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## **Defile Themselves**

With

## **Mankind.**

**(1 Timothy 1:9-10).**

**Same Sex Relationships.**

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

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### TEACH IT, DON'T DEMAND IT

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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.

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### THEM THAT DEFILE THEMSELVES WITH MANKIND

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The King James Bible says:

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> For whoremongers (*Greek pornos*), for them that defile (*Greek arsenokoites*) themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

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### THE MEANING OF WHOREMONGERS

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The word 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.

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### THE MEANING OF DEFILE

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The word 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 themselves 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:

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

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### THE ENGLISH WORD HOMOSEXUAL

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There is no Greek or Hebrew word in the Bible that is equivalent to the English word homosexual, because it is of modern origin, and it wasn't used until long after the Bible was originally written. 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 in Bibles. 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 were being written no one understood the difference between heterosexuals perverting sex with those of the same sex and of homosexuals who through no fault of their own, have been born with a natural attraction to the same sex, or for some biological or genetic influence at a very early age (probably by age five) have a very real sexual orientation deeply-rooted and imbedded in their nature, that is naturally attracted toward people of the same sex gender, which is not only their natural state of being, but is also unchangeable, because it is the natural disposition of the person, and therefore they cannot be sexually attracted to a person of the opposite sex, for such a thing would be repulsive and repugnant to them.

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 they didn't understand (which we have the medical knowledge to heal today) were caused by evil spirits possessing the people, and some communities cast them out of their village believing they were possessed by demons, it is easy to understand that they knew nothing of men and women, who for whatever medical, biological or genetic reason had a sexual orientation, that is naturally attracted toward others of the same sex gender. The New King James Bible translates the same verses in the following way:

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> for fornicators, for sodomites (*Greek qadesh*) for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

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## THE MEANING OF SODOMITE

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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 living in a committed loving relationship.

The King James Bible says:

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> Know 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 (*Greek arsenokoites*) of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup> Nor 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), it 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.

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## THE MEANING OF ARSENOKOITAIS

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The word *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.
- The 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.

These translations show that the word (*arsenokoitais*) has been translated, abusers of themselves with mankind; them that defile themselves with mankind; sodomites; homosexuals and perverts.

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### SO, WHICH IS RIGHT?

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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 the Greek word (*arsenokoitais*). It seems clear that earlier Bible scholars felt the word sodomite was an appropriate enough translation, since various commentators 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 the practice of homosexuality was a common in both the Greek and Roman cultures (Paul wrote his letters in the Greek language). However, despite this, Paul for whatever reason chose not to use these words, but 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. If this is the case it means that it has nothing to do with people of the same sex in a committed loving relationship. It is also worth noticing that the word Sodomite, embraces all translations, for those who have sex with a shrine priest or priestess of the temple, are abusing and defiling themselves and perverting sex.

Remember, these translations came out long before the current homosexual debate was raging, and it is highly unlikely Bible translators of this early age knew anything of people being born with or developing, a natural attraction to the same sex, and therefore would have had no thought of differentiating between the two. With these facts in mind, the question is raised, does being a homosexual seem to fit into the same list as the ones Paul describes in the above verses? 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, when logic and common sense is applied, does a committed loving homosexual relationship break these laws? It seems not, what appears to make more sense is the use of the word sodomite, because it links it to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah who were a very unloving pack of men, totally self-absorbed in gratifying their own sexual lust and were openly willing to sexually force themselves upon others to gratify their perverted passions. 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, they had a total lack of mercy and compassion! People like that are obviously breaking the Lord's 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 on planet earth of doing the same as the people of Sodom is extreme, and maybe reading far more into the above verses than was intended, by the original writers.

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## A NEW LOOK AT ARSENOKOITAIS

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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, the above verses fit in with the rest of the Bible (e.g. the law of love). 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.

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## ALL FORBIDDEN SINS HAVE ONE ASPECT IN COMMON

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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). Noticing what each sin Paul mentions in the following verse has in common with each other may give further light upon understanding sin.

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> For 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.

### 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. It is possible that those who place people, that 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 doctrines that are contrary to sound doctrine, 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.

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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 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.