

The Sensitive Issue of Homosexuality

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The world may ask, "What's wrong with being transsexual, bisexual, or homosexual? After all, people can't help the way they are born." Do you have a ready answer? This line of reasoning may help you lead the questioner to the truth.

To answer this question, let me ask you another question. Are there such things as moral absolutes? Is there an absolute right and an absolute wrong? Is murder wrong? Is it ever morally okay to murder another human being? Is rape wrong? When would it be morally right to rape a woman? Is pedophilia wrong? If you say these things are absolutely wrong, the next question is, Who *says* that they are wrong? From where do you get this moral compass that determines if something is right, or if it's wrong?

If you leave God and the Ten Commandments out of the picture, you will more than likely say that these practices are wrong because society says they are. It is the majority that rules. If that's what you believe, then you have to concede that what Hitler did was morally okay. He killed eleven million people—six million Jews, and the rest were homosexuals, gypsies, blacks, Jehovah's Witnesses, the mentally and physically handicapped, and anyone else who disagreed with him. Hitler did what he did with the sanction of the German people. He was voted in as the supreme ruler, and what he did was therefore legal. So according to your philosophy what he did wasn't wrong. That's the corner into which we paint ourselves, if we say that morality is determined by the majority. We believe that might is right.

Before 1962, the crime of sodomy was a felony in every state in the U.S., punishable by a long term in prison, often with hard labor. The majority said that sodomy was extremely wrong, but society's perception toward it has radically changed.

The problem with a society that has no moral absolutes is that it predictably slides down a path of degeneration. It doesn't become morally better; it becomes worse. Nazism and pedophilia become the norm, and consequently, the Bible is hated because it condemns any form of immorality. It tells us that there are moral absolutes; that it is always wrong to murder, rape, and commit adultery; and that God will bring to judgment all those who violate those precepts. It seems a statement of their absolute and unchanging nature, that God Himself wrote the Ten Commandments in stone. Then He added that we violate them by mere thought. If we hate someone, we are a murderer; if we lust, we commit adultery in the heart.

I have often said that the city in which I live doesn't really have a smog problem. Each day I walk outside into the fresh morning air, the sky is blue and the air is clean. All around me, though, I can see a brown haze on the horizon—it is the cities around us that have a smog problem. We certainly don't.

But if I get to 10,000 feet in a plane and look down on the area, I can see a brown smog covering the whole of Los Angeles. When I'm in it, I don't see it, but when I'm above it I can see all things clearly. Look now at the smog of sin, from God's high point of view:

The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one. (Psalm 14:2,3)

From our low viewpoint, there are many good people. But when we see it from God's point of view, we see ourselves in truth. Again, in God's eyes adultery is always wrong. Rape is always wrong. Murder is always and absolutely wrong. So is lust, hatred, lying, stealing, greed, ingratitude to God, and blasphemy. All these things are morally wrong, even though society may say that they are acceptable because they have become normal modern human behavior. So, is homosexuality morally wrong in God's eyes? This is God's point of view:

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. (1 Corinthians 6:9,10)

Homosexuals *are* "born that way." We are *all* born with a sinful nature. All of us are born with a propensity to steer into adultery, lying, stealing, fornication, homosexuality, etc. We are born sinners, and that's why we must be "born again." When we are born of the Spirit of God (see John chapter 3) we will have God's normal—desires that please Him.

So, how can you inoffensively tell a homosexual the good news that he can have everlasting life, without offending him? How do you convince him that he must repent of all sin (including his homosexuality) and trust in Jesus alone? The answer is in this verse:

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine. (1 Timothy 1:8–10)

When the Bible speaks here of "the law" it is referring to the Moral Law—the Ten Commandments. This is what Jesus used in Mark 10:17 and Paul used in Romans 2:20 to show sinners the nature of sin. If you take the time to do what Jesus and Paul did, and take a homosexual through the Ten Commandments, you can convince him (with God's help) that he is a sinner—a liar, a thief, and a blasphemer—who is in desperate need of a Savior or he will justly end up in Hell. And you haven't even mentioned homosexuality; and the reason you have done this is because "the law is not made for a righteous person, but...for sodomites..."