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Same Sex Relationships

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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.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND TESTIMONIES

In doing this article I do not have in mind the person whose only desire, is to satisfy their own physical sexual cravings and nothing more, nor do I have in mind a heterosexual person who is experimenting with same sex partners. My focus is on those who have a natural attraction and love toward another human of the same sex gender and desires to share their life in a committed caring and intimate relationship with them.

MY PURPOSE FOR DOING THIS STUDY

I was raised some seventy years ago in a generation where a homosexual who had been victimized and beaten received no sympathy from society, and many considered they got what they deserved, because of this I had always had a strong dislike, bordering on hatred for homosexuals and if called upon would have been one of the first in line to condemn them.

I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

Around the age of twenty-two I became a Christian who loves the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. I was shown, from the Scriptures, by the teachers I was under, how much God hated homosexuals, reinforcing at that time my pre-conditioned belief that homosexuals were evil to God and the human race. The influence of Christianity at that time strengthened my repugnance and distain toward every homosexual person male or female, and because society for centuries had been influenced from religious pulpits that homosexuality was at the top (or very near to it) of the list of sins, I had no reason to question my distain. Since becoming a Christian, I have always loved the Lord Jesus Christ and known that I and everyone else are only saved by God's saving grace that comes through faith in His beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ. However, my first thirty-plus years in the Christian church did nothing to dispel my distain toward those in same sex relationships even though they were in a committed caring relationship, loved the Lord Jesus Christ and were breaking no laws, I was what much of society calls, homophobic.

MY OBSERVATIONS

Over my many years in Christian churches I had come to realize that in some areas of doctrine Christian teaching can be lacking and sadly very shallow because of pre-conceived historical mindsets and past thinking and traditions of the church. I had also seen that on a few occasions certain Christian teachers tended to present a very extreme negative and degrading view of others who had faith in Christ, but held a different doctrine to theirs, which incited their congregation to treat them as enemies simply because they held certain doctrines that fell outside their own religious institution or churches traditional teachings.

Many years later I was sitting and happily talking with a very dear friend and her family, when the phone rang, she got up and answered it, after the call, she came back to the table and joined her family crying and obviously very upset. We naturally asked, "What's wrong?" She told us that one of her best friends had just told her Christian mother that she was a lesbian. The leadership of the church that the mother and her eighteen year old daughter attended, told the mother that her daughter could not return to the church until she repented and gave up the partner she deeply loved, and their advice to the mother was to tell her daughter to immediately move out of their family home. The mother had been taught that those in same sex relationships were an abomination to God, so naturally she was devastated and torn between her love for Jesus and her love for her daughter. My heart went out to this woman and her daughter I could understand their enormous mental torment. This experience made me question my own beliefs. What would I say to Christian parents who find themselves in such a dilemma? Somehow, I knew that this was not the loving thing to do, but I did not know what I would do, what would I advise this poor tormented mother and her extremely distressed daughter? I didn't know.

I realized without facts, I had pre-judged same sex relationships; I was prejudiced. I had read into the Bible what I presumed it ought to say because of what I had been taught by traditional and historical church thinking. I had made judgments in my heart based on the influence of others, this was especially sad because I made these judgment without examining all the facts, all I knew at that time about same sex relationships was that they had sex partners of the same sex and meet in gay bars, beyond this I had no knowledge of their lifestyle and yet was willing, from my heart to condemn them to a life of suffering and rejection and even condemn, without hesitation, to hell fire those who by faith were devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ. I had de-humanized homosexuals and lesbians: I had never been told or even considered that homosexuals and lesbians have life-long relationships with one partner who they love and are committed to, many have faith in and a love for Christ as strong as Christian heterosexuals do, they enjoy friends, family, BBQs etc., and have the same emotional hurts and problems as heterosexuals do (probably even more). The majority are just looking for someone they can share their life with, many are generally against multiple sex partners and sleeping around, and often have very high moral ethics, I realized I had de-humanized them.

I decided the right thing for me to do before God was to study the topic myself with a mind free of any preconceived traditional judgments. My mind began to reason in the following way, some people are born physically disabled, no-one questions or condemns a child that is born with Down Syndrome or with no arms, legs or even two babies joined together; every loving human accepts this as something that has happened during the pregnancy that is beyond the control or choice of the child itself, yet when a child through no fault of their own, has been born with or develop a very real sexual orientation and natural attraction for some medical, biological or genetic reason toward people of the same sex gender (i.e., homosexuals and lesbians) that child is condemned by society throughout life, they are often treated, with scorn and violence as though they chose to be born this way. I began to realize that for me to make such a harsh judgment, without doing my own research was grossly unfair.

SEXUAL PERVERSENESS

I knew that there were many homosexuals that pervert sex and put it on display for all to see, but who am I, a heterosexual to condemn the entire community, when my gender has made sex a multibillion-dollar global

industry through movies, TV, mobile phones, internet and the media. Worse still it is my gender that sexually abuses children and kidnaps innocent teenage girls to sell on the black market as sex slaves and it is heterosexuals who are their major customers. I realized if I am going to condemn the entire homosexual community on the principal that some pervert sex and put it on display for all to see I would also have to condemn myself and the entire heterosexual community by the same principal.

TESTIMONIES

There are numerous testimonies of people, from a very young age, who have always had an attraction toward those of the same sex and never experienced any form of romantic attraction toward the opposite sex. Through forcing myself to listen to many testimonies (I was still against the whole concept) I discovered that genuine homosexuals are people who have a natural attraction to another person of the same sex, for them to have a romantic relationship to a person of the opposite sex would be as repulsive and repugnant as it would for heterosexuals to have a romantic relationship with a man or woman of the same sex.

THE DANGER OF BLANKET STATEMENTS

I had already learned that judging an entire group or community of people whether religious or secular and making blanket statements based on the bad behaviour of some within that group is one of the greatest and most damaging evils of human nature since amongst all societies there are those who are compassionate and do what is right and those who do not. Looking back, I realize my resistance to question what I had been taught by my generation and my church was rooted in naïve acceptance of what I had been taught.

SAME SEX ARTICLES

The following articles are not written to persuade the reader to my own viewpoint, rather it is hoped they will encourage heterosexual Christians to question what they have been taught and perhaps wonder if there is a better way for them to treat those who are in a committed and loving same sex relationship, who believe in and trust on the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation. By reading the following articles you may or may not change your view-point, that is not my goal, rather my hope is that whoever does read them will not be like I was and make their decision based on what other people have said or upon past historical or traditional opinions of the church or societies, but that they will be open and courageous enough to look at things from a different perspective for a moment and then after reading all the information choose from their own mind what their opinion and viewpoint will be.

AN EMAIL WORTH SHARING

A friend and mother of three children sent me an E-Mail that I feel is worth sharing, in her letter she said: "Personally I question how love in any form can be sin? So long as both people genuinely feel love for each other and it is an adult/mature emotion how is it considered so evil? I wonder why adults are so cruelly condemned when their natural disposition and sexual orientation is to embrace and cherish love in a committed and caring relationship with a person of the same gender, but I do feel homosexuality has become a bit of a trend with younger heterosexual people (totally different to people who are born with an attraction to the same sex), but

this is not surprising, seeing how we have lost traditional family dynamics, role modelling, and there is a big push today to eliminate gender altogether. She continued: "I think modern day thinking has a lot to answer for....not that I feel we should return to the dark ages of coursebut both males and females are growing up in an age when they are told that there are no longer any boundaries separating the two sexes and that all are equal in every way possible. Mental fall out from this, is that many young ones today are seeing both sexes, equally, as potential romantic sex partners. She concluded saying, "I could be wrong, I certainly have been in the past, so I chose to show compassion, and leave the judgment up to God."

TESTIMONY OF CHELY WRIGHT

In 2011 I watched a testimony of Chely Wright a world-famous Country and Western singer from the small town of Wellsville, Kansas. In 1999, her song "Single White Female" shot to the top of country music charts and she received top honours at the Academy of Country Music Awards. Chely, knew from five years old that she was different and in her teenage years (though smoking hot) knew that she was a Lesbian, but being brought up in a Christian home she hid this from her parents and her friends. She believed she was born with a defect, damaged goods and going to hell.

She felt ashamed and guilty before the Lord, and prayed every-day, "Dear God, please don't let me be gay, I promise to be a good person." Even though she was at the peak of her career, very attractive, enormously successful and world famous, the guilt and shame she felt before God (because of the Christian influence she had been raised in) brought her to such despair that in 2010, she sat one night with a gun in her mouth and in this dark and tormenting moment, rather than choosing death chose life. Chely, chose to stop living a lie and shares in her memoir titled, "Like Me," how coming out and being able to live a life in which she is able to be her true-self was the most remarkable experience of her life with overwhelming joy and freedom she states how there has never been a more magical moment than that day when she no longer had to live a double life of deception and lies.

Oprah, the famous TV host, when interviewing Chely asked, "Did you think you would lose your career?" Chely replied, "I still don't know that I won't lose it," to which Oprah asked, "How do you feel about that?" To which Chely replied with a big smile, "Oprah, I had a gun in my mouth everything is gravy from here on." Today, Chely is living her truth, for the first time she is an emotionally free woman who with great joy says, "I feel like I'm about two weeks old, this is who God made me to be, and of course I came out because if I didn't, I would never be whole."

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. 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.