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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.

SINS OF THE SPIRIT

Sins of the Spirit are insidious enemies of God, they include, pride, hypocrisy, greed, apathy, jealousy, envy, covertness, self-interest, hate, anger and lust, the list could go on (there are many others). These threaten every Christian and for Jesus to condemn them they must be considered great sins and at least equal to all other sins, which raises the question, "Are there any Christians who can honestly say that they are not guilty of at least one sin of the Spirit at least once every week?" If there are, as Jesus says, let him or her cast the first stone.

Ezekiel, in the following verse, speaks of the various sins of Sodom:

- **Ezekiel 16:49-50** ⁴⁹ Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food (abundance of idleness in KJV), and prosperous ease (fulness of bread in KJV), but did not aid the poor and needy. ⁵⁰ They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

Sodom, was destroyed for its great sinfulness, it is mentioned in the Bible as an example of sin at its worst, some Christians take the story of Sodom as evidence of the sin of homosexuality, but is it right to use this verse, to condemn to eternal damnation those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, but 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.

This verse of Ezekiel is the only verse that gives very clear detail of Sodom's sins which Ezekiel sums up into the following four categories:

1. Pride.
2. Selfish (abundantly prosperous, but did not help the poor and needy).
3. Abominable things before God.

SODOM'S FIRST SIN WAS PRIDE

Sodom's first sin, was pride and its companion, haughtiness. Ezekiel first names the sins of the spirit, which were sins for which Jesus condemned the Pharisees even though they went regularly to worship services and knew their Bible thoroughly and tithed faithfully, Jesus knew their pride and hypocrisy and said such was their great sin, so great they could not get into the Kingdom of God because of it. It was their sins of the Spirit that condemned these people who otherwise were so exemplary. The problem with sins of the Spirit is that most of the time so many of us are

probably not conscious of them. A Christian can go to church and study the Bible and give to the church; they may be pretty good people, but if, like the Pharisees, they are not conscious of their own sins of the Spirit there is a danger of becoming self-righteous, harsh and of lacking compassion and grace toward others, like the Pharisees.

SODOM'S SECOND SIN, WAS SELFISHNESS

Ezekiel says, that the people of Sodom had been blessed with abundance of time and of prosperity, which means they had time and money to help the poor and the needy, but they did neither. These are sins of selfishness, meaning they only wanted to give their time and their money to things that benefited themselves. Both the Old and New Testaments say a lot about helping the poor and those in need, so much so that a godly man once said, "No one will ever get to heaven without a recommendation from the poor."

This raises a question we must all ask ourselves, "How indifferent have I been to the needs of those less fortunate, how much of my time or money have I sacrificed to help the poor and needy, when did I last go out of my way to give food to those who lacked?" It has been said by one godly man, "Maybe our unawareness of selfishness and the lack of helping those less fortunate is one of the greatest sins."

SODOM'S THIRD SIN, WAS ABOMINATION BEFORE GOD

Ezekiel finally says that the people of Sodom did abominations before God, these of course refer to their violent attempt to rape God's angels sent to Lot's house and would also include, the sins of men sexually forcing themselves on others and indulging in sex with many male bed partners. It, is safe to say that no faithful Christian is guilty of raping others or of indulging in loose sex with many bed partners, but what about the other two, the sin of pride and of selfishness, some believe they can go for days without committing any sin, because they haven't committed any crime or gross sin, but those who limit sin to only gross sins or acts of crime have no conscious, awareness or understanding of sins of the Spirit, such as pride and selfishness, which at some level dwell within us all. If Christians could live without sin why did Jesus give them a model prayer that could be prayed every day that included, "Forgive us for our sins?"

- **Luke 11:2-4:** And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

In God's sight we are all sinners and therefore cannot point a finger at anyone else and say, "Sinner?" No-one can ever judge another, persons' sins as worse than their sins. But no Christian deliberately sets about to practice selfishness or pride, whereas, homosexual and Lesbian couples do willingly lie with each other, so the question remains, are those in a committed loving relationship that have been born with a natural attraction to the same sex, or for some medical, biological or genetic influence at a very early age 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 their natural state of being, greater sinners than heterosexuals, in a committed loving relationship, with partners of the opposite sex.

Many Christians without hesitation would immediately say, "Yes." But is the answer as simple as that, when it is considered that the heterosexual couple do not come under this condemnation, because they are being true to their own nature (i.e., their sexual orientation), but so to, are genuine homosexuals and lesbians, which raises the question, is it right to class

such couples as greater sinners than the heterosexual couple, when before God we are all guilty of various sins. Heterosexual men and women are sinners yet they can still be part of the fellowship of the church, so why is it, that men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others but for whatever medical, biological or genetic reason have an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender are considered such great sinners, that they are not even able to be part of church fellowship, especially when they are being true to themselves, and to couple up with a person of the opposite sex, to appease the Christian congregation would mean they are living a life that is not true to themselves and therefore living a life that is not true, before God.

This raises another question, why do heterosexuals judge those in committed loving same sex relationships as worse sinners than they are, when they themselves cannot live before God free from sin? Every heterosexual Christian knows that the only hope of salvation for them comes through the blood of Christ and that without Christ they have no righteousness before God.

With this conviction, is it right to condemn to eternal damnation mature adult Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ are doing no harm to another human are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others but happen to be living true to their own sexual orientation, in a loving committed relationship with another adult of the same sex gender? Especially when we take into account that whenever the Bible condemns same sex relationships it appears to have in focus heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other and is almost always in the context of people who not only deny God, but actually hate him, and are violent and rebellious and in many contexts, worshippers of idols.

WE LOVE THE SINNER, BUT HATE THE SIN

Homosexual men and lesbian woman who love the Lord Jesus Christ hate this statement, for the following reasons. when a heterosexual says to a homosexual person, "We love the sinner but hate the sin; go separate yourself from the partner you love, and then we will welcome you," What they hear is:

- You are sinners and we are not.
- You are great sinners and we are little sinners
- Everyone knows what your great sins are, but ours are hidden, so you need to separate.

This is why homosexual men and lesbian woman in a committed relationship who are living true to their nature (i.e., true to their sexual orientation) who love the Lord Jesus Christ hate this statement, because it implies that they are great sinners and heterosexual people are only little sinners. Many heterosexual church members honestly think that same-gender sex is a worse sin than any they commit so much worse that men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others but for whatever medical, biological or genetic reason have an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex gender cannot be welcomed into heterosexual's churches, but is it right to make such a judgment?

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT

It seems evident that there is a small percentage of the human population who through no fault of their own, are 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 because of this they cannot love a person of the opposite sex, for such a thing would be repulsive and repugnant to them. When these people come to us saying, "they love the Lord Jesus Christ and wish to fellowship with us," are we justified in rejecting them from our church and condemning them to eternal damnation, because they are living in this way, true to their nature, especially when they are breaking no laws and doing good.

Perhaps, we may be in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves, especially when it is taken into account that these men and woman cannot romantically love a person of the opposite sex, for such a thing would be repulsive and repugnant to them, which means to do so would be to live a lie before God. When we consider the following words of Jesus:

- Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her. (John 8:7).

And we recognize that before God we all have sinful aberrations and dysfunctions dwelling in our own fallen corrupted bodies and not one of us can stand before Christ and claim we are 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 are we justified in condemning this group of people? Some will immediately shout, yes, pointing out that Jesus went on to say to the woman:

- Go and sin no more. (John 8:11).

Which raises another big question, clearly the woman caught in adultery was sinning, but is a person that is living true to their own natural sexual orientation and nature sinning? Certainly, they would be if they chose to live with a person of the opposite sex, for that would be contrary to their natural sexual orientation and nature, likewise, it is sin for a heterosexual person to bed a person of the same sex, for such a thing is contrary to their nature.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

In some places in our society, homosexuals are treated with little respect and often met with violent hostility, in other countries even today they are banned from their families, sacked from their jobs, brutally beaten and even put to death. Added to these extreme hardships, due to traditional Christian teaching many of those who love the Lord, are filled with such overwhelming guilt and mental torment that they are driven to suicide, which raises the question, if a person could simply chose to be homosexual or heterosexual, why would any-one choose to be Gay?

Surly, we have to ask ourselves if this was just a matter of simple choice why would they be driven to sitting in absolute depression and despair with a gun in their mouth as Chely Wright and many others like her are rather than simply chose to be heterosexual.

Perhaps a better Christian response would be to show mercy and grace, rather than be so concerned about trying to understand it, especially since there are within the LBGT community those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are living true to their own nature and sexual orientation in a committed loving caring relationship (many who are raising children), breaking no laws and showing kindness to others.

To see Chely Wright testimony, see the title:

- About the Author and Testimonies, on the index of this study, Same Sex Relationships.

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.

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