



# Strange Flesh and Perverting God's Grace.

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## Strange Flesh and Perverting God's Grace (Jude).

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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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### PEOPLE, WHO PERVERT THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO SENSUALITY

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- **Jude 1:4**<sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

This verse is sometimes used to condemn men and woman who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others' who through no fault of their own, have been born with a natural attraction to the same sex, or for some medical, 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 love a person of the opposite sex, for such a thing would be repulsive and repugnant to them.

But does Jude have this group of people in mind when he penned this chapter or was, he referring to heterosexuals living a lifestyle to satisfy their lusts and fleshy sensual desires through partying, drinking and living in selfish indulgence and excessive luxury.

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### LASCIVIOUSNESS

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The word lasciviousness means, filthy and wantonness. Wantonness carries the idea of one who is unrestrained, unruly lacking discipline and restraint in behaviour, physically or sexually, it refers to a person who is heedless of reason, inhibition and thoughtless of reasonable limits characterized by indulgence, greed and extravagance (i.e., excessively rich and opulent self-indulgent luxurious living) or of one who is without sexual restraint. In Scripture lasciviousness is linked with, theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, rioting, drunkenness, bedding various partners, wantonness, strife, envying, adultery, fornication, greediness, lusts, excess of wine, revelling's, banqueting's, and abominable idolatries, all of which are spoken of in the following verses.

- **Mark 7:22**<sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.
- **Romans 13:13**<sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.
- **Galatians 5:19**<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
- **Ephesians 4:19**<sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.
- **1 Peter 4:3**<sup>3</sup> For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

The word sensuality refers to the capacity for enjoying the pleasures of the senses, which means that the words of Jude, "Pervert the grace of God into sensuality" (lasciviousness in KJV) (v4) carries the idea of people parting, revelling, sleeping around with different sex partners and of people who are full of greed and indulge themselves in selfish excessive luxurious living, claiming all the while that they are covered by God's grace. To apply this verse to men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others, but for whatever biological, medical or scientific reason have been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender seems grossly unfair and reading far more into the verse than Jude had in mind, especially when it is noted that Jude says of the people he is referring to, that they deny the Lord Jesus Christ (v4).

In the context of the entire chapter the words "Pervert the grace of God into sensuality" more likely applies to both homosexual and heterosexual men and women who are abusing the grace of God and denying the Lord Jesus Christ by living a lifestyle solely to satisfy self (i.e. they sleep around, revel in alcoholic drunkenness and indulge themselves in excessively luxurious lifestyles with no thought for others).

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## GOING AFTER STRANGE FLESH

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- **Jude 1:7-8**<sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality (*giving themselves over to fornication in KJV*) and pursued unnatural desire (*strange flesh in KJV*), serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.<sup>8</sup> Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams (filthy dreamers in KJV), defile the flesh, reject authority (*despise dominion in KJV*), and blaspheme the glorious ones. (*speaking evil of dignities in KJV*).

Some claim the expression, "Going after strange flesh" refers to homosexuality, because it is linked to Sodom and Gomorrah, but even if this was the case the men of Sodom attacked Lot's house with the sole intention of raping and abusing his two guests this is a far cry from men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others, but for whatever biological, medical or scientific reason have an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender.

For further information concerning Sodom, see the title:

- Sodom, on the index of this study, Same Sex Relationships.

**Strange:** comes from the Greek word (*heteros*). From Strong's Concordance it means altered and carries the idea of something being different.

**Fornication:** comes from the Greek word (*ekporneuo*) and (*porneuo*). The word (*ekporneuo*) means to be utterly unchaste (i.e., giving oneself over to sexual immorality and fornication) and the word (*porneuo*) means to act the harlot and indulge in unlawful lust of either sex. Figuratively it means to practice idolatry.

**Flesh:** comes from the Greek word (*sarx*). Strong's Concordance states when the word flesh is used figuratively it refers to the body as opposed to the soul (or spirit). When a person is referred to as being fleshy or of the flesh it carries the idea of them being carnally minded, meaning occupied with physical needs and appetites contrasted to being occupied with spiritual things and intellectual qualities. The expression, "of the flesh" is often used as a symbol of what is external and to human nature with its frailties (physical or moral) and passions.

The two key words in this verse are, "strange and unnatural." The following two things in this verse should be considered:

1. The unnatural flesh the men of Sodom went after was the angels in lots house.
2. The men of Sodom attempted to take them by force with the intent of raping them.

Admittedly there are many heterosexuals today as there was in Lots era who are having sexual relationships with others of the same sex and who are totally given over to lust, some even have sleep over parties where the men and women all jump into the same bed and nothing is taboo. 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 judged and condemned because of heterosexuals who are not only toying with sex and perverting it, but are also able to choose to return to their normal heterosexual relationship anytime they choose.

**Notice:** the people being referred to in Jude:

- Swear and curse against everything they do not understand.
- Abandoned their own integrity for the sake of gain
- Are rebellious and self-serving looking after themselves.
- Grumble, complain and make trouble (malcontent).
- Follow their own sinful desires and passions not caring about others.
- Are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favouritism to gain advantage.
- Reject authority, and blaspheme God's prophets and chosen men (the glorious ones).
- Are worldly and devoid of the Spirit.
- Do not believe in God or His word and deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again to place men and woman who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others, but for whatever biological, medical or scientific reason have been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender seems grossly unfair since they do not fit into the list of offences Jude speaks of.

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## THE SILENCE OF THE BIBLE

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The Bible is silent, in that the Scriptures do not fully address the topic and Jesus and the prophets never talked about men and women who have:

- Been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex
- Are in a loving and caring relationship, devoted to God and the Lord Jesus Christ
- Are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others.
- Are being true to their own nature and sexual orientation.

Concerning this group of people, the Bible seem to be silent, much like it is silent on masturbation, yet phycologists say that a great percentage of men and woman of all ages commonly practice it sometime during their

life and many into their old age, yet the Bible remains silent. With these facts in mind, it seems reasonable to suppose that whenever the Bible does condemn same sex relationships it is referring to heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other. Added to this, they are always pictured in the context of those who deny God are violent and rebellious and in many context worship idols, which hardly fits same sex couples that are living true to their nature and sexual orientation in a committed loving relationship and love the Lord Jesus Christ and do good.

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### **CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT**

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When we reject and condemn to eternal damnation those who love the Lord Jesus Christ purely because they have deeply-rooted and imbedded in their nature, a natural attraction to the same sex gender, for some medical, biological, or genetic reason, which is their natural state of being, we may be in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves, since we all have dwelling within our fallen corrupted bodies our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions and no-one stands before Christ and God's Holiness free of sin, and not one of us is saved without the washing and cleansing power of Christ's blood and God's abundant grace.

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### **THE PERFECT IDEAL**

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It should not surprise us that the Bible appears silent regarding this group of people since the Bible teaches the perfect ideal, (i.e. it is silent on masturbation), yet as many psychologist state that almost every-one practices it at some time and many even into their old age whether non-Christian or Christian male or female, perhaps the great sin of the Christian homosexual community who love Christ and worship God is that there lifestyle is evident, much like a humble person who happens to smoke is often judged as a lesser Christian whereas a person full of pride or lustful thoughts can be considered righteous simply because their sins are hidden.

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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.