

# **HOMOSEXUALITY: SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

The term "homosexual" describes persons with a sexual orientation to their same sex (Webster's Dictionary). In recent years, those who pursue what they call the "gay lifestyle" have not only "come out of the closet", they have increasingly demanded approval and dignity for their chosen practices. Let us look briefly at four claimed basis for this demand.

## **1 - "The Bible does not condemn love relationships between persons of the same sex. It only condemns homosexual acts that are dedicated to a deity."**

Even a cursory reading of the Bible shows this to be a false statement! In Lev. 18:22 we read, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female, it is an abomination (see also Lev. 20:13). In Rom. 1:18-32, the Apostle Paul calls homosexuality "impure," a "dishonoring of ones body," a "dishonorable passion", a "shameless act", and "unnatural."

## **2 - "Homosexuals are only living out the role and identity that God gave them."**

This false claim comes from those who say that homosexuality is biologically caused. Dr. Jeffrey Satinover(1) recently testified before the Massachusetts Senate Committee studying gay marriage. He said that the claims that homosexuality is an innate, genetically-determined condition are not even remotely true. He further said that even a cursory examination of the research on which such claims are made will show the contrary..."the claims are fiction." (NARTH, 4/ 28/'04, p. 1).

Dean Hamer of the National Institutes of Health is the one whose research claimed the existence of a-"gay gene." What has not been so widely reported is a later statement in which he admitted that his original hope to find a simple Mendelian inheritance was not forthcoming. (Ibid.)

Simon LeVay, neuroanatomist at the Salk Institute argued initially on the basis of his study of hypothalamic structures in men which he was convinced demonstrated innate brain differences between homosexuals and heterosexuals. Later he admitted that he did not prove homosexuality is genetic, nor did he find a genetic cause for being gay. (Ibid).

### **3 - "Homosexuality is an unchangeable condition, and claims to the contrary increase the anxiety that such negative public views bring upon homosexuals."**

This is a myth! The Apostle Paul wrote that some of the Christians at Corinth had been homosexuals, but that they had been "washed," and "justified" by Christ (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Go to the Internet and type in HOMOSEXUALITY, and see how many programs and organizations exist to help escape this lifestyle. Various groups report from a 30% to a 70% success rate. See for yourself. \_ .

### **4 - "Christians are Homophobic. They hate homosexuals!"**

Believers who hate or persecute homosexuals are sinning. We are told to be gentle and loving in the process of correcting "all sinners" (Gal. 6:1 ). God loves homosexuals and wants them to be saved (I Tim. 2:4). We are to place special emphasis on the love, grace and mercy of God. The message of God is one of redemption and hope. It is no more difficult for God to save the homosexual than it is the liar or the glutton.

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