

## A Question for Christians Regarding Homosexuality

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According to a 2021 *Pew Research* poll, 63% of adults in the United States identify themselves as “Christians.” So, a *significant majority* of Americans identify as being Christian. However, in recent years, a *large* percentage of people who consider themselves to be “Christian,” have come to view homosexual behavior as *acceptable* behavior... **despite the fact** that the Bible strictly condemns such behavior as being **sinful**! Thus, there is a large group of professing Christians in this country who are either *ignorant* about what God’s Word (the Holy Bible) teaches concerning homosexuality... or who **don’t care** what God’s Word teaches!

Some of the Biblical scriptures which condemn homosexuality will be listed later in this discussion, but let’s first consider some other points.

Jesus Christ said that the Holy Bible is to be our guide! He said that man is to live **by** “every word of God” (Luke 4:4). True Christians use the Bible to help them look at things **from God’s point of view**! If God says that something is sinful, then they *won’t* say, “Well, I look at it like this...”

Only God, in His supreme wisdom, knows the *way* of righteousness. “‘For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ‘For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways **higher** than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts’” (Isa. 55: 8-9). “‘There is a way *that seems right* to a man, But its end *is* the way of death” (Prov. 14:12).

Yes, God knows the way, and the Bible is God’s *revelation* of that way of life! It is the revelation of the *way* of life that God Himself—and Jesus Christ—live. And, it is the way that He commands **us** to live! God’s desire is that we humble ourselves, and have such *deep respect* for His word, that we virtually *tremble* when we read it! “‘But on this *one* will I look; on *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who **trembles** at My word” (Isa. 66:2).

The Bible, very plainly and repeatedly, shows that homosexual acts are sinful! In fact, God says it is an *abomination*! Furthermore, God looks very unfavorably, **not only** on those who *commit* evil deeds, but also on those who **approve** of such things! (Rom. 1:32). God’s word says, “‘Woe to those who call evil good...” (Isa. 5:20). Homosexuality is one important example of where many people have begun calling “evil” “good or acceptable.”

A Christian is to *hate* sin... whether committed by himself or by others (Rom. 12:9). We are to hate sin, but love the sinner! Yes, Christians are to love **all people**... but that doesn’t mean that we are to *approve* of their sinful **behavior**!

With regard to sin, a Christian’s *main* focus should be on overcoming his **own** sins! Nevertheless, we should not be *condoning* the sins of others... such as having the viewpoint that homosexual acts are *not* wrong!

Let's understand this: Homosexual acts are **not greater** sins than other sins. **All** sin is worthy of death!! (Rom. 6:23; James 2:10). Yet, one can be **forgiven** of his sins *through* Jesus Christ. However... and this is what many people *fail* to understand... Christ's sacrifice is **not just automatically applied** to everyone! Rather, there are two *conditions* that a person must fulfill in order for Christ's sacrifice to be applied to the individual: **(1)** You must accept Christ as your personal Savior (John 3:16), and **(2)** you must **repent**—that is, turn **from** your past way of life (Rom. 6: 3-6) and make an unconditional *surrender* to God (Luke 4:4; 22:42) that you will henceforth *strive* (Luke 13:24)—with the help of the Holy Spirit in you—to live in **obedience** to God's word! (Matt. 19: 16-19; 7: 21-23; 13:41-43).

Now, regarding those two *conditions* for Christ's sacrifice to be applied to you, most church-goers *accept* the first condition, but reject the condition of repentance (and what *true* repentance is). Yet, notice the following two scriptures: “**Repent** therefore and be converted, **that** your sins may be blotted out...” (Acts 3:19). “**But if we walk** in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**” (I John 1:7). So, here we see that it is only **IF** we walk in the light—**IF** we “walk in **newness** of life” and are no longer “slaves of sin” (Rom. 6: 4,6)—it is only **then** that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us!

Again, homosexual acts are **not greater** sins than other sins. **All** sin is worthy of death! (Rom. 6:23). *Why*, then, is this article about homosexuality being written?

The reason for this article is because of the fact that in *recent* years, many people who profess to be “Christians” have come to view homosexual behavior as *acceptable* behavior... **despite** the fact that the Bible strictly condemns such behavior as being **sinful!**

## “Born That Way”?

Some scientists and “experts” use data which supposedly shows that homosexuals are “born that way.” Yet, *other* scientists and experts use data showing that homosexuals are **not** “born that way.” How can we know which is true? Actually, the answer is very simple!

“God is love” (I John 4:8). God is **perfect** love... and He is therefore **totally just and fair!** (Acts 10:34; Eph. 6:9). **And, since God is a God of total fairness, how could He possibly deny salvation to homosexuals, if they were, in fact, “born that way”?! He couldn't!!**

**Yet, the following scripture shows that homosexuals will be denied salvation... they will not “inherit the kingdom of God”! And, that very fact proves that homosexuals are NOT “born that way”!**

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor homosexuals**, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God**” (I Cor. 6: 9-11).

Now, in the scripture above, is Paul saying that if anyone commits one of those various acts that God will not allow that person into His Kingdom? No! There is a great deal that could be said about this issue, but let's keep it simple. Paul is **not** saying that a person will be denied salvation as a consequence of committing one of those sins. Paul is **not** speaking of one who is *striving* to live according to God's word, but who *stumbles* and commits sin. Rather, Paul is referring to people who practice these things *as a way of life*... those who *unrepentantly* engage in sinful acts!

With regard to the scripture above, also consider one other important point: We do **not** see professing Christians **approving** of the *other* actions mentioned in that scripture... "fornication, idolatry, adultery theft, covetousness, drunkenness, or extortion." Yet, we **have**, in recent years, begun to see a **great many** professing Christians viewing "homosexuality" as *acceptable* behavior! And, that is *damnable* in God's eyes! Again, God's word says, "Woe to those who call evil good..." (Isa. 5:20; Prov. 17:15).

Yes, scripture plainly shows that homosexuality is **wrong** in God's sight... and it should therefore be wrong in *our* sight!

## Just My Opinion?

Is all this just "my personal view" of how a Christian should view homosexuality? No! The scriptures below show very clearly what the Holy Bible says concerning this issue! This is **God's** viewpoint... not just mine!

## Some NEW Testament Scriptures Condemning Homosexuality:

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor homosexuals**, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God**" (I Cor. 6: 9-10, *NKJV*).

"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, **men with men committing what is shameful**, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as **they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality**, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, un-trustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, **that those who practice such things are deserving of death**, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them**" (Rom. 1: 27-32, *NKJV*).

"We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for **those practicing homosexuality**, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine" (I Tim. 1: 9-10, *NIV*).

## Some OLD Testament Scriptures Condemning Homosexuality:

“Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her. And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD. **You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.** Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion. **‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things;** for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants” (Lev. 18: 20-25, *NKJV*).

**“If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination.** They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them” (Lev. 20:13, *NKJV*).

“And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because **their sin is very grievous**” (Gen. 18:20, *KJV*).

“And there were also **sodomites** in the land: and they did according to all the **abominations** of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel” (I Kings 14:24, *KJV*).

“And he took away the **sodomites** out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made” (I Kings 15:12, *KJV*).

## The Homosexual Agenda

Notice the following discussion from the article “The New ‘Normal’” by Dr. Douglas S. Winnail (*Tomorrow’s World Magazine*, Sept-Oct 2011):

The rise to prominence of homosexuality and same-sex marriage in Western nations did not just “happen” because “its time had come.” Rather, a careful analysis shows that it is a small minority of activists who have driven the issue... their influence has been magnified by a relentless campaign to change the minds of “opinion leaders” in Western society.

About 20 years ago, Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen—two Harvard University-educated homosexual activists—developed a plan to use the power of social marketing and public persuasion tactics to challenge and change fundamental Western views and values. The strategy they mapped out—in an article titled “The Overhauling of Straight America” and in a book, *After the Ball; How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s*—is now commonly known as “the homosexual agenda.” The essence of that agenda is to portray homosexuals as sympathetic victims, to portray as villains those who oppose homosexuality, to redefine homosexual conduct as “normal” and even “desirable”—and to recruit political and financial support to overturn laws that constrain homosexual conduct.

Kirk and Madsen described their agenda as follows: “The campaign we outline in this book, though complex, depends centrally upon a program of *unabashed propaganda*, firmly grounded in long-established principles of psychology and advertising” (*After the Ball*, p. xxviii). At the same time as public health officials were growing concerned about the rampant spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Kirk and Madsen saw AIDS as an incredible public relations opportunity, “How can we maximize the sympathy and minimize the fear? How, given the horrid hand that AIDS has dealt us, can we best play it?” (*ibid.*, p. xxvii).

What we are seeing in America and other Western nations is the *result* of a deliberate attempt to change the perspectives and values of nominally “Christian” peoples—through the power of advertising and persuasion techniques. As Kirk and Madsen wrote, “We mean conversion of the average American’s emotions, mind and will, through a *planned psychological attack*, in the form of propaganda fed to the nation through the media” (*ibid.*, p. 153). This strategy has allowed these radical ideas to gain acceptance in schools, universities, churches, courts and political parties in recent decades.

## Gay Gene?

Now notice this, from the article “What Is Wrong With Same-Sex Marriage?” (Roderick C. Meredith, *Tomorrow’s World Magazine*, July 2013):

One focus of his attack involves the idea of a “gay gene”—part of the inherited makeup of a person supposedly “born” to be a homosexual. However, reputable science not tied to the “gay agenda” has shown that this gene is a **myth**. In his technical paper “Male homosexuality: absence of linkage to microsatellite markers at Xq28,” published in the respected *Science* periodical, clinical neurologist George Rice and his fellow researchers **confirmed** that no connection could be proved between any supposed “gay gene” and a tendency toward homosexual orientation. And, when pressed on the question, even former “gay gene” advocate Dr. Dean Hamer, whose activism first promoted the idea 20 years ago, has admitted, “There **is not** a single master gene that makes people gay.... I don’t think we will ever be able to predict who will be gay” (“Science of Desire,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, April 28, 1995).

Yet the “gay gene” idea—certainly influenced and guided along its path by Satan the devil—even now *continues to be used* by homosexual activists to convince weak-minded people to believe that homosexuals “can’t help themselves.” Certainly, all human experience indicates that people may have a *tendency* toward alcoholism through their family heredity, a *tendency* to be fat or thin, a *tendency* toward violent tempers, etc. But **if** you believe the word of God’s clear statements, you will know that there is absolutely **no way** that the God of the Bible will cause *anyone* at any time to be “born” so that he has to sin—so that he has to go against God’s clear instructions!

## There Is a “Way Out”

There is *good news* for those who wish to come *out* of a homosexual lifestyle! Consider the following discussion from the article “The Plain Truth About Homosexuality!” by Roderick C. Meredith (*Tomorrow’s World Magazine*, Jan. 2008):

In his [carefully researched book, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*], Dr. Satinover describes quite a number of organizations that have had success in helping individuals come out of the homosexual lifestyle and return, more or less, to “normalcy.” Many former homosexuals have since married, had children and have a happy family (*Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, pp. 204–209). Satinover describes one typical group that experiences great success by combining “depth-psychology in a primarily group setting with healing prayer. Participants make an eight-month minimum commitment to a small group, which is focused on sexual redemption in Christ. For individuals who continue on and remain committed to the process for the long haul, Bergner reports success rates of over 80 percent” (p. 204). This is just one of many proofs—as can be verified by medical doctors, psychologists and sociologists who have worked with these groups—that help truly is available to all who want to come out of the homosexual lifestyle!

As for me, personally, I would say to all of you who have been involved in homosexuality: “God really does love you!” God is the Creator of every one of us. All human beings are made in His image...

Certainly, part of “coming out” of homosexuality involves completely turning away from this entire practice and from being involved with those people who may “drag” you right back into it! Scripture tells us, “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:18–20).

Remember, you do not overcome smoking by “hanging around” others who smoke, by keeping cigarettes “handy” in case you wish to take a puff. You should not be making it “easy” to slip right back into your old habit. The same principle applies to homosexuality. For your good, think about this and take action!

... The Spirit of Almighty God has total power to help anyone come out of homosexuality, alcoholism, drug abuse or any other addiction or perversion! As Paul indicated [1 Cor. 6: 9-11], “some” of those Corinthian Christians had been “sodomites,” but they were now “washed and sanctified” by the Spirit of God. Over and over, in many different ways, God’s inspired word tells us that with God’s help, a sincere Christian may overcome any sin. As God inspired the Apostle Paul to tell us, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).