

## CENSORSHIP OF OPPOSING VIEWS IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

The gay agenda, in the most cruel discriminatory fashion, censors the testimonies of all ex-gays. They insist that these men and women will always be gay, yet they forbid their stripe in the rainbow. How's that sincere? How's that loving?



Check out the testimony of young men like Michael Glatze, a man idolized by gay activists around the country when he was starting Gay-Straight Alliances clubs in public schools and receiving the Mathew Shepard award from Bill Clinton. He declared he was abandoning the homosexual lifestyle through faith in God. He admitted that he was not born gay, but became gay when, at 13 years of age, his father, in order to punish him for taking his mother's side in a custody dispute, had his friend sodomize him. That's when the temptation to engage in gay sex began for Michael. He said he overcame the temptation to engage in homosexual lust just like anyone can overcome any temptation: trusting in Jesus! He was delivered, went to Bible school, and is married to a woman today.

Do not censor these ex-gays. They testify that homosexuality is sinful and gays can change. Don't believe the lie that you can't change. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Turn from your sin, trust Jesus, and be forgiven today!

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# DOES THE BIBLE JUSTIFY HOMO- SEXUAL- ITY?



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## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?

**"Most U.S. Christian groups grow more accepting of homosexuality."** This was the title of a Pew Research Center report in December of 2016. It reveals a startling statistic. Professing Christians are abandoning the Bible as the standard for morality and justice, a standard that has been the foundation of our freedoms since the founding of our nation.

Homosexual acts are unequivocally condemned in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. This has been the universally accepted position of Jews and Christians for thousands of years, the apostasy of late notwithstanding.

Those curious about what the Bible says about the morality of homosexual sex should look at the issue in the Bible themselves, and not trust their reverends to be honest and objective in their research of Scriptures.

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### "BUT THE BIBLE SAYS TO LOVE EACH OTHER!"

Yes, it does, but it also says sin is always unloving. "Love", First Corinthians 13 says, "rejoices not in lawlessness, but rejoices in the truth." According to Jesus, on the two commandments "Love God" and "love your neighbor" rest "all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40). Sodomizing another man is not loving. Love is not lustful, but is sacrificial and pure. Every single place the Bible speaks of homosexual acts, it is condemned, whereas heterosexual marital romance and intercourse is celebrated. The Bible passages that condemn homosexuality and adultery are evidence that those acts are unloving.

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### "BUT SODOM AND GOMORRAH WERE DESTROYED FOR ATTEMPTED RAPE, NOT FOR HOMOSEXUALITY!"

One of the most devastating judgments God ever sent upon a people anywhere in the Bible occurred at Sodom and Gomorrah, in Genesis 19. God sent fire upon the inhabitants of those cities until they were smoking ruins filled with charred corpses. Why? Because the men surrounded Lot's house and demanded that he send his two guests out to them so they could have sex with them. Of course there were other sins according to Scripture, but this was the last straw. There is the concept of force and coercion here that gay-affirming reverends rightly point out is not the same thing as consensual homosexual relationships.

Since God is holy, sin deprives the people of God's blessing and His presence. God's people are not to tolerate sin, neither in their lives, nor in the lives of those around them. Would it be loving to tolerate your neighbor holding a gun to his own head? Or who gets behind the wheel of his car drunk? No. Love reproves, gently at first, more fervently if necessary, but it doesn't tolerate sin because sin is unloving and harmful.

We are commanded to rebuke and reprove sin, and to lovingly urge sinners to repent and trust in Jesus for forgiveness. "You shall not hate your brother in thine heart: you shall rebuke your neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him" (Leviticus 19:17). "Open rebuke," Proverbs 27:5 says, "is better than secret love."

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### "DOESN'T GOD LOVE EVERYBODY?"

Yes. However, God does not accept everybody. God "accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right" (Acts 10:34). There is no one more loving than Jesus. He suffered, bled, and died on the cross for our sins. He rose from the dead and is alive to give us His Spirit and the help we need to overcome temptation. He longs to give you peace, new life, forgiveness, and a clean slate. His life is the embodiment of love. Yet this loving Savior warned about hell more than anyone. Hell is a place of eternal suffering for those who do not turn from their sin and believe the Gospel, all God's love notwithstanding.

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### "I'M GAY AND I CAN'T CHANGE!"

First Corinthians 6:9-11 says, **"Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who have sex with men, 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."**

Did you catch that? "That is what some of you WERE." In the church at Corinth, there were ex-gays!



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## “BUT MY FEELINGS TELL ME I’M ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX!”

A heterosexual man may feel like cheating on his wife with a prostitute. Should he follow his sexual feelings? Should he leave his pregnant wife and kids when he’s on a business trip for a woman half her age because he feels like it? Or should he do right, keep his promise to her, and subject his feelings to the will of God? Gene Robison, the famed Episcopalian priest who came out as gay in 1986 left his wife and kids! He broke his promise. Trey Pearson, the Everyday Sunday singer who came out as gay in 2016 left his wife and kids to pursue a gay lover. He broke His promise! Following your feelings can lead to broken-hearted wives, fatherless kids, rape, murder, cheating on your taxes, suicide, or even “gay bashing.” Should we follow our feelings? Is that always justified? Or should we do right and please our Creator?

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## “BUT DON’T GAY SEX ACTS OCCUR IN NATURE?”

Yes, same-sex acts do occur in nature. Sheep have been known to have anal sex with other sheep. However, mature male gorillas have been known to have sex with their young. Whitetail deer have been known to gore females with their antlers for refusing intercourse. Sharks may leave gaping bite marks on the female during sex. The female black widow spider eats their mate after sex. Would we appeal to nature to justify similar violent acts among humans? Of course not! Why? Because we’re more than animals. We are, according to the Bible, created in the image of God. We have a conscience; “con” means “with”, and “science” means “knowledge.” Romans 1 and 2 tell us our conscience shows us right from wrong. It is the higher moral standard to which God will hold accountable on a future Judgment Day.

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## “BUT DON’T THOSE OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES CONDEMNING HOMOSEXUALITY AS AN ‘ABOMINATION’ ALSO CONDEMN EATING SHELLFISH AND PORK AS AN ‘ABOMINATION’?”

Leviticus 18:22 and Leviticus 20:13 similarly call homosexual sex “detestable” and an “abomination.” It is true that those passages also condemn eating shellfish, and other things Christians do not consider sin.

However, when we come to Scripture to determine what it says about a subject, we must come to it on its own terms. We can’t redefine a debate opponent’s terms, for example, in a way to twist the outcome in our own favor. That would be dishonest and insincere. How does the Bible handle this apparent contradiction?

According to the New Testament, some commandments in the Old Testament applied only to the Jews. Gentiles (non-Jews) are not obligated to be circumcised, to keep the dietary law and ceremonial cleansing laws, to sacrifice in the temple, etc. The New Testament books of Hebrews and Galatians informs us that some laws were reserved for the Jews, and only then in the Old Testament; in the New Testament they are non-binding. However, the commandments forbidding homosexual acts, adultery, lust, and fornication (sex outside of natural marriage), lying, stealing, and idolatry were obligatory upon all before the law of Moses was given on Mt. Sinai, and are obligatory in the New Testament. These laws are written on our consciences, showing us right from wrong, and making us feel guilty if we sin. First Corinthians 6:9-11 says, for example, that adulterers and homosexuals will not inherit the Kingdom of God. These sins, if unforsaken, will lead the sinner to eternal punishment in hell.

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## “JESUS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT CELEBRATED LOVE AND NEVER CONDEMNS GAYS.”

It is commonly believed that Jesus never condemned homosexuality, but nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus frequently condemned lust in the harshest of terms, as in Matthew 5:28. He picked an example of heterosexual lust – a man lusting after a woman - but those words apply to all forms of lust, whether females lusting after males, homosexual lust, pedophilia, or bestiality. All sexual contact outside of natural marriage is lust. Moreover, Jesus, in Matthew 23, says, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.” This is an affirmation of what the scribes and Pharisees said about God’s law. Well, what were they saying about God’s law? They were saying homosexuality and adultery were not only sins, but crimes!

Jesus described marriage as between one man and one woman. This has been the standard and accepted understanding by Jews and Christians for thousands of years without exception.



The first chapter of Romans in the New Testament is a unique passage in the New Testament on the subject of homosexuality, because it reveals that the sin of homosexuality does not occur in a vacuum, but is at the end of a whole spectrum of sins, beginning with rebellion to God's authority, and ungratefulness. Homosexuals refuse to let God govern their sexual appetite through His law. Verse 26 and 27 specifically deal with the transition of the sinner to homosexuality: "Because of this [the previous unforsaken sins], **God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.**"

Here again is the concept of natural sexual relations vs. unnatural. Homosexuality is unnatural and perverse, an abuse of our sexual faculties. It is "shameful."

Notice how the passage concludes: Gays "receive in themselves the due penalty for their error." This is not referring to the future Judgment Day, where we will all stand before God and given an account for our unforsaken sins. This refers to a penalty "in" the sinner. "Homophobia" often gets a bad rap for the suffering homosexuals endure, whether it is sexually transmitted diseases, psychological maladies, or increased risk of substance abuse and suicide, the "homophobic bigots" are the scape goats. This is a lazy and unkind way to account for the data. It is reasonable, however, to expect that if we use an object contrary to its design – especially something so intrinsically connected to our psyche like our sexual appetites – harm will result. It's in the nature of things. Much of the suffering homosexuals endure in this life from their sexual preference is "receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error." The consequences of unnatural sex acts naturally harm our nature.

It turns out God forbids homosexual behavior for the same reason He forbids lying, stealing, rape, murder, adultery, and every other sin – because He loves us, and wants what's best for us.

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## **"DOESN'T THE BIBLE PROMOTE TOLERANCE, AND LOVING RELATIONSHIPS?"**

Actually, the Bible does not promote tolerance of sin. Jesus taught in Matthew 18, and the Corinthian church was instructed in First Corinthians 5 to kick out those who refused to repent of their sin.

However, this attempted rape was not the only thing that justified God's judgment. If we examine the New Testament's commentary on the destruction of these cities, we learn more about their habits. **"Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire"** (Jude, verse 7). So the destruction of those cities was not just for attempted rape, but for obsession with "fornication", which is sex outside of marriage, and going after "strange flesh." The New International Version translates that latter term as "perversion".

Noah Webster defines perversion as "a turning from what is suitable and appropriate; a diverting from the true intent or object."

To determine if an act is a perversion or abuse of one's natural design, we must determine our natural design. If physicians are to identify "abnormal", they must define "normal". This is a scientific question. Homosexual sexual acts are perversions of our sexual organs because of the nature of our sexual organs. A little reproductive biology is in order: males release sperm, which is designed to enter the womb of a female, and barring pathology and pending reproductive maturity, will bring members of the same species into existence. Women have mammary glands nurtured by pregnancy hormones to feed the newborn. Sexual intimacy and foreplay, described in the Song of Solomon, has this natural intercourse as its climax. There are undeniable designs and natural uses of our reproductive organs. You don't need to read the Bible to know this any more than you need to read the Bible to know  $2 + 2 = 4$  or that the anus is an exit hole. You need go no further than any Human Physiology textbook to determine that homosexual sex is a perversion of nature. Homosexual sex is, biologically, "going after strange flesh." Physiologically, every homosexual is a heterosexual practicing perverse sex, contrary to his or her natural design.

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## **"BUT I WAS BORN GAY. HOW CAN GOD CONDEMN ME FOR THE WAY HE MADE ME?"**

We were not created for sin. Sexual sin is contrary to our design. I Corinthians 6:13 says, "Food for the stomach, and the stomach for food... **The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.**" Revelation 4:11 says you were created to please God, not for sin. Homosexuality is an affront to who God created you to be! His plan is for you to live holy and abstain from lust. **"This is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication"** (I Thessalonians 4:3). 2