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ROMANS 1:26-27

TEACH IT, DON'T DEMAND IT

Thank you for visiting this topic, my aim in this study is to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but through no fault of their own, have been born with a natural attraction toward those of the same sex gender or have this attraction, because of some medical, biological or genetic influence.

WOMEN AND MEN GAVE UP NATURAL RELATIONS

- **Romans 1:21-31** ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity (*uncleanness in KJV*), to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions (*vile affections in KJV*). For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind (*reprobate mind in KJV*) to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, (fornication and wickedness in KJV) covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful (proud boasters in KJV), inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (*Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful in KJV*).

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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, 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, who are living true to the natural romantic sexual attraction they have toward people of the same sex gender, that through no fault of their own, they have been born with, or for some medical, biological or genetic reason developed at a very early age. 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 practice 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, it is commonly recognized amongst psychologist, doctors and scientist that amongst the world's population there is a certain percentage of men and women who are:

- 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 understand that not all births result in a perfect child physically or mentally it should not be difficult to accept the fact that a certain percentage of children will be born with an imbalance of male or female hormones, genes or chromosomes or whatever determines or in some part affects 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 children are born with an inward nature that is naturally 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 here, 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 these men and woman are choosing to act against their normal sexual orientation. For a homosexual man or lesbian woman to be sexually

intimate with a person of the opposite sex, is to them, 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 and women who can obviously be sexually active with the opposite sex and are simply choosing for whatever reason, to have sex with a partner of the same sex, but unlike these people who can chose at any time to return to their true heterosexual nature, homosexuals can't for they are already living true to their sexual orientation.

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 genuine 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 who are living true to the natural romantic sexual attraction they have toward people of the same sex gender, that through no fault of their own, they have been born with, or for some medical, biological or genetic reason developed at a very early age be judged the same as heterosexuals 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. This raises the question, if our teaching brings such mental torment and pain to men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are not breaking any laws and living according to their true nature, are we acting in the will of the Lord, by rejecting them from our churches and condemning them to hell fire, or would it be better to take the path of compassion and mercy, especially when it is considered that for a man or woman that has a nature that is attracted to a person of the same sex, to say they are not, would for them, be lying to themselves, to others and to God.

- To see Chely's story see the title: "About the Author and Testimonies," on the index of these Same Sex Relationship, 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? Certainly, it true that God does not make mistakes, but to use this principal, to support the idea, that no-one is born attracted to another person of the same sex, because God does not make mistakes, stems from 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, it raises the following two questions:

1. Would it be better for the heterosexual Christian community to show compassion and mercy, rather than reject and condemn the entire LGBT community to eternal damnation?
2. Should everyone living in same sex relationships be condemned on the basis of the lustful and bad behaviour of some, especially when we consider there are those who are living true to their natural sexual orientation that love the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Is it right for us to make such judgments, when 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:

Men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are humble law-abiding citizens and show kindness to others, who are living true to the natural romantic sexual attraction they have toward people of the same sex gender, that through no fault of their own, they have been born with, or for some medical, biological or genetic reason developed at a very early age are rejected and judged as great sinners by much of the Christian community, rather than being accepted. One reason for this is because their lifestyle is evident, and therefore it matters little how genuine their love for the Lord maybe, or the kindness and the compassion they show toward others, much of traditional Christianity is indoctrinated to instantly and without hesitation condemn them.

1. Christian men and women who faithfully follow the Lord, but are seen smoking (especially outside the church building) are often judged as lesser Christians.
2. Christian men or women who faithfully follow the Lord, but are full of pride or lustful thoughts are mostly considered righteous by all since their pride and lustful thoughts unlike those with the same sex attraction and the smokers, are hidden or at least so easily seen.

But before God, whose eye see all, who is, really the lesser Christian or the greater sinner? If we are going to judge and condemn the entire LGBT community, because of the bad behaviour of some and because of those who sleep with multiple partners and publicly display their sexual

behaviour (i.e., Mardi Gras), we must also judge and condemn the entire heterosexual community. For, next to weapons of war and drugs, human sex trafficking is the next biggest worldwide money-making black-market industry, and it is run by heterosexuals, added to this, 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 homosexual couples 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 organization 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.

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 women who indulge in lustful selfish sexual activities with those of the same sex gender, but should those who are living true to the natural romantic sexual attraction they have toward people of the same sex gender, that through no fault of their own, they have been born with, or for some medical, biological or genetic reason developed at a very early age, be cast out and condemned because of the lust and bad behaviour of others. Perhaps it would be a better response, if we in the heterosexual Christian community who never have had 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 accepted those in such relationships who love the Lord Jesus Christ and showed them the same compassion mercy and grace we extend to all others, rather than reject and cast them out of our congregations condemnation to hell fire, especially since 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, coyness' 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 who have a genuine sexual orientation and natural attraction for whatever medical, biological or genetic reason toward people of the same sex gender that are living in a committed, loving same

sex relationship and who love the Lord Jesus Christ, especially when we don't understand what is in their heart, their hurt or the natural orientation they have toward the same sex. Much of 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 sing a few songs of worship when they gather together with fellow Christians. However, this is a very limited view, for 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.
3. Humility, love, compassion, grace, mercy, justice and a spirit of forgiveness and such like things outwardly manifested, toward God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and shown toward others, especially toward those who seek after Him and love his Son are the things that the heart of God values 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. The aim is to simply present information that hopefully will help the reader come to their own conclusion, especially those who have been influenced to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians by the collective consciousness of their generation (as I was), or who have been influenced by certain religious leaders to harshly judge, reject and condemn everyone to eternal damnation who is in a same sex relationship.