

Lecture #15: Homosexuality (Part 1) (Lecture Outline: The Biblical View)

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:9-11)

1. Introduction

- a. Homosexuality is listed with other offenses that place the sinner outside the Kingdom of God
- b. Repentance and faith in Christ will remove this sin just like all others
- c. These verses prove a homosexual can be changed and removed from this bondage; anything else:
 - o Denies the sovereignty and wisdom of God in designing men and women
 - o Denies the truth and infallibility of God's word
 - o Makes God out to be irrational by condemning that which cannot be changed
 - o Denies God's grace and mercy in bringing about a new, changed nature
- d. Is this sin any worse than any other? (James 2:10)
- e. Is this an isolated treatment of homosexuality?

2. Biblical References

- a. Genesis 13:13; 18:20; 19:1-13
 - o Men of Sodom sinned greatly against the Lord (13:13)
 - o All the men attempted to rape the visitors (angels that appeared as men)(19:5)
 - o They had no desire to gratify their sexual lusts with Lot's daughters (19:7-9)
 - o Many other ref. to Sodom and Gomorrah as example of extreme wickedness (Deu 29:23; 32:32; Isa
- b. Leviticus 18:22,24-25
 - o Explicit description of homosexual acts
 - o The land itself (besides the sinners) was defiled and punished
 - o This sin is universally condemned - it violates God's design for all of mankind (Gen 2:24)
- c. Leviticus 20:13
 - o Explicit description of homosexual acts
 - o Both parties were to be put to death - their blood is on their own heads (personally responsible)
- d. Judges 19:1-24
 - o Another explicit description of homosexual (in this case bi-sexual) acts
- e. Romans 1:21-32
 - o These verses describe the process of degradation that comes from rejecting God
 - o Graphic depiction of homosexual sin (both men and women)
 - o Description of the manifestation of the wicked nature (traits) associated with homosexuality
- f. 1 Cor 6:9-11
 - o "malakoi" and "arsenokaitai" are rendered "homosexual offenders" in this listing (the passive and active roles, respectively, that homosexuals perform)
 - o Very explicit description, but these sins (just as all others) can be washed by Christ's blood
 - o As other horrible manifestations of the sinful nature can be atoned for and repented of, so can this one - completely

3. Bottom lines:

- a. God's pattern for mankind was established at creation (**Gen 1:27; 5:2**)
- b. A non-practicing homosexual is not acceptable (thought life important to God; it denies the complete transforming power of Christ; it implies a "condition" that is not treatable ("That's the way I am"))
- c. Homosexuality is a choice, not an innate, irreversible condition