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There is much talk in the media today about homosexuality and same-sex marriages. Sad to say, many in the religious world who claim to be Christians are tolerant of homosexuality and now promote these same-sex marriages. **Any religious body which advocates such immorality is not the church established in the first century by our Lord .**

Have you noticed in recent years the attempt in this nation to label people with moral convictions as intolerant and loveless? Those who are engaged in the sin of homosexuality often employ this tactic. They have apparently convinced themselves and also seek to convince others that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality. This, however, is not true. The Bible deals with homosexuality in a powerful and conclusive way. People who stand firmly where the Bible stands on this subject are far from loveless. In fact, it is love, which compels us to emphatically state that; "Homosexuality Is A Sin." For the world to champion the acceptance of homosexuality as fine and well is one thing. But when people who claim to be Christian are among the cheerleaders of aberrant behavior it causes one to shake one's head in wonder. The truth of the matter is, "Homosexuality Is A Sin." It is sound Bible study and respect for biblical authority, which allows us to prove the truth of this statement.

True love has never been permissive.

Permissiveness comes from apathy, not from love. In 1 John 4:8 these simple words are recorded, "...*God is love.*" The truth of this statement is evident in that, "...*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). God's love is absolute. He loves all of mankind. Because God is love, his desire is for humanity to "*have everlasting life.*" To receive everlasting life, however, there are conditions which must be met. Two of these conditions are belief in God and in Jesus Christ. The question, then, is what does it mean to believe?

Belief in God goes far beyond a simple acknowledgement of who he is. "*You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble*" (James 2:19). Demons acknowledge that God exists, yet demons are not saved. Demons also knew Jesus was the Son of God. "*And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, 'You are the Christ, the Son of God!' And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ*" (Luke 4:41). Again, these demons acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, but they were not saved. Belief, which leads to everlasting life, must incorporate obedience to the will of God.

In 1 John 2:1-6, the New Testament clearly teaches that we know we are in Christ if we keep his commandments. This

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includes “do” commandments and “don’t do” commandments. The Bible clearly teaches that homosexuality is a sin. Look at the following verses and see if that seems to be the case:

“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22)

*“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,** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9,10)*

*“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, 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;” (1 Timothy 1:9,10)*

“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.” (Romans 1:26-27).

Those who are in Christ do not practice homosexuality. One cannot live this lifestyle and force

God to accept it. Some wish to ignore these passages and others deny that they deal with homosexuality, but the truth cannot be changed.

The kingdom of God is not a democracy. Votes can be tabulated by Diocese, Synods, Counsels and the like, but such will not change the will of God. It does not matter how much public opinion is swayed by gay rights groups, homosexuality will always be sinful. Denial and shouts of anger will not change the truth of God’s Word. Friends, it is with sincere love that I tell you that “Homosexuality Is A Sin.” I do not apologize for standing with the Word of God. If apologies are forth coming, they should come from those who care so little for souls that they allow people who are living in sin to think that God will accept it.

If you die as a practicing homosexual, you will lose your soul. Like it or not, God’s Word is the authority by which men must live if they are to be saved (John 12:48; 2 Corinthians 6:9-11). It is impossible to change God’s Word to fit your lifestyle. You must conform your lifestyle to the Word of God (Romans 12:1-2).

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