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## The "Rationale" of Homosexuality

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When man chooses sin, and then stoops to twisting the Scriptures so that he can rationalize that what he is doing is good and right in the sight of God, he has fallen to the depth of depravity. This is exactly what is happening today; people who want to enjoy the temporal pleasures of sin but do not want to face up to their separation from God, even in this life, are rationalizing that their actions are in accord with God's laws. Those who have fallen to the sin of homosexuality are no exception, for even in this depraved and perverted state, they seek to prove that they have God's blessings.

Webster defines the word "rationalize" as: "to devise plausible explanations for (one's acts, beliefs, etc.), usually in self-deceit." If one is to justify sin by using the Bible, he must cease to be rational. It is not the proper use of reasoning that the "Gay Libbers" use to justify their actions by the Scriptures, but rather the improper use of reasoning (in self-deceit).

Let's take a look at how they twist some of the scriptures to fit their own purposes. The Old Testament law was very clear about the sin of homosexuality. In Leviticus 20:13, the Lord commands: ". . . If a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their

blood shall be upon them." Chapter 18, verse 22, also says that homosexuality is an abomination. To explain these two verses away, the gays explain that God

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desired the children of Israel to increase in number, and so any sex that did not reproduce was considered sin. The most obvious point that they overlook is the fact that the homosexual relationship does not reproduce proves that it is against nature. If this type of relationship is "natural and good," as they would have you to believe, then God would have blessed such with the ability to bear children. They go on to explain that because we have a population problem today, that it is no longer a sin to enter into this type of relationship, which does not bear children. By using the same line of reasoning, one could justify bestiality, which is also condemned in the next verse of Leviticus (18:23); and if that were the case, why did God forbid sex with other members of the family, which would produce children (e.g., mothers, daughters-  
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in-law, aunts, etc.)? It is obvious to the person who is properly using reason, that God intended for sex to be properly used by a male and a female who are married to each other: "He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh." (Matthew 19:4, 5.)

The gay advocates also claim that Jesus had nothing to say about homosexuality, and therefore neither condemned it or condoned it. The above statement that Jesus made, as recorded by Matthew, is all that he had to make! Here Jesus lays down that which is normal and according to God's plan. He has given authority to the male-female marriage relationship, and any other relationship is without God's authority and therefore, is sin.

Another misconception that the gays would have you to believe is that all homosexuals are born that way, in other words, God created them to be "gay," and that he chooses not to change them. First of all, there is no reliable evidence, medical or otherwise, to substantiate that homosexuals are born that way! Such a theory contradicts the Bible and would make God to be the creator of that which he calls sin (abomination). You will notice that in First Corinthians, Paul explains that some of the members of the church at Corinth *were* homosexuals, but they changed! In 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10, 11, Paul states: "Be not deceived: neither fornicators . . . nor effemi-

nate, nor abusers of themselves with men . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God."

It is true that God created us with the ability to become homosexual, he has also given us the ability to be murderers or drunkards; however, we also have the ability to become righteous elders, or the finest Christian wives! Just because God gives us the freedom of choice does not mean that he made us to be what we are, if we choose unrighteousness. The Corinthians are proof that Christ changes even the most base persons!

They have all but ignored what Paul said in Romans 1:24-27 by falsely explaining that Paul was only speaking against the misuse of homosexuality. (They feel that it is perfectly all right for two homosexuals to be married to each other, but that sex outside of that relationship is sin.) Verses 26 and 27 adequately refute this perversion of the truth; Paul states that they had left the *natural*, and chose that which is unnatural. Notice: ". . . the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another. . . ."

Remember that in the beginning, God established that which is normal, i.e., the male-female marriage relationship. (Matthew 19:4-5.) In this text of Romans, you see that homosexuality is unnatural, unseemly, and a dishonor. Also, by stating that this type of sex is unnatural, Paul proves that a person is not born a homosexual. ■

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sponsible for his conduct; the Universalist, that there is no punishment after death; the better informed sinner, who believes the doctrines of revelation, but has never yet complied with requisitions, that he will yet be brought in, though he seems quite contented without; the carnal professor, that he will be made holy, though he seeks not to be better. But the 'hope of the hypocrite shall perish,' saith the Almighty; and 'the hope of the sinners is as the giving up of the ghost,' for as the spirit leaves the body in death, so will all these hopes leave their deluded votaries for ever."

It is the hope that we "have in Jesus, that cheers our lonesome hours, strengthens the weary and heavy laden, dries up the flowing tears of the lonely widow and her disconsolate orphans, brings bread of life to the hungry poor, and enriches them with 'gold tried in the fire:' softens the blows of affliction, hushes the storm of tribulation, pours the balm of love into the wounded spirit, lights the weary pilgrim to the grave, stands as his faithful sentinel till the morning of the resurrection, clothes him with the habiliments of immortality, and introduces him to the marriage supper of the Lamb . . . where he may eat and live for ever." (More to follow.) ■

## To Those Who Serve

To the Bishops of the church of Christ, we extend our deepest love.

For sacrifices that you make, we thank our God above.

You may not know we realize the heartaches that you bear,

When one has drifted from the fold, because he did not care.

A Bishop has no part-time job, no two weeks off with pay,

For when you serve the church of God, it's every hour each day.

So at night before I sleep I kneel and humbly pray,

Oh! Lord, they're men and need your help, walk with them thru each day.

—Tom Parks  
Guthrie, Oklahoma.