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**Abusers of Themselves
(1Cor 6:9).**

Same Sex Relationships.

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Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

Teach it, don't demand it: thank you for clicking on 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.

Abusers of Themselves (1Cor 6:9).

The King James Bible says: -

- **1 Corinthians 6:9**⁹ 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 of themselves with mankind,

The Revised Standard Bible says: -

- **1 Corinthians 6:9**⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.

The word abusers: comes from the Greek word (*arsenokoites*) and from Strong's Concordance means a sodomite, an abuser that defiles-self with mankind, in the Revised Standard Bible abusers is translated sexual perverts.

Sexual perverts, is actually two different words. The first word is (*malakos*) which is the singular form of the word (*malakoi*) while the second is (*arsenokoitai*). The following shows how some Bibles have translated (*malakos*) and (*arsenokoitai*).

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The King James Bible.

- Malakos: is translated, effeminate.
- Arsenokoitai: is translated, abusers of themselves with mankind.

New International Bible.

- Malakos: is translated, male prostitutes.
- Arsenokoitai: is translated, homosexual offenders.

New King James Bible.

- Malakos: is translated, homosexuals.
- Arsenokoitai: is translated, Sodomites.

Revised Standard Bible (1952).

- Malakos: is translated, homosexuals.

Revised Standard Bible (1977).

- Malakos: is translated, sexual perverts.

Revised Standard Bible (1989)

- Malakos: is translated, male prostitutes.
- Arsenokoitai: is translated, sodomites.

Jerusalem Bible.

- Malakos: is translated, catamites.
- Arsenokoitai: is translated, sodomites.

In the footnotes of the New American Bible it is written that the Greek word (*catamites*) can be translated as boy prostitutes and refer to boys or young men who were kept for the purposes of prostitution, a practice common in the Greco-Roman world. In Greek mythology this was the function of Ganymede, the "cupbearer of the gods," whose Latin name was Catamus (NAB).

The literal meaning of the word (*malakos*) is soft. The following verses show that (*malakos*) has been used in reference to clothing and in relation to some kind of sexual sin. Jesus said: -

- **Matthew 11:8** ⁸ But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft (*Greek malakos/catamite*) raiment? behold, they that wear soft (*Greek malakos/catamite*) clothing are in kings' houses.

The apostle Paul wrote: -

- **1 Corinthians 6:9** ⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (*Greek malakos/catamite*), nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

In the above list the words surrounding (*malakos*) link it to prostitution and the word (*catamites*) can refer to men taking young boys to sleep with, which means that the original Greek focus was more likely to be upon male-prostitutes or men who take young boys for the purpose of sex which was a common practise amongst the Romans and the Greeks at the time of the New Testament than being upon same sex partners in a committed and loving relationship. The Jerusalem Bible even translates the word (*malakos*) as (*catamites*) and interprets it to mean, a young soft prepubescent pet.

It makes perfect sense that Paul would rebuke a prostitute and also the male-bedder who sleeps with that prostitute. Strong's Concordance also says when the word effeminate is used figuratively, it means a (*catamite*) meaning a boy kept by a man for sexual intercourse, even the LBGT community would say this is grossly wrong.

There was a common practice during the time of Paul in which men would have slave pet boys whom they sexually exploited. These boys were prepubescent and without beards so they seemed like females. Today, this practice is referred to as pederasty.

There is a very real danger, or at least a possibility of being in error when (Matthew 11:8) (1 Corinthians 6:9) is used to dogmatically condemn those 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.

The danger of condemning those amongst this unique group of people that are in a committed loving relationship, based upon (Matthew 11:8) (1 Corinthians 6:9), is that there are so many shades of grey upon the meaning of the original Greek words (*malakos*) and (*catamites*) and both words embrace men who take young boys for the purpose of sex in their original meaning. Even the LBGT community who are in honest same sex relationships condemn these practices.

The general rule of good Bible study, is not to build doctrines on verses that are vague in their meaning as the words (*malakos*) and (*catamites*) are, especially if that doctrine is going to condemn a person to hellfire. Because of the vagueness and lack of clarity of the two words (*malakos*) and (*catamites*) it is possible that those who use (Matthew. 11:8) (1 Corinthians 6:9) to condemn all those in same sex relationships to hellfire may be in danger of reading more into the verses than God and the original Greek writers intended.

For further information see the titles: -

- Effeminate.
- Sodimites.

In Same Sex Relationships (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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.

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