

HOMOSEXUALITY

INTRODUCTION

1. Recently - Southern Baptist Convention - voting ...policy of boycotting Disney
 - ^ Gays at Orlando
 - ^ Ellen - coming out
2. President Clinton - Southern Baptist - supporter of gay rights
3. Religious groups - accepting into membership - ordaining as spiritual leaders
 - ^ conditions of fidelity, commitment, mutuality
4. Pat Donahue debating this issue with gays in Huntsville
5. How do we answer advocates of gay-rights? What does the Bible say?

I. IS HOMOSEXUALITY A GENETIC PROBLEM?

A. GENETICISTS' PUBLICATIONS

1. Some are suggesting to the public - this is a genetic seated choice
 - ^ Your genetic code - inherited trait
2. Is it human behavior or genetics?
 - ^ We live in a world - we choose our behaviour and we are responsible for it
 - ^ No proof of a biological link - homosexuality
 - ^ Not scientifically proven to be traceable to genetic code
3. What about geneticists and rapists and murderers and child abusers
 - ^ Society punishes such
 - ^ Society does not give a license for these acts

B. NOT ACCORDING TO NATURE

1. (Rom 1:26 KJV) "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:"
2. (Rom 1:27 KJV) "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 recompense of their error which was meet."
 - ^ Natural = 5446 phusikos {foo-see-kos'}^α from 5449; TDNT - 9:251,1283; adj
 - α AV - natural 3; 3
 - α 1) produced by nature, inborn 2) agreeable to nature 3) governed by (the instincts of) nature
3. So, the scripture speaks out against it being inherent - a product of the genetic code

II. MORAL LAW AND HOMOSEXUALITY

A. THE PATRIARCHAL LAW

1. Pre-Mosaic
 - ^ (Rom 1:26,27 KJV) "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 recompense of their error which was meet."

^ Setting of this text - speaking of the Gentiles - before Law of Moses

2. The story of Sodom -

^ (Gen 19:4 KJV) "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them."

To know a person carnally - Judges 19:20-25

Gen. 13:13; 18:20; 19:5 see Jude 4-7

B. MOSAIC

1. (Lev 20:13 KJV) "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

2. (Lev 18:22 KJV) "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

C. LAW OF CHRIST

1. Condemned by prohibition against fornication

^ Gal. 5:19 - a work of the flesh - not inherit the kingdom

^ Acts 15:20 - forbid the Gentiles from committing fornication

^ I Cor. 6:18 - flee fornication

^ "prostitution, unchastity, unlawful sexual intercourse

2. A Study of the Marriage laws of the N. T.

^ (1 Cor 7:2 KJV) "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

^ (Mat 19:5 KJV) "And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"

3. (1 Cor 6:9 KJV) "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,"

733 arsenokoites {ar-sen-ok-oy'-tace} from 730 and 2845;; n m

AV - abuser of (one's) self with mankind 1, defile (one's) self with mankind 1; 2

1) one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual

effeminate = 3120 malakos {mal-ak-os'} of uncertain affinity;; adj

AV - soft 3, effeminate 1; 4

1) soft, soft to the touch 2) metaph. in a bad sense 2a) effeminate 2a1) of a catamite

2a2) of a boy kept for homosexual relations with a man 2a3) of a male who submits his

body to unnatural lewdness 2a4) of a male prostitute

* (Seems malakos - used for "soft ... to be like a female rather than prostitute)

III. THE CHRISTIAN AND HOMOSEXUALITY

A. TO PRACTICE IT IS TO BE LOST

1. It is fornication - therefore

^ (1 Cor 6:18 KJV) "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

2. It is a work of the flesh - therefore

(Gal 5:19 KJV) "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness :21 ... that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."
uncleanness = moral impurity...)

3. Is to be an abuser with mankind - therefore

^ (1 Cor 6:9 KJV) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, ... nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

4. It is to be a whoremonger - therefore

^ 4205 pornos {por'-nos}
⊗ from pernemi (to sell, akin to the base of 4097); TDNT - 6:579,918; n m
⊗ AV - fornicator 5, whoremonger 5; 10
⊗ 1) a man who prostitutes his body to another's lust for hire 2) a male prostitute
3) a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator

B. THE DIFFERENCE IN SINS AND CRIMES

1. Keep in mind there are things against God's law but allowed by civil government

^ gambling - Florida lottery
^ prostitution in Las Vegas
^ pornography - on internet - judge ruled this past week
^ divorce for every cause ... marriage many, many times

2. Can practice homosexuality without committing a crime but it is committing a sin!

C. THE DIFFERENCE IN HOMOSEXUAL ORIENTATION AND PRACTICE

1. Sexual orientation = "the direction of sexual feelings or behavior toward members of one's own sex; toward the opposite sex"

2. Studies have not been able to link "Sexual Orientation" with genetics.

3. For sake of argument:

Suppose could be proven sexual orientation is biologically determined!
Such alone would not give the RIGHT to practice homosexuality

4. Homosexual orientation is quite different from homosexual practice

^ One oriented toward rape; molesting children - not justified!

CONCLUSION

1. Homosexuality not originate in genetic code
2. Homosexuality must be examined under the moral code of ethics - Bible is standard
3. Homosexuality is a sin which leads to eternal destruction
4. Convert the homosexual not support him/her in this sin!

(chart)

HOMOSEXUALITY

A GENETIC PROBLEM?

The Genetic Code
Alternate Lifestyle
Human Behavior
Vile Affection
Unnatural

Rom. 1:26
Rom. 1:27

MORAL LAW

Pre-Mosaic
Mosaic
Law of Christ

Gen. 19:4
Lev. 20:13
I Cor. 6:18

TO PRACTICE IT?

Is To Be Lost
"Sins vs. Crimes"
Orientation vs. Practice

Gal. 5:19