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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.

TESTOSTERONE AND ESTROGEN

Some have thought the cause of homosexuality maybe due to a lack of testosterone in males and estrogen in women, but many studies on testosterone and estrogen have shown that levels of testosterone and estrogen do not differ in homosexuals and heterosexuals negating the idea that that testosterone and estrogen maybe a cause of homosexuality.

PRENATAL HORMONE THEORY

Hormone studies have been done during pregnancy referred to as, "The Prenatal Hormone Theory" these studies claim there is a link between biology and homosexual tendencies. The theory is based on the idea that hormones can affect a foetus in the womb and can influence brain development. This is because the central nervous system, which mediates behaviour and physiological responses, can be heavily affected by the level of hormones present, but biological study of sexual orientation is not without its flaw and has been criticized in the scientific world for reducing the subject to simplistic sides of homosexual and heterosexual behaviour.

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CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL LEARNING

Amongst scientists, psychological and researchers, clergy and health care professions it is widely accepted that childhood experience, social learning, genetic and biological traits influence a person towards certain behaviour characteristics, but to say that childhood experience, social learning, or choice alone are the only factors that determines a person's sexuality is far too simplistic and can only lead to a false conclusion and a lot of unnecessary suffering for the homosexual community. It is uncertain whether or not humans will truly understand the relationship between nature and nurture and the intricate balance of biological or genetic effects and learned cultural behaviour. The evidence about biological theories of homosexuality, does not present a completely convincing conclusion of the researchers' findings, but they do prove that homosexuality cannot be considered to be a purely psychological or behavioural characteristic that is completely devoid of any biological or genetic influence.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND UPBRINGING

Homosexuality in all likelihood is irreversibly established in humans at a very early age (probably by age five). How genetics and environmental factors work together in forging homosexual orientation is unclear since what determines human sexual orientation is far too complex, but it is certain that a genuine homosexual orientation is not a conscious choice. Furthermore, as a phenomena homosexual orientation is the natural state

of being for a minority of human individuals. There is no evidence to suggest that homosexual orientation is caused by a history of childhood molestation or sexual trauma. In addition, research has not supported the idea that upbringing creates a homosexual person, simply because homosexual and heterosexual people come from similar family situations and often one of the brothers or sisters from the same family can be gay while the others remain heterosexual and research on families has consistently invalidated the once popular notion that overbearing mothers or “detached and/or hostile fathers” are both necessary and sufficient causes of homosexuality.

THE CAUSE OF HOMOSEXUALITY AND HETEROSEXUALITY

All research on finding the cause for homosexuality is far from conclusive, and generally generates more questions than it answers, but neither is there any scientific explanation why heterosexuals are attracted to those of the opposite sex. For heterosexuals it is certainly not a choice it is their natural disposition they do not one day choose to be heterosexual they simply are, so why do heterosexuals demand that homosexuals make an impossible choice to be something they are not? Especially since they themselves know that it would be an absolutely impossible task for them to change their own sexual orientation. A heterosexual man or woman could no more make a decision to be attracted to a person of the same sex than a homosexual man or woman can choose to be attracted to a man or woman of the opposite sex. Certainly, there are heterosexual men, who choose to bed another man for various reasons, but his sexual orientation remains heterosexual and should a woman happen to sweep him off of his feet he can easily revert back to his natural sexual orientation.

Likewise, there are heterosexual women, who for various reasons choose to bed another woman, but their sexual orientation remains heterosexual and should the woman become romantically attracted to a man she also can easily revert back to her natural sexual orientation. These men are not homosexuals and the women are not lesbians they are heterosexuals who are choosing to bed another person of the same sex. It would appear that these are the men and women the Bible speaks about when it says, “Women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another (Rom. 1:26-27), because the natural nature of these men and women is heterosexual whereas the natural nature of a homosexual man and a lesbian woman is not. Should a homosexual man or a lesbian woman bed someone of the opposite sex they would be exchanging their natural sexual orientation for what is contrary to their nature.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

In some places in our society homosexuals are treated with little respect and often met with hostility and violence, and in some countries even today are banned from their families, sacked from their jobs, brutally beaten and even put to death. Added to this many who love the Lord Jesus Christ are cast out of the church, others who manage to keep it hidden sufferer enormous guilt and mental torment, because they have been told that they are an offense to God, and even worse some are driven to suicide because of traditional church teaching that condemns them to hell fire so why would any-one choose to be gay?

This raises the question, “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 we should not be so concerned about trying to understand it as we should be about showing mercy and grace especially since there are within the gay and lesbian

community those who, love the Lord Jesus Christ; are established in a committed loving caring relationship; are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others. To see, Chely Wrights testimony select the title:

- About the Author and Testimonies, in the index of these articles.

When we reject and condemn to eternal hell-fire those who are in a caring committed same sex relationship and love the Lord Jesus Christ and do-good, simply because they, 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) they have in their nature a very real sexual orientation that is naturally attracted to people of the same sex gender, which is their natural state of being, we may be in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves for the following three reasons:

1. Whenever the Bible condemns same sex relationships it is very likely it only has heterosexual men and women in focus and it is almost always in the context of rape, sexual abuse, violence and of those who not only deny God, but actually hate him and in many context worship idols.
2. We all have dwelling within our fallen corrupted bodies our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions so not one of us can stand before the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holiness of God and claim we are sin free and not one of us could be saved without the washing and cleansing power of Christ's blood.
3. Everyone who is saved into the global body of Christ is saved solely by God's mercy and God's grace no Christian can say they have made themselves righteous and worthy to be accepted to eternal life by self-effort.

Should anyone think they can be saved by self-effort, good works or by strictly adhering to ceremonial rites and holy days or by keeping religious customs and traditions consider the following words Paul wrote in his letters:

- I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law (or any form of religious self-effort), then Christ died for no purpose (Gal. 2:21).

This means, when a brother or sister in Christ begin to justify themselves through the law and self-effort, they nullify the grace of God and by their actions declare that Christ's death was of no value. Equally as horrific as this Paul states:

- When we forsake grace, we separate ourselves from Christ because it was only by grace that God made us alive in Christ (Gal. 5:4) (Eph. 2:5).

Paul to highlight even more the majestic glory of grace wrote with absolute boldness that:

- It is only by grace that any brother or sister has been saved (Eph. 2:8).

Paul in these verses is shining a brilliant floodlight on the truth that every brother and sister in Christ is saved, solely by faith and by grace and it is not their own doing, but the gift of God. This means that without grace no-one can be united to Christ and whoever is without Christ is separated from God and without God no-one can be saved to eternal life. This means in regards to eternal salvation, Christ, God, grace and faith, are all on an equal par with each other since no-one can be saved to eternal life without any one of them. This is the reason the author in the book of Hebrews spends so many chapters brilliantly and skilfully explaining to the Hebrews that they must stop their sin of trusting in religious works, the Levitical Law and their priesthood to be counted righteous before God and start trusting in the grace of God that is in Christ and in his righteousness to

be saved to eternal life. By extension this means that Christians must stop trusting in attending a church building every week, strictly adhering to ceremonial rites and holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions to be saved. Though the practice of some of these maybe good in themselves they become grossly sinful when believers trust in them for their salvation since not one of them has any power to save to eternal life.

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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