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**I. Ministering to Homosexuals**

**A. Remember the key doctrinal teachings on homosexuals (Romans 1:26-28)**

*Romans 1:26-28*

*26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 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. 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,*

**1. Homosexual sin is uniquely distinct from heterosexual sin in that in the homosexual both the desire and the action are sin.**

- a. According to God the Holy Spirit -the desire is *"unnatural"* vs. heterosexual desire which is *"natural"*.
- b. The result are *"indecent acts"* of *"depraved minds"*
- c. In the heterosexual community, sexual intimacy is neither indecent nor depraved if expressed in marriage. This is not true of homosexuality.
- d. The desire of the heterosexual is *"natural"* good, given by God and simply needs to be brought under the control of the Holy Spirit.
- e. The homosexuals very desire is *"unnatural"*, *"degrading"*, *"indecent"* and *"depraved"*. The so-called celibate homosexual is still living in rebellion against God by his desires. He is still a *"homosexual"*, a non-practicing homosexual, true, but still a homosexual and as such still in sin and unrepentant.

**2. Homosexuality is a choice -**

- a. Men: *"abandoned the natural function of the woman"*
- b. Women: *"exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural"*

**3. The homosexual has been given over by God -**

- a. *"God gave them over to degrading passions;"*
- b. *"God gave them over to a depraved mind"*
- c. We must be as cautious when seeking to minister to homosexuals as Moses would be in his relationship with Pharaoh. Both are unrepentant, under God's judgment and given over to their sins.

**4. The Word of God defines both the sin of homosexuality and what qualifies as repentance from homosexuality.**

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

*12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

*13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

a. The Word of God, not the sinner defines both the sin and the sin's origin. Again, not the sinner, but the Word of God.

b. **The testimony of Adam Genesis 3:12**

*"The man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate'."* Does not establish the origin of the sin, the sin, nor the consequences of the sin.

c. **The testimony of Eve Genesis 3:13**

*"Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'."* Does not establish the origin of sin outside of oneself, nor free one from personal responsibility.

d. The testimony of the Homosexual

- that he was born this way - as created by God,
- or that it is as a result of the imputed sin of the fall that he is a homosexual does not establish the "born this way" doctrine. God the Holy Spirit, not Homosexuals define the sin. God the Holy Spirit says that the homosexual was not born that way but rather chose.

5. **The repentant homosexual is not a celibate but rather a heterosexual - "were some of you"**

*1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

*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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.*

*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.*

- a. They were "effeminate" men
- b. They were "homosexuals"
- c. "BUT" they are no longer.
- d. The key word here in addition to the terms of salvation is "sanctified". These men and women have returned to God as Heterosexuals - they are sanctified.

**B. In ministry of evangelism to homosexuals you must bring Creation to the forefront - Both the divine nature of the creation of the historical Adam and the fact that life begins at conception.**

1. God in His sovereignty decreed that there should be two genders and two genders only - male and female.

2. **Creation** and the Historical Adam and Eve is not allegorical but a literal account of the decisions of God concerning the creation of human life.
- a. **Genesis 1:26**  
*26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*
  - b. **Genesis 2:7**  
*7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*
  - c. **Genesis 2:18**  
*18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*
  - d. **Genesis 2:21-23**  
*21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 The man said,  
 " This is now bone of my bones,  
 And flesh of my flesh;  
 She shall be called Woman,  
 Because she was taken out of Man."*
  - e. **Genesis 2:24-25**  
*24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*
  - f. This is affirmed (both the Genesis account and two genders) by God the Son - Jesus Christ  
**Matthew 19:4**  
*4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE ,*
  - g. This is affirmed (both the Genesis account and the two genders) by God the Holy Spirit  
**Ephesians 5:31**  
**31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.**
  - h. What about after the Fall of Man. Can homosexuals argue that the imputed sin of Adam created them as homosexuals?

3. **The Fall of Man** and the resulting imputed sin of Adam does not affect the decisions of God in terms of His creative actions at the point of conception and beyond.
- a. Human life begins male and female at conception – this is a decision by God.
  - b. Whether male or female, God makes this decision in both organs and in desires.
    - 1) Organs  
*Psalms 139:13-14*  
*13 For You formed my inward parts;*  
*You wove me in my mother's womb.*  
*14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;*  
*Wonderful are Your works,*  
*And my soul knows it very well.*
    - 2) Desires  
*Psalms 139:16*  
*16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;*  
*And in Your book were all written*  
*The days that were ordained for me,*  
*When as yet there was not one of them.*
  - c. From the creation of the first Adam and Eve, down through the ages, God has reigned sovereign over the gender of the baby.
    - 1) A child's biological sex (male or female) is determined by the chromosome that the male parent contributes. Males have XY sex chromosomes while females have XX sex chromosomes; the male can contribute the X or Y chromosome, while the female must and can only contribute one of their X chromosomes.
    - 2) A male infant results if the male contributes his Y chromosome.
    - 3) A female infant results if he contributes his X chromosome.
    - 4) Note: the unjust persecution of women/wives over the years for not producing a male baby is of the world, the flesh and the devil. The fact is that the male/husband determines the gender. The statement, "You need to give me a boy this time" can only be said by the wife.
  - d. There exists no homosexual gene or chromosome "Z" or any other proof of the biological status of the homosexual. The homosexual desire is not genetic but rather a choice.
  - e. While the scientific community laughs at Christians for their belief in the historical Adam as unscientific, they at the same time abandon science by announcing that homosexuals are born that way. Christians accept the proven scientific/biological fact of the X & Y Chromosomes as determining the gender of the baby. This is in accordance with the creation of man by God and the decision lies in the hands of God not man.

4. There is a strong apologetical case for the Christian who argues that the Christian view homosexuality as a choice is the compassionate view. This is as contrasted with the cruelty of the evolutionary view that homosexuality is determined at birth.
  - a. In the evolutionary model the highest good is the propagation of the gene pool through the survival of the fittest.
  - b. If this is indeed true then if those who practice homosexuality are truly born that way the onward march of evolution has set them aside for extinction. They are eliminated from the gene pool because they cannot propagate.
  - c. Homosexual genes and as a result, homosexuals, are destined for extinction.
  - d. If the evolutionary model is true then homosexuals should have long since been eliminated from the gene pool.
  - e. If the evolutionary model is true then homosexuals are mutants destined to be eliminated by nature/evolution from the gene pool.
  - f. Christians reject this view of homosexuality. Homosexuality is a choice. Homosexuals are not mutants, rather they have made serious sinful choices from which they can be delivered if they truly repent.

**C. In the ministry of evangelism to homosexuals (which includes repentance from the desire) the Church must deal with the hypocrisy of the Church's response to Heterosexual sin vs. Homosexual sin.**

1. While the church condemns homosexual cross dressing and switching of gender roles it simultaneously turns a blind eye to the same conduct with heterosexual men and women.
  - a. Men with long hair, ponytails, braids are allowed to perform on praise teams.
  - b. The subject of men and hair is not addressed from the pulpit.
  - c. Men with pierced ears, earrings, necklaces and braids are allowed to perform on praise teams, teach Bible studies and serve in leadership roles in the church
  - d. Again, this subject is not addressed from the pulpit.
  - e. Women with shaved heads (all or partial), butch haircuts (hair cut to the point where they may have parts with slicked down hair) are allowed to serve on the praise team and in the education programs.
  - f. Women who dress in an androgynous or masculine styles in denial of their created gender, again are allowed to serve in praise teams and in the church.
  - g. In church gender rolls are lost to many heterosexual congregations as church leaders allows women to fill roles specifically limited to men.
2. Homosexuals are correct when they say that the Church has singled out homosexual sin while ignoring heterosexual sin. Of the ten gender sins, the church has turned a blind eye to the nine heterosexual sins and only exercises church discipline on the 10th – homosexual sin.
  - i. Hair – both long hair for men and shaved or short hair for women in a masculine style..
  - ii. Effeminate Jewelry as worn by men

- iii. Attire – androgynous, genderless dressing by both men and women
  - iv. Fornication – sexual intimacy with a single person
  - v. Abortion – the killing of unborn babies
  - vi. Adultery – sexual intimacy with a married person to whom you are not married
  - vii. Divorce and Remarriage outside the exceptions of Holy Scripture
  - viii. Women and roles in the home and church
  - ix. Divorced and remarried men and roles in the church
  - x. **Homosexual and transgender sins**
3. Though they are correct in pointing out this hypocrisy the Church’s response should not be capitulation in this area as well but rather a return to God’s standard in regards to heterosexual conduct.
- a. Unfortunately, and to its shame the history of the modern church is not to return to the Scriptural standard but rather, at each stage of the nine heterosexual sins of the flesh, the church has compromised and then said “this far but no further”.
  - b. Yet at the next stage the same compromise happens again.
  - c. Many pastors and ministry leaders will protest “Our church/ministry does not condone these nine sins as listed above.” That may be true in terms of lip service, but in terms of church discipline, in terms of denying membership, in terms of withholding communion from the unrepentant, in terms of dealing individually with the sinner, the church protests in word and speech but not in deed and truth.
  - d. The 21st century church, rather than exercising church discipline in the area of heterosexual sins, instead promotes recovery classes. These recovery classes are not designed as entry level classes for the newly saved but rather exist as a resignation to the fact that church members need them.
  - e. The last step, will be to factor in homosexual sin with the same leniency. This final step is all but inevitable given the church’s inability to take a stand on heterosexual sin.
  - f. The beginning of this is seen in the teaching that “celibate” homosexuals should be welcome in the church. The next step is that monogamous homosexuals should be welcome in the church. The final step will be the conclusion that sexual sin is compulsive for heterosexuals as well as homosexuals and we should not be judgmental. It has been for a number of denominations to capitulate in the area of homosexuality than to take a stand on heterosexual sin.
4. Another reason for the churches capitulation in this area is money.
- a. There is only one reason gender specific countries capitulate to the depravity of US and European powers in the area of heterosexual gender roles and homosexual behavior- money.
  - b. There is only one reason gender specific ministries capitulate to the depravity of US and European powers in the area of heterosexual gender roles and homosexuality behavior- money.

- c. Only ministries grounded in the sovereignty of God, the sufficiency of Christ and the authority of the Holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God will be able to stand against the spiritual blackmail of the threat of withholding funds.
- D. As it pertains to the ministry of evangelism and the homosexual - the first application is for the Church and all ministries to return to a high standard of moral excellence for heterosexuals so as to present a witness to homosexuals.**

## II. Ministering to the homosexual

### A. Ministry to homosexuals is exclusively evangelism. Homosexuals are not Christians.

1. God has given over homosexuals to their sin and depravity.  
*Romans 1:24 " Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,"*  
*Romans 1:26 "God gave them over to degrading passions"*  
*Romans 1:28 "God gave them over to a depraved mind"*
2. God will not give over/up a Christian, as He has given over/up homosexuals to sin and depravity.
  - a. *Romans 8:37-39*  
*37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
  - b. *John 10:27-30*  
*27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 " My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 " I and the Father are one."*
3. The Homosexual is under the judgment of God.  
*Romans 1:28 "and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error."*  
*1 Corinthians 6:9-10*  
*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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God*  
*1 Timothy 1:8-11*  
*8 But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.*  
*Leviticus 20:13*

*13' If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.*

4. The Christian is not under God's judgment, Christians need not fear the judgment of God, as do Homosexuals.
  - a. *Romans 8:1*  
*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
  - b. *1 John 4:18*  
*18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.*
5. True, God may and does discipline the Christian but this is for their good and never punitive, but rather redemptive.
  - c. *Hebrews 12:6-10*  
**6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."**  
*7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.*
6. The hallmark of the Homosexual is that the punishment of God has resulted in the homosexual being given over to his sin.
7. The hallmark for the Christian heterosexual is the Discipline of God which brings the Christian back to God and is a sanctifying work in the lives of Christians for their good.
  - a. *Hebrews 12:10-11*  
*10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*
  - b. It is true that God can and does use cataclysmic events to bring His children to repentance.  
*Luke 15:14*  
*14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.*  
*Luke 15:17*  
*17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!*
  - c. God will not entice Christians to sinful acts such as homosexuality to bring men back to God.



*James 1:13-14*

*13 Let no one say when he is tempted, " I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.*

8. Homosexuals are lost, they are depraved, they are under God's judgment, they have been given up by God for the pursuit of their degrading passions and as such are not Christians. As a result the call to repentance, faith in Christ resulting in the new birth and a return to the heterosexual nature is the sole "ministry" to homosexuals  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*  
*17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ ,*  
*he is a new creature;*  
*the old things passed away;*  
*behold, new things have come.*
9. It is a source of shame and embarrassment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century protestant Church that there has been such a devaluing of the Gospel in terms of its transforming power, the power of the cleansing blood of Christ, the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the power of the new and regenerated life, the power of the sanctifying work of the Holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God in both the Gospel and Discipleship that the modern Church does not believe the homosexual can ever truly be a heterosexual.

**B. Evangelistic Ministry to homosexuals should occur outside of church or ministry fellowship**

1. In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the American evangelical church has gotten away with folding non-Christians into the fellowship of the church for the sake of evangelism primarily due to the fact that non-Christians were culturally Christians in terms of their moral outlook.
2. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the non-Christan community is not only blatantly secular but openly depraved.
3. In his depravity the homosexual longs to be loved by men and he will find this in the setting of church fellowship. Men's ministries where men are hugging, clasping hands in prayer and sitting in close proximity in total purity will be a haven for the depraved homosexual who has been invited in and will be treated in this same manner.
4. Church fellowship will not redeem homosexuals but rather it will prove a hunting ground for their depraved lusts.
  - a. The lust of the homosexual is a driving force in his life - *Romans 1:27 "burned in their desire toward one another"*
  - b. The homosexual will be a corrupting influence upon the church or ministry fellowship - *1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals."*
  - c. It is a principle of ministry that

- 1) Intentional ministry ascends – *Luke 6:40*
- 2) Casual fellowship descends – *I Corinthians 15:33*

5. This is especially true but not limited to children's and youth ministry. A church or ministry will not survive the naïve folding of homosexuals and transgenders into their children's and youth ministry than has the secular school program. Parents will no more allow their children to receive Christian education in a depraved atmosphere than they will their secular education.

**C. Men should only Evangelize homosexuals through proclamation in a large group setting**

- 1) This is due to the homosexuals burning desire for men. There must be no emotional intimacy between the homosexual and the one presenting the Gospel.
- 2) A minister, evangelist or any Christian should no more witness and minister to a homosexual on a one-on-one basis than he should knowingly meet one on one with a woman who is burning in her desire to have sex with him.

**D. Senior couples, trained in evangelism and schooled in the depraved nature of the homosexual are the best approach (as long as they are not enablers).**

**E. Love is only expressed in the evangelistic relationship, leading to repentance not to permissiveness and an unscriptural feeling of empathy and understanding.**

The goal of our ministry to Homosexuals is not to create an environment where they feel safe and loved but rather to call them to repentance and faith in Christ resulting in their transformation into Heterosexual Christians.

**F. Evangelism to homosexuals should be carried out in a gender specific manner using gender specific translations of the Holy Scripture.**

1. How can you expect a homosexual to repent from both the desire and the actions of homosexuality when you present the homosexual with a corrupted translation which purposefully confuses gender roles?
2. How can you expect a former repentant homosexual who is now heterosexual, how can he fully embrace his new heterosexuality when the very copy of Holy Scriptures which you have given him to study is corrupted and hides gender specific passages?

**G. Evangelism to homosexuals should be carried out in a gender specific manner by a church which honors and obeys the gender specific roles of home and church.**

1. How can you expect a homosexual to repent of both desire and actions when the church does not present to him an alternative?
2. How can you expect the repentant former homosexual who is now a heterosexual to grow in his or her new gender role and fully embrace his or her heterosexuality when the church does not offer an alternative?

**H. There can be and there must be total repentance and receiving Christ unto the New Birth before the now, born again heterosexual can be admitted into the Church.**

1. From the very beginning the homosexual must understand that this is the goal – his rebirth in Christ resulting in his returning to the heterosexual desires which he laid aside.
2. The ministry of the church will be to the newly reborn heterosexual, not to the celibate homosexual who, though not acting on his depraved nature, is still burning in his desire for men.

*1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

*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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 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.*

3. The homosexual has not repented as long as he is blaming his condition on God. Like Adam who blamed God - “the woman you gave me”; the homosexual to blames God - “the desires you gave me” The homosexual must confess his choices in both the area of desire and action and then repent.
4. The church must face head on the fact that the homosexual has not repented from the depraved nature of his desires simply because he is not acting them out.
5. The problem that naïve youth ministers, church leaders and church members face in seeking to minister one on one to homosexuals is the same problem that currently exists in this same process in the heterosexual community where men minister to women and vice versa on a one on one basis. That being they are on a date.
  - a. You meet together, you buy coffee or a soft drink, you share a meal or snack, you relate intimately over the Word of God opening yourself up as you rarely or if ever have done.
    - 1) If this occurs between two heterosexual males – it is one on one ministry
    - 2) If this occurs between a heterosexual male and female – it is a date
    - 3) If this occurs with a heterosexual male ministering to a homosexual, it may be ministry to the heterosexual but the homosexual is on a date.
  - b. It is almost impossible for a heterosexual man to comprehend the fact that when he meets one on one with a homosexual male, that in the eyes of the homosexual, they are on a date. The same being true of the homosexual female meeting with the heterosexual female.
  - c. The homosexual is lusting, fantasizing and hoping the relationship will evolve into a homosexual encounter. The heterosexual Christian may think that they are ministering, but in reality it is a date.

**I. The ministry to the homosexual is exclusively evangelistic and it is done with total repentance and a return to heterosexuality through new life in Christ as the stated goal. This ministry takes place outside of the church or ministry fellowship**

**activities. This ministry cannot take place on a one to one basis but all ministries must be so organized that the homosexual has no opportunity to expect anything but the Gospel and the call to repentance.**

Next Week: Questions and Answers - please feel free to email me your questions