

LGBTQ

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be *filled* with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

As Christians we tend to get worked up when we see things that are conflicting with what we believe. Because we believe that God became flesh and sacrificed himself so that we can live in eternity with him in perfection. God loves us individually. So we tend to take offense at the thought of him being offended. I don't want to do that. I want to approach this subject carefully but with all honesty.

First I want to ask a simple question in light of a few facts. And I want to present what God's word has to say about it. We have kicked God out of government, education, our homes and our thoughts. Someone will inevitably say "haven't you ever heard of the separation of Church and State?" to which I must reply, that is not in our constitution. Look it up. Then someone might say we have the "freedom from religion" and my reply is that it says freedom OF religion. Big difference! So my question is, how's it working out? Are we better because of it? Murder and all other violent crime is on the rise. Judges and politicians are letting violent criminals out of prison. We are letting biological males compete in women's sports, not to mention we are letting them use women's restrooms. Mainstream media tells us ball faced lies and a shocking amount of people take it hook line and sinker. An awfully large group of people deny that an unborn baby is a human being. And just to emphasize our insanity I'll point out that we have people eating tide pods and snorting bath salts. So I ask again, how's it working out? I also think "why" is a relevant question. Why does it seem like society is out of control?

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, **Rom 1:27** and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. **Rom 1:28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, **Rom 1:29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, **Rom 1:30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **Rom 1:31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; **Rom 1:32** and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

It all started in the late 60's and into the 70's. Free love and the me generation. People started worshiping at the altar of self. This is the time frame that pornography took off. Both men and women thought of sex as nothing more than a basic human need. They

didn't care what God had to say about the subject as long as they got theirs. This thinking was still present when I was young in the 80's and 90's and still continues today. When Satan gets his hooks into a society he doesn't let go easily. But when you have a sexual revolution, it is inevitable you will have a homosexual revolution. This is exactly what happened in the first century. Emperor Nero is a prime example of what follows a homosexual revolution. Nero saw a young boy that reminded him of his mother. He castrated the boy, married him and sexually abused him. But that was just the beginning of his insanity. He ordered the city of Rome to be burned and he blamed it on the Christians. He would throw Christians in small cages douse them with oil and set them on fire. This is where we get the term "Roman candle" from. Eventually his insanity drove the Roman senate to declare him a public enemy. This is when Nero committed suicide. All of this in just a 13 year reign.

And that plays out in modern statistics. LGBTQ people make up just 1% of our society but their suicide rate is estimated to be as high as 10%. They typically lack emotional fortitude. Why is that? My personal opinion is that they have never been taught that they, as a human being, are created in the image of God. and that is unique in all of God's creation. This is exactly why we should be concerned about them. Instead they have been taught that they are a cosmic accident. Without that understanding there is no meaning or purpose to life. Fulfilling the lust of the flesh would only be natural if you didn't know God and all his grace and mercy. Thus compounding the problem.

So how was western society salvaged in the first century? In large measure it was because of a handful of Godly men. Paul, Barnabus, Luke, John Mark, Timothy, Titus and a few others. But the big player was the Holy Spirit. Those men may not be here today but the Spirit is. We, as Christians pray for God to change society but we put no effort into it ourselves. This is the opposite of God's modus operandi. When Jesus resurrected Lazarus from the dead he had people participate in the process by having them roll away the stone, and again by having them unwrap him from his grave clothes. If God didn't want humanity's participation, then why were there kings, prophets, judges and priests? And why do we currently have preachers, teachers, elders and deacons? It's written "if you do not work, you do not eat." yet we want to have the blessings and benefits of a Christian society without working for it. The first time I asked the world, now I ask the Church "how's this working out?" A dear friend of mine, a brother in Christ and I, had a conversation about the subject of LGBTQ. Because he has a family member that lives this lifestyle, he started engaging in biblical gymnastics to justify it. I understand not wanting a family member to suffer the agony of hell. I worry about members of my own family for other transgressions. But as much as we love them we cannot compromise God's word.

And what does God's word say? **1 Co 6:9** Or 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 ^[m]effeminate, nor homosexuals, **1Co 6:10** nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. **1Co 6:11** Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

In verse 9 it says “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?” Then the apostle Paul makes his list. Out of the first 4, 3 are sexual in nature. And to God idolatry is no different than adultery. I'll touch on that in a moment. first i want to address the word effeminate. I hate doing definitions but in this case i believe it to be necessary. effeminate

- i.* of a catamite
- ii.* of a boy kept for homosexual relations with a man
- iii.* of a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness
- iv.* of a male prostitute

Transgender would eazely meet this definition. As well as drag queens.

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her*? For He says, “THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. **1Co 6:18** Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the ^[m]immoral man sins against his own body.

This is what makes homosexual sin so abomitable. God has called same sex, sex, unnatural. In that relationship you have joined as one flesh. That was reserved for a male female relationship, according to God's word. And even then it is limited to marriage. **1Co 7:1** Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman. **1Co 7:2** But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. **1Co 7:3** The husband must ^[m]fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. **1Co 7:4** The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. **1Co 7:5** Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and ^[m]come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Marriage was given to us by God for many reasons. I believe one of those reasons is so we can understand the concept of faithfulness. If you can imagine your spouse betraying you in adultery, and how that would make you feel, then you can understand how God feels when we sin. That's why Jesus said to the Pharisees, **Mat 16:4** “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a ^[m]sign; and a ^[m]sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.” their lack of faith was adulterous in the eyes of God.

There will be those that call Christians homophobic. But that really isn't true. Because they are made in the image of God and created by God we are concerned about their spiritual well being. But because we are made in the image of God and created by God we must stand on the word of God. **1Co 16:13** Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. **1Co 16:14** Let all that you do be done in love.

no we are not homophobic, but i would say that we are gehenna phobic. Because we do fear an eternal punishment in the fires of hell, separated from God forever. There will be those who will say that we are biggited. But that is a lie. And there will be those who will flat out reject God because of what I have shown you from God's word. Just remember that God is the sovereign ruler of both heaven and earth. His word is law, and our rejection of his law is tantamount to treason. An offense that is punishable by death. But God in all his mercy and grace has given us a way out. His son took our transgressions upon himself and suffered the punishment on our behalf. All you have to do is submit to his authority. **Act 2:38** Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.