexuals who have sex with other heterosexuals since their natural attraction and sexual orientation is toward the opposite sex whereas the natural attraction and sexual orientation of homosexuals is toward those of the same sex, for them to think of being sexual with the opposite sex is repulsive and repugnant.

In the ancient years when the scrolls of the Bible was being written no one understood the difference between heterosexuals lusting and perverting sex with those of the same sex and homosexual men and lesbian woman whose natural attraction and sexual orientation is toward those of the same sex.

When it is considered that people of past generations believed blindness, deafness and the inability to speak and many other illness, sickness and diseases that we have the knowledge to heal today were caused by evil gods called demons possessing the people it is easy to understand that they knew nothing of men and women for whatever scientific or medical reason having a sexual orientation that is naturally attracted toward others of the same sex.

The New King James Bible translates the same verses in the following way: -

- Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰for fornicators, for *sodomites* for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

Sodomite: the word sodomite is from the Hebrew word (*qadesh*). From Strong's Concordance it means licentious and idolatry and refers to a sacred person (i.e., a shrine or cult prostitute) and to a devotee who has sex with the shrine priest or priestess of the temple it has nothing to do with people of the same sex in a committed loving relationship.

The King James Bible says: -

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 --- 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*, ¹⁰Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

In the original Greek language the word abusers is the same as the word defile, both words come from the Greek word (*arsenokoites*) (see defile above). Because there are difficulties with translating the Greek word (*arsenokoites*) into English (1 Cor. 6:9-10) has been interpreted differently in various Bible versions as the following will show: -

- The King James Bible translates (*arsenokoitais*) as abusers of themselves with mankind.
- Worrell's Bible translates (*arsenokoitais*) as sodomites.
- The New International Bible and the New American Bible and others translate (*arsenokoitais*) as homosexuals.

Arsenokoitais: has the same translation difficulties in (1 Tim 1:9-10) in this verse it has been interpreted in the following ways: -

- The King James Bible translates (*arsenokoitais*) as them that defile themselves with mankind.
- Authorised Standard Bible translates (*arsenokoitais*) as abusers of themselves with mankind.
- The New King James Bible and Worrell Bible translate (*arsenokoitais*) as sodomites.
- The New International Bible translates (*arsenokoitais*) as perverts.
- The New American Standard Bible and The New Living Bible translate (*arsenokoitais*) as homosexuals.

So who is right? This interpretation debate is a relatively new one, for years these passages were always translated as "abuser of self" or "Sodomite" (in KJV and Worrell) because of the ambiguity of the literal meaning behind (*arsenokoitais*) the earlier Bible scholars felt an equally ambiguous catch all word such as sodomite seemed appropriate enough. They and others since then have pointed out that if Paul wanted to specifically say a homosexual man there were certainly words in the Greek language to do so as homosexuality was a rather common practice in both the Greek and Roman cultures (Paul wrote his letters in the Greek language).

Paul elected not to use these words and instead used the more ambiguous word (*arsenokoitais*), so what does (*arsenokoitais*) mean? Strong's Concordance says that the word means sodomite which refers to a devotee who has sex with the shrine priest or priestess of the temple it has nothing to do with people of the same sex in a committed loving relationship. Remember these translations came out long before the current homosexual debate was raging and because of this the Bible translators felt no compunction to have to side with one group or another.

So what does make sense with these passages? Does being a homosexual seem to fit into the same line-up as the ones Paul describes in these passages? It is easy to see how fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, thieves, drunkards, swindlers, murderers and the like break the law of agape love and break the great commandment of God and the Lord Jesus Christ to love your neighbour as yourself

(Matt. 22:37-40) (Mark 12:28-31) meaning do good to others and not harm. Jesus brother James calls Jesus command to love your neighbour as yourself the royal law (James 2:8) but does a committed loving homosexual relationship break these laws? Sometimes a good dose of common sense is good when interpreting the word of God. What does make sense is the use of the word sodomite because it links it to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah who were one very unloving pack of totally self-absorbed folks.

They cared little about God and were not concerned about others. In fact, (Ezekiel 16:49-50) describes them as cruel, selfish people who thought nothing of forcefully and violently raping strangers. Mercy and compassion were hardly in their vocabulary! People like that are obviously breaking the great commandment love your neighbour as yourself, the royal law and the law of agape love! But to accuse every homosexual person that's ever walked the planet earth of doing the same as the people of Sodom is extreme.

A new look at arsenokoitais: an article was written by Paul R. Johnson for Second Stone magazine titled "A New Look at (*Arsenokoitais*) (1994 January/February issue) in this article he wrote: -

- The Greek compound word (*arseno-koitais*) literally means the male who has many beds. The word (*arsen*) means male, the adjective (*o*) means (*the*) and the word (*koitais*) is defined as many beds so when the entire word is put together it means a male with multiple bed-partners; a promiscuous man. Everywhere that the word (*koitais*) is used in the plural in the Bible denotes promiscuity. However, when the same word is used in the singular form, the Bible gives approval because the singular denotes monogamy.

Translated in this manner, these verses now fit in with the rest of the Bible (e.g. the law of love). So what are we to learn from the word (*arsenokoitais*) and these passages? The Bible is very clear that living a lifestyle of casually jumping from one bed partner to the next without regard to the consequences of such a union is not only against Scripture, but also against the law of love. Such sexual practices are self-serving, don't foster long lasting commitments between partners and can spread diseases such as Aids like wildfire! Are there homosexuals who practice such a lifestyle? Yes, and God is against it 100%! But God is also against heterosexuals practicing the same kind of lifestyle as well.

All forbidden sins have one aspect in common: in the following verses that we began shining a light on at the beginning of this study Paul begins by stating that the law is not made for people who abide by the law (the righteous), but for, those who break the law (the lawless). See if you can notice the common de-nominator that each sin Paul mentions has with each other.

- Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

In these verses of sins Paul list: -

- People who are rebellious and give a false testimony about someone else.
- Murderers, thieves and kidnappers.
- Liars, male prostitutes and adulterers.

The common de-nominator each of these sins has with each other is that they are inflicting harm onto another innocent human. The harm in some is physical while in others it is sexual, emotional and spiritual. Those who place people who are living in a committed caring loving relationship, not breaking any laws and who love the Lord Jesus Christ into this list maybe reading far more into what Paul was saying and be in danger of being judged themselves because of their lack of compassion especially when one understands that doctrine that is contrary to, sound doctrines fall into the following three categories: -

1. Doctrines that turn people away from the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Doctrines that deceitfully steer Christians away from grace and back under the law to earn righteousness that leads to eternal life.
3. Doctrines that led people into ungodly behaviour, (i.e., behaviour and actions that are contrary to the royal law of love and Christ's command, love your neighbour as yourself which means do good not harm to other people as the rebellious, liars, murders, thieves, kidnappers, people who use sex for their own selfish-gain and adulterers do.

For further information concerning doctrine see the title: -

- Doctrine (True and Sound Doctrine) in Various Topics (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.