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The purpose of this publication is not to make you feel good. There are plenty of publications along those lines. So if you're reading this to feel good about yourself you're going to be very, very unhappy.

Our intention is to fire you up, offend you, make you angry, thrust you into action — toward repentance, prayer, and good works. Our purpose is to obey and respond to God's call in these times, much like He commanded the prophet Isaiah:

*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
(Isaiah 58:1)*

We've had enough spinelessness and silence and apathy in the church of God, all in the name of the almighty virtue of tolerance.

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No one can experience the love, mercy, and compassion of Jesus Christ unless they are first shown their sins.

"The first duty of the Gospel preacher is to declare God's Law and show the nature of sin." Martin Luther

Millions are concerned about their salvation, but few Christians are concerned about their personal sin. There was a time when preachers understood better the role of the law. Without the law - there is no sin. Without sin there is no need for a savior! Negate the law and you have just eliminated the need for a savior.

"Before I preach love, mercy, and grace, I must preach sin, law and judgment." John Wesley

He also said, "Preach 90% law and 10% grace."

Today, just the opposite is true. In today's Christianity, you hear 90% grace and very little, if any, obedience to the law of God. Is it any wonder that most people view Christianity as mere hypocrisy?

"They will never accept grace until they tremble before a just and holy law" Charles H. Spurgeon

The constant preaching of "grace only" has caused people to accept Christ as their Savior without experiencing the personal need for change in behavior.

"Evermore the Law must prepare the way for the Gospel; to overlook this in instructing souls is almost certain to result in false hope, the introduction of false standard of Christian experience, and to fill the Church with false converts." Charles Finney

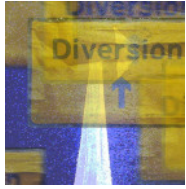
Failure to preach the proper role of the law has led millions down the road to a false conversion, a counterfeit religion. The law reveals what sin is. Without a conviction of sin, one cannot experience the love, mercy, and compassion of Christ.

"The highest service to which a man may attain on earth is to preach the Law of God." John Wycliffe

With today's religion, the law of God has taken a back seat to a "grace only" theology. The price of preaching the law of God leads to small congregations and financial leanness.

*"God, being a perfect God, had to give a perfect law, and the law was given not to save men, but to measure them."
Dwight L. Moody*

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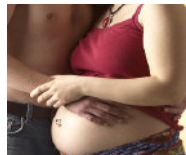


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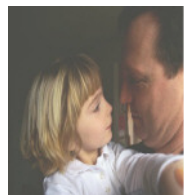
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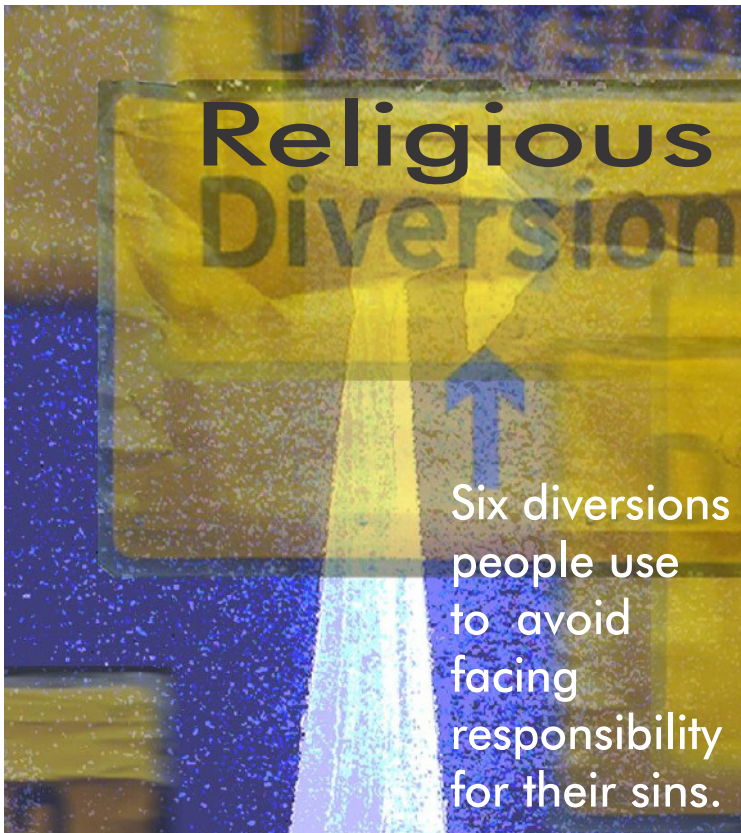


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Over emphasizing the love, mercy, and compassion of Christ:

Sue had an abortion at age 15. At 46 she was a deeply religious woman. On Mother's Day the minister talked about the sanctity of life and the sin of abortion. Afterward, Sue came up to the minister and said, "You don't know how much your message hurt me, you should have talked more about the love, mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ and how He forgives those that have aborted their unborn. Here the diversion is to keep the focus on the love, mercy, and grace and never focus on accepting responsibility for the sin.

Never judge:

John is the typical spineless Christian that you see in the world today. "What do you think about that minister getting caught red handed with a prostitute?" John's response, "The Bible tells me not to judge." Here the diversion is to never see the sin for what it really is. It's the ostrich with it's head in the sand.

Jesus Christ:

The greatest diversion people use for avoiding responsibility for their sins is Jesus Christ. It's using the grace of God as a license to sin. It's an unresolved life of sin and confess, sin and confess.

Compensation:

When one area of life is lacking, you over achieve in another area to make up for the void. Example: Let the church be involved in all

Blame someone else:

Recently there was a study done on obese children in America. The study concluded by saying the reason children are obese is because they have too much homework. In other words if the teachers wouldn't assign so much homework the children could get more exercise. With this diversion we blame someone else for the sin.

Silence the bearer of bad news:

Tommy had been addicted to pornography for as long as he could remember, yet he was deeply involved in religious activity, serving in the church. On one occasion the minister preached against the sin of pornography. After the message, Tommy told the preacher that subjects like that should not be discussed from the pulpit, the church is not the place to discuss sex and politics. The diversion here is to silence anyone who is pointing out the sin.

Today's Fornication Tomorrow's Murder



One boy, one girl, too much testosterone, defenses weakened in a moment of passion. This is an environment ripe for poor decision-making – decisions with potentially long-lasting and severe consequences.

This scene is played out, in some form, many times a day across our land. Young men and women find themselves in a situation where Mom and Dad are not around. No advice at hand, nor any watchful eyes. The pressure to continue the flow of events can be hard to overcome for either party.

This is your decision. It will be made quickly and will depend on the amount (or lack thereof) of previous education, moral principles, and self-discipline.

It's not only the bad boys and indiscreet girls that face this situation. Curiosity, desire, circumstance, and opportunity can formulate in many combinations to put you in this situation without a lot of advance notice.

To many, the solution might be "safe sex" – being equipped with some form of birth control and/or protection from sexually transmitted diseases. But so-called "protection" is not an alternative to a responsible decision.

No form of "protection" is a slam dunk, 100% guarantee. And when you consider the possible life-altering results of your decision, "safe sex" becomes an oxymoron.

Destroying the innocent result of a bad decision does not erase the bad decision. Adding murder to the list of sins does not eradicate the fornication that caused the making of a helpless victim.

God does not forbid you to experience the sensual gratification that sex is intended to provide. However, He does require that you share that experience with a person you have committed yourself to in the sanctity of a marriage covenant. Anything less is sin.

A lifetime of regret is a huge price tag for a few minutes of pleasure.

The sin of abortion to cover the sin of fornication is not the formula for happily-ever-after.

Think about it.

Why do women have abortions?

Feels unready for responsibility

21%

Feels she can't afford baby

21%

Concern for how baby would change her life

16%

Relationship problems

12%

Feels she isn't mature enough

11%

Has all the children she wants

8%

A Woman's Second Chance at Motherhood

It's a well-known fact that many women suffer from mental anxiety for years after they have had an abortion. Some never get over it. The thought of having put to death the life that was developing within themselves is difficult to handle. And while it's less well-known, even some men feel great remorse for having put a woman in such a position.

One has to wonder – is there any hope for the 40 million children who have been aborted in this country since *Roe v. Wade*? Will they ever see the light of day and know the life they were intended to live? Few, including most professing Christians, seem to understand the meaning behind the second resurrection that's mentioned in Chapter 20 of the Book of Revelation:

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. (v. 5)

Who will come up in this resurrection? Could this resurrection include the millions of aborted babies? The innocent unborn who never got their chance at salvation? The ones who were killed, cut off without a cause? Of course it could. That's the kind of God who created us.

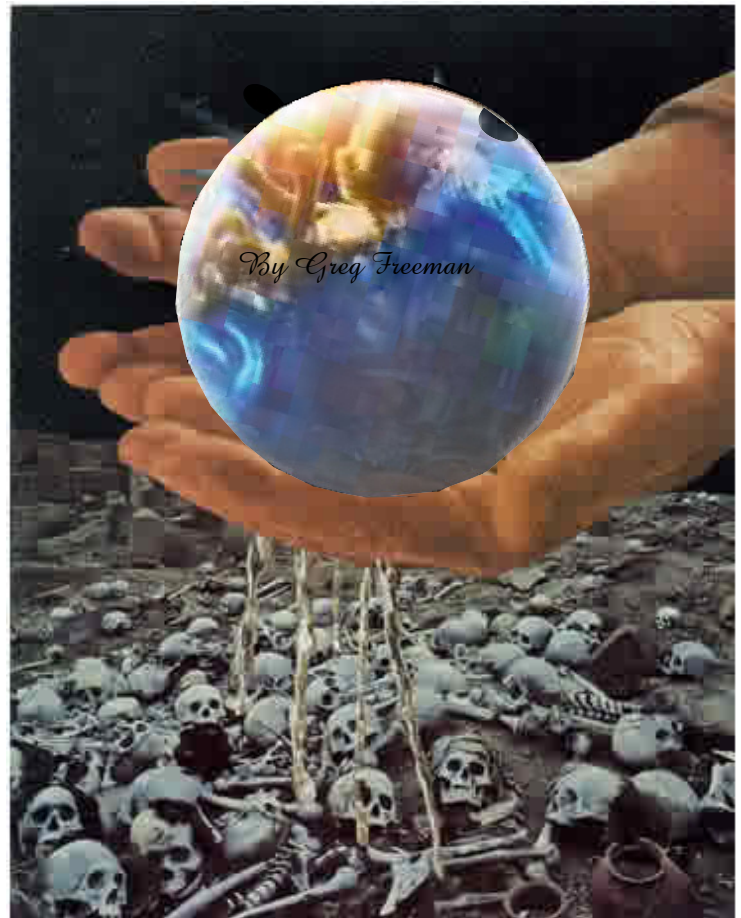
In this life we may never know what potential we have destroyed by allowing abortion to persist. People cry out for cancer cures, for a cure for AIDS. Has anyone bothered to think that maybe the one who could have found these cures has been lost to us through abortion? In the life to come, we will be made painfully aware of the great potential we chose to abort. But there will be another chance.

There's an old spiritual song that goes the leg bones connected to the hip bone. You know it. You've heard it before. Where did the inspiration for that song come from? The book of Ezekiel, in Chapter 37. Read the whole chapter for yourself. Ezekiel comes to a valley full of dried human bones, and the bones start to rattle and shake.

Suddenly they begin to click together, and then sinew starts to wrap around the bones, and then the flesh appears.

Imagine yourself as Ezekiel, standing in this valley of dry bones. Whom would you like to see come alive again? God asked Ezekiel, Son of man, can these bones live? Can God take what seems to be nothing and put it all back together again? The ones we have laid to rest in sorrow, the ones we have destroyed in our ignorance, will the grave ever bring us joy? God answers the question in a very profound way:

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD. Ezek. (37:13-14)



It is a stunning fact to consider the resurrection of the dead. If life begins at the moment of conception, then all 40 million aborted babies will be given a chance at living again! And who would be best fitted to rear these babies? The biological mothers and fathers themselves, of course.

Let's take a time machine into the not-so-distant future. The Kingdom of God is on this earth, perfection reigns, the second resurrection takes place. Whom you perceive to be just an ordinary woman takes you to the biggest orphanage you've ever seen. Room after room, thousands, no millions of precious little babies are lovingly being taken care of. As you walk down the long hall you notice the rooms are alphabetically in order. You come to a room that includes your last name written on the door. The woman who is leading you appears to be angelic, she picks up a child and says, "This one is yours."



One Woman's View

One of my longest-held dreams is to be a mother. I am not unlike many women. Some of us realize our dreams, and some do not. Some have the choice, and choose life. Some do not. Though I have never had an abortion, I have friends who have either had one or caused one. Family members, too. So I speak with some authority, even if it's not as a mother.

I was 13 when the Supreme Court ensured legal abortion by affirming that *Roe v. Wade* protected a woman's right to privacy. I had already been reading *Ms.* magazine for two years. My upbringing was confusing in some ways because it was not firmly rooted in the word of God. I'm not saying that as an excuse, but rather as an explanation.

When I was 14, one of the girls in the neighborhood, a college girl, had to have an abortion because she had been fooling around with a married man. This was the first time it was someone I knew. She looked the same to me after it happened. It wasn't until much later I realized that you can't always see what's going on inside a person.

At college, one of my friends got pregnant and asked me to take her to another city to have an abortion. They didn't do them in our city. I didn't try to talk her out of it, didn't even think of such a thing. It was her choice, I was a proudly liberated woman and was glad to help her.

The next year, I took her again.

Then later that same year, another friend got pregnant by a guy who at first said he wanted to marry her but then locked her out of the house. She was puking with morning sickness when I picked her up to take her to Planned Parenthood. By now it was a familiar place. She never told her parents. It would kill them if they knew, she said. They had such hopes for her to go to medical school. Over the next few months I watched her acne get so bad that she nearly scratched her face off. I should've realized right then that something dreadful was happening inside of her. But I missed it. Abortion was a woman's right, and it was just a glob of cells, wasn't it?

In 1989, while teaching in a prestigious women's college in Atlanta, I marched for a woman's right to choose. By this time I was full-on into Marxism and radical feminism and was a financial supporter of Planned Parenthood. I was highly offended by those milky fundamentalists who lined the streets with their placards, who shouted out their protest of OUR march. We were such militants. So angry. We thought we were so smart, so hip, shouting Hangers are for clothes! What shook me, and still remains with me to this day, was the utter depth of love and compassion

Four thousand years ago the Pharaoh of Egypt commanded that every Hebrew baby boy be cast into the Nile River alive to be killed and eaten by the crocodiles.

The reason? There were just too many of them.

No one knows how many thousands, maybe even millions, of children were killed. Four hundred and thirty years later God's justice was served on the Egyptians. The death angel killed all the firstborn sons of the Egyptians.

It was a heinous crime to throw those Hebrew baby boys into the Nile River to drown and be eaten by crocodiles. It was just as heinous for God to send the death angel to kill off all the Egyptian's firstborn sons.

Why did God do it? Because God is a just God.

Abortion may not look like murder to some, but it looks like murder to our Creator. Murder is wrong, and killing off 40 million unborn children is wrong. If God lets us get away with 40 million abortions, then God is NOT a just God.

It took 430 years for God's justice to be served on the Egyptians for their sins. That's a long time.

God is slow to anger hoping that we will repent and change our way as a nation. How much time do we have left? If we will not change, justice will be served because God is a just God.

What time is it?

that looked at me from those people. It took me years to realize it was Christ.

The next year, I began taking care of a young boy. He was his parents second child, a real sweetie. When they decided to abort their third pregnancy, I was confused. I thought abortion was only for those who couldn't take care of a baby. They had a good stable marriage, solid careers, and healthy kids. Why would they do this? I didn't openly question it, though, as I so very highly valued a woman's right to choose. After the abortion, she contracted hepatitis and nearly died. I remembered as a young girl, she was going to be a missionary.

When I reached the age of 37, still unmarried and childless, I began to wrestle with God. I mean, really wrestle. And I bless Him and thank Him for drawing me to Himself through Jesus Christ and for giving me a chance to really live. To see the horror of what my life had been.

Oh, from the outside it looked like I was successful. I'd put myself through college, had a good job, owned a home, had traveled to Europe and Asia. But I was so desperately empty, and the facts of my life just kept slapping me in the face. I was angry with God, thinking that He was punishing me for having participated in those abortions.

It's a thought that's not uncommon to those who have been through it.

I know it's not true, now. But there are consequences to sin that just have to be lived out. And in time, God does heal the broken parts. The neighborhood girl finished college and went on to be a lawyer, with a string of affairs behind her. She never married. The one college friend ended up marrying a widower and raised his kids; the other married a plastic surgeon, who fixed her face but never gave her any children. The couple who aborted their third pregnancy? They left the state and stopped writing me shortly thereafter. I think it was because I said the word Jesus in a conversation, and it freaked them out.

His name is very, very powerful. And my greatest source of comfort is the knowledge that some day, He will come back and straighten this whole mess out.

But to you, dear reader, I say this: If you can look at the pictures in this issue and still support a woman's right to choose, you are seriously deceived. I ask you to get on your knees and ask God to show you why Satan is called a liar and the father of lies, a murderer from the beginning.

He'll show you the truth.

The Bible No Spin Zone [KJ-GW-RSV]

Ex. 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

John 10:10 ...I am come that they **might have life**, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Ex. 21:22 This is what you must do whenever men fight and injure a pregnant woman so that she gives birth prematurely. If there are no other injuries, the offender must pay whatever fine the court allows the woman's husband to demand. If anyone is injured, the offender must pay a life for a life...

Lev. 17:11 The life of every living thing is in the blood...

Lam. 4:3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

Jer. 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart for my holy purpose.

Deut. 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:



Nothing new under the sun

Thousands of years ago parents would offer their infants as a sacrifice to the heathen god Molech. Sometimes Molech was represented as a horrible idol with fire burning inside so that what was placed in his arms was consumed. Lest the parents should relent, a loud noise was made on drums to hide the screams.



Lifestyles of the Young and the Worthless

By Sandy Jenkins

Think for a moment and consider this: Do you consider yourself as something of value or do you feel as if you are just another animal wandering around in this world searching for whatever pleases you? Are you an entity created by a Being who has endowed you with certain basic rights or have you been granted rights by a group of self-proclaimed, superior beings who, at their whim, can withdraw those rights?

The answer to this is easy to discern. It is the perspective of the answer that causes heated discussion. If you were created in God's image, He endowed you with certain unalienable rights. Among these: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Sound familiar? Our Founding Fathers had this perspective and formed our government based on this idea. If, on the other hand, you believe we evolved from pond scum formed from rain falling on rocks for millions of years, then you must admit that we are no higher a form of life than all the other animals that evolved with us. Live as you please, then die, and that's the end of it. No loss, no gain, no penalty! Just grab what you can get and live it up.

This must be the reasoning of men and women who use each other for pleasure without making any meaningful commitment to each other. They live together, beget other little worthless people without making any commitment to them either. And if things get too hot, just leave! There's no wrong in it. Just one worthless human being dumping another worthless human being so they can be free to run and grab another gold ring of pleasure. Meanwhile, the children of this shack-up see this and assume that this is the way it is, so they grow up and do the same thing.

The results of this mind set are broken homes, broken hearts, and broken children, who, if not murdered in the womb, grow up and produce more broken children. Their parents were unmarried at conception, unmarried at the birth, and probably unacquainted by the time the "little bastard" starts school. Estimates range from one fourth to one third of today's births are born out of wedlock. Bastards. Quit squirming and whining. That's what they are!! If you don't like the title, don't condone production of the product! Speak out against sexual immorality!

SEX

By Greg Freeman

It seems that people are totally unaware of the fact that God invented, designed, and created sex. Now, since God created sex, doesn't it seem reasonable that He would know the best way to use it and experience it? I mean, there is a right use and a wrong use of just about everything I can think of. Take food for instance. God gave us a huge variety of good tasting and nutritional food to eat. He didn't have to give us a huge variety and He didn't have to make it taste so good, BUT is there a right use of food and a wrong use? Of course! The graveyards are full of people who used food in a wrong way. So are the hospitals full of sick people who have misused something good that God gave us. Some doctors and scientists say that 90 to 95 % of bad health, disease, and sickness is diet-related! Wrong use of food could include eating certain animals that God said not to eat (Leviticus 11), eating fats that God said not to eat, eating blood which God forbids, (Leviticus 3:17 & Acts 15:20), eating foods that have been altered so much as to be harmful, and simply eating too much.

But, let's get back to proper relationships and sex. God knows that THE BEST way for sex and a good relationship to work is for a man and a woman to be committed to each other in a marriage. When two people just live together, there is no real commitment. Try to imagine the following (and it may be hard for you to imagine in this world that has been distorted by Satan and man's ideas). This will be from a man's point of view. However, if you're a woman reading this, keep reading. You're a man getting ready to get married and you and your wife to be are not only virgins, but you have never even engaged in any passionate kissing (I told you it might be hard to imagine).

Now wait a minute you might say, am I trying to say that kissing is wrong or a sin? Well no, but I am saying that there is a right use and a wrong use. You see, if you're a man and you are involved in passionate kissing for much longer than a minute you are physically and emotionally going to be ready for the sex act. The woman may or may not be ready at this point. Since men are different than women, they generally respond quicker than women. So here is the problem: Why are you getting ready for something that needs to wait until later? Suppose you invited your best friend , or your favorite relative , or the President of the USA over for a special meal and suppose when they got there and sat down at the table you had already cut off a big piece of the main dish. Suppose the special cake that had been decorated just for your guest had a big chunk taken out of it. Do you think that the special dinner that had been carefully prepared would mean the same to you or your guest? My point is, you don't sit down at the table and smell and salt your food until it is time to eat. If you do sit down at the table it will be harder to resist taking a bite out of the food.

Now let's get back to our imaginary man and woman who are planning to get married. OK, you're both virgins, you haven't kissed except for occasionally on the cheek, and on top of that, you have never even seen a picture of a naked woman. You live in a society where all the women wear clothes that are longer and looser fitting than what you see today. Remember, men are more stimulated by sight, women are more stimulated by what the man says and does. You see, when a man sees a nude woman, a chemical called epinephrine is released into his blood stream. This chemical helps lock that image into his mind. That's what makes pornography so addictive for a man. So when the man and woman in this imaginary story get married and have their wedding night, the man will forever have the woman he loves locked in his mind and memory. It would be a special occasion for both and since, as I said, a man is first and most stimulated by sight, he would have these sexual images locked in

his mind. Because sexual images ARE SO STRONG (especially to men), that is why some struggle with it and why so many have a difficult time resisting its power. Well, God made it powerful so that the man could use it with his wife as something to bless their relationship and keep them together. Unfortunately Satan, the god of this world who deceives the nations (2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:14 & Revelation 12:9), has taken what God meant for good and has used it against mankind.

The best way is always God's way. But because of Satan and man's weakness, everything that God made has been distorted, counterfeited, and misused. Remember, THERE IS A REASON why so many people don't have satisfying and meaningful relationships today. It's called not doing it the best way, GOD'S WAY. It's called sin.

In Search of a Father's Love



To favor one child over another must be the most common sin a parent commits. The father says, I wanted a son; the mother says, I wanted a daughter. But there is no natural control over the situation. It is God who blesses us with our children, whether they be male or female.

The father who doesn't spend special time with his daughter – time to listen, to love, to express emotion, to say “I love you” – is setting his daughter up to live out an ungodly life. Yes, we send our daughters out into the world protected by our love. A girl's first interaction with a man will come through her father. The first man to tell her “I love you” will be her daddy. The first man to kiss her on the cheek will be her father. The first man to give her a hug will be her daddy. The first conversation, the first expression of a man's anger, a man's gentleness, will be learned by the role model we call “father.”

The young girl grows up into a woman. What did she learn about men in those critical years? The young woman who goes through divorce after divorce is not looking for the perfect man, she's looking for a father's love that she

never had. The young woman that enters into one promiscuous relationship after another is not looking for emotional fulfillment – she's in search of a father's love. The lack of a father's love leaves a hole in a woman's heart. The hole represents the place where a compass is supposed to be. We might call it a "love" compass that straightens out all the confusion and directs her to the place of real love.

Numbers 14:18 says, "The LORD is long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." This is a powerful scripture. Are we fathers guilty of sin? Guilty of the sin of favoritism? Guilty of the sin of being a workaholic? What are we fathers creating within our daughters? A hole where love's compass is supposed to be? There's more than one way to be a fool hearted father!

There is nothing more powerful than a father's love. Take the time to express it, and let's create Godly daughters who know where to go to find real love.

Fool Hearted Father



How many fool hearted fathers are there? The father that teaches his son that it's macho to have sex, that "you'll become a man" the first time you have sex, you've got to go out and sow your wild oats, this is what the fool hearted father says. He never considers that there are other fathers in the world, men who have daughters. And the last thing in the world a father wants

is for his daughter to meet a boy who has a fool hearted father. Why is it that men are so slow in maturing when it comes to respect for women? You've heard the expression "dirty old man"? It's simply a reference to an older man who has never learned how to respect the opposite sex.

Think about it, how did your father treat your mother? Was he kind, gentle, loving, full of compassion? Did he open doors, ladies first? Did he defend and protect, was he faithful and only committed to your mother? On the other hand, was he a womanizer, did he fool around, did he treat women as objects? The example a father sets, and more importantly what a father teaches or fails to teach, will cast a boy's heart in stone.

A boy will grow up to respect or disrespect women. It's one or the other. If the father is an absentee father, the son will more than likely have no respect for women. If the father is present, but fails to teach, you will still get the same results, no respect for women. There's only one way a son can learn how to respect a woman and that is to be taught by a father figure. Men, did you have a godly father that taught you how to respect women? If not, realize that it will take years to unlearn the ways of the fool hearted father.

The Bible No Spin Zone [KJ-GW-RSV]

Ex. 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

1Cor. 6:9 Don't you know that wicked people won't inherit the kingdom of God? Stop deceiving yourselves! People who continue to commit sexual sins, who worship false gods, those who commit adultery, homosexuals, or thieves, those who are greedy or drunk, who use abusive language, or who rob people will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Col. 3:5-6 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Mark 10:6-7 But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife...

Ex. 22:16 Whenever a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged to anyone and has sexual intercourse with her, he must pay the bride-price and marry her.

1Thess. 4:3 It is God's will that you keep away from sexual sin as a mark of your devotion to him. Each of you should know that finding a husband or wife for yourself is to be done in a holy and honorable way, not in the passionate, lustful way of people who don't know God.

Pornography

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife



The End of Pornography

How long has pornography existed? As far as I can tell, Sodom and Gomorrah was a triple X rated reality show that was acted out in real life everyday. Truly, there is nothing new under the sun. The genesis and dynamics of pornography is given to us from the pages of the Bible.

There's a story in the Bible of a woman who is caught in the act of adultery, read the entire account for yourself in the book of John chapter 8. Think about the dynamics that make this story. First, you have the faceless pervert, the man who will not accept responsibility for his actions. He was the perpetrator of the crime, using the woman as an object for gratification, but no one can see his face.

Then you have the audience, all men, who get their kicks while imagining what it would have been like if they had been in the shoes of the faceless pervert.

Then you have the woman who is put up for public display and cannot figure out why she can't "get any respect." The dynamics of pornography consist of three very simple things. Let's consider each one.

The faceless pervert – THE MAN

The faceless pervert is the man who desires sexual gratification without commitment, without responsibility. Women are viewed

as objects for sexual gratification. The faceless pervert views a woman as mere body parts.

The audience – ALL MEN

The purchasers of pornography have always been men. Men who view pornography have chosen to view womankind as the lowest class scum of the earth. The woman has no reason for existing other than to fulfill the animalistic desires of man. The woman is viewed as an object that can be discarded and trashed once she has fulfilled her only duty.

The person without self-respect – THE WOMAN

The women of pornography have lost all sense of self-respect. Women of pornography actually think they are ruling and controlling men, like a puppet on a string. A woman's desire for "power over" cannot be underestimated with the sin of pornography. In reality, just the opposite is true, in reality, it is the man that is exercising power over the woman by demanding that she not respect herself. With each disrespectful, degrading act, she digs herself a pit where love for self, and self respect is nonexistent.

You might think of pornography as a monster out of control, and you would be right. In our culture, it is out of control. Pornography has always been a man's problem and pornography will cease to exist when men make the decision to become "real men."

Real men will bring pornography to its end when they start demanding that women respect themselves and will settle for nothing less. Men have never realized the power they have, power to control behaviors by demanding that women respect themselves, instead of taking advantage of them.

Men, could you be just another faceless pervert? It's not just the man who has committed adultery or the porn addict who is a faceless pervert. The faceless pervert is the man who hides from his God-given responsibility and duty. Just like the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery, it was the man who refused to show his face, it was the man who failed to step up to the plate and say, "I'm the reason for all this mess."

The faceless pervert is the man who refuses to use his power – the power that every man has, but fails to use, to demand that every woman respect herself and who will not take "no" for an answer. Pornography will end when "men" decide to become real men!



on her bed. She does her best to keep it in, every muscle in her face tenses, the knot grows larger in her throat. She doesn't even know why, but the tears begin to well, they roll down her cheeks like raindrops on a rosebush. Her mind drifts back to the scent of freshly cut grass on the lawn that dwelt amongst an old, wooden church. She remembers her mother dressing her in an adorable yellow cotton dress. She remembers how her mother held her hand as they knelt down at the pew. She set her pink Precious Memories Bible aside and repeated after her mother.

“Our Father which art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come
thy will be done
on Earth as it is in Heaven
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us of our debts
as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation...”

FLASH

The light from the camera obliterates the studio's mundane appearance. The lens focuses in on a gorgeous woman, a woman with a beauty that, until now, has only been read about in Greek mythology. Her blonde hair falls like silk in front of two beautiful blue eyes. Her delicacy is undeniable, but something is wrong, something that turns the heart if not the head. It's her smile that says "I'm-such-trash-that-I-have-to-take-off-my-clothes-and-let-perverted-old-men-oggle-over-me." "OK, that's a wrap!" the photographer declares.

The young woman slowly slides her clothes back on. Her heart is beating a thousand miles a minute for this is the first time she has exposed herself in such a manner. "What a rush!" she thinks to herself. She feels liberated, the chains have been broken. She feels like a star. She opens the door to the studio and steps out onto the cold, damp street. Her confidence, however, is kept in check when a man with a stubbly face and tattered clothes hobbles by without even giving her a glance. She quickly realizes she is not a star, yet. "Oh, but wait until next month's publication, then everybody will know who I am."

Her keys softly rattle as she unlocks the door to her quaint, one-bedroom apartment. She flicks on the light to her bedroom, throws down her coat, and sits

"Oh, Mama, what have I done? What kind of person have I become?" she laments to herself. She suddenly realizes the rush she had felt, not of something Godly, but of something worldly, a rush of guilt.

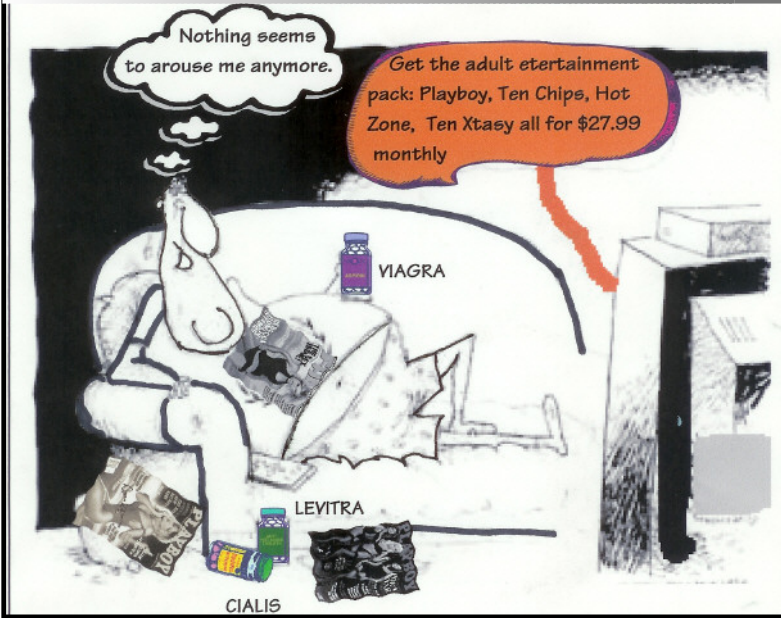
“but deliver us from evil...”

The chains she had been liberated from were not chains at all, but strings of righteousness that dwelt in her conscience and kept her on track.

She eventually cries herself to sleep, and her sobs quietly fade. She slips into a dream. She is taken back to the old country church. She sees her mother, smiling at her, standing next to the very pew where they sat so faithfully every week. Her mother takes her hand and they kneel.

“for thine is the kingdom
power and glory forever, amen.”

Desensitized Hormones



Prescription drugs for male enhancement is at an all time high. No one knows for sure how much money is spent on drugs such as Viagra, Levitra, Cialis, and the like. Advertisers are spending millions of dollars advertising these drugs, and advertisers don't spend that kind of money unless there are consumers.

Why is there such a need for male enhancement drugs? I wonder what men did 100 years ago to arouse the senses? I can clearly understand a physical ailment that would cause such a need for drugs like this, but it seems that consumers for these drugs are men who are getting younger and younger. Is it just the fact that we are consumers of prescription drugs? We're co dependent on a little white, blue, or pink pill. We need a drug to get us up in the morning, a drug to calm our nerves, a drug to get our hormones running, and a drug to make us go to sleep, and all the while the doctors and pharmaceuticals are greatly blessed by our neediness. No, we're not just a nation that is dependent on prescription drugs. There is something more dreadfully wrong.

We live in a culture that obsesses on sex, we are a sexually oriented society. Yet, I keep seeing these ads advertising drugs because men just can't seem to get excited. What's WRONG? It doesn't make sense. A sexually oriented society that constantly obsesses on sex does not produce men who can no longer get excited when it comes to sex. Or does it?

Maybe there's a deeper, spiritual, psychological problem going on inside the male mind. One that is so diabolical, a ruthless killer of sexuality, a virus so cleverly disguised that once you are made aware of its presence, it's much too late. Let's give this diabolical virus a name, we'll call it desensitized hormones. How do hormones become desensitized? Let's consider the male mind. A man's most powerful sex organ is his mind. This is why the scriptures say who ever looks at a woman with lust has already committed the act of adultery in his mind. Another way of

putting it is to say the mind initiates our reality. God only knows how much a man's mind has become desensitized due to the lack of control of the thought processes. Add to this way of thinking an explicit, sexualized culture that constantly obsesses on sex and you end up with a mind that has been desensitized. Once the mind has been desensitized, hormones are sure to follow pursuit.

What is the end of this diabolical attack on intimacy and real love? Imagine a culture where men and women are no longer aroused by the thought of making love. Imagine a culture where artificial insemination is the way to pregnancy by choice. Impossible you say!

Many years ago a wise man by the name of Solomon wrote these words, "Let your fountain be blessed, and enjoy the girl you married when you were young, a loving doe and a graceful deer. Always let her breasts satisfy you. Always be intoxicated with her love" (Proverbs 5:18-19). Why do fools reject simplicity? Is there any way to save our culture from this diabolical virus called desensitized hormones?

NO, but you can save your own marriage. You can have what few seem to experience anymore. What our culture is letting slip through its fingers, you can still have. BE INTOXICATED with each other's LOVE!

The Bible No Spin Zone [KJ-GW-RSV]

Matt. 5:27-28 You have heard that it was said, 'Never commit adultery.' But I can guarantee that whoever looks with lust at a woman has already committed adultery in his heart.

Matt. 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

Ex. 20:17 "... you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Heb. 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous.

Jer. 5:7-9 "... They committed adultery, even though I satisfied their needs. They traveled in crowds to the houses of prostitutes. They are like well-fed stallions that are wild with desire. They neigh for their neighbors' wives. I will punish them for these things," declares the LORD. "I will punish this nation."

A Woman's View of Pornography

I love my Dad, don't get me wrong, and I'm not blaming him for anything. People can only do what they know to do, and if they're not grounded in God's word, that can be some pretty dangerous and destructive stuff.

He tried to keep the pornography to himself, hiding it in his dresser drawer, where he kept his t-shirts. I only knew about it because I was a good helper and put laundry away for my Mom. I remember, maybe I was about 11, seeing *Playboy* for the first time, wondering about this new, strong feeling it gave me, and not being able to get it out of my mind - or my body. Eventually it made its way into my brother's life. This is the point of the story. Sin starts somewhere. Sometimes it's generational - you inherit it. The effects of "soft" pornography around the house, when I was a kid, led to all kinds of trouble for everyone who lived there - parents and children. No one escaped it.

Mom couldn't live up to the images that were portrayed as "desirable" by those magazines, so even if he didn't mean to, my Dad didn't think my Mom was beautiful enough. I remember her bleaching her raven hair so it could be blond, like the September *Playboy* bunny. No matter that she burned her scalp doing it. She was trying to be "beautiful." Eventually she lost heart and turned toward self-destruction, eating her way to nearly twice her normal body weight. She would prove that she wasn't beautiful, mark her word.

Dad didn't keep his marriage bed undefiled, and no amount of time in the confessional helped him. For years I wondered if he had in mind something else that he thought a woman should look like and act like. Those magazines didn't help. They started showing up in more obvious places in the house. It was the seventies, after all. It didn't matter that Mom got up with him at four in the morning to make sure he had a good lunch to take with him to work.

Me? For years I couldn't accept myself because I didn't look "as good" as I knew "I should." I married, at a very young age, a man much older than me who also had a pornography habit. I never was "pretty" enough for him, either, and when you don't have the Lord to lean on or rest your marriage on, you're in trouble. I let the bitterness of divorce take over and watched the door to all other kinds of sin open up - and walked through it, all in the name of what I called "freedom." Wasn't that the whole point of the sexual revolution?

But, my brother, (oh, this is where the story gets really bad) he has been ensnared by pornography all of his life, to the point where he doesn't even know how to relate to a "normal" woman. Oh, it's easy enough for him to go to downtown Phoenix to a strip club and pay

some girl to sit on his lap. He has even tried to "rescue" such girls and has been disappointed when they don't think they're in bondage. At \$500-600 or more per night, the money's good, and they don't have to work very hard. In his desperation for companionship he brought stacks and stacks of filth into his house, each "publication" more vile than the next, from the "soft" to the truly depraved. I know, because I saw it piled around the living room, the old ones put up in boxes, taking up one whole closet, then another. A two-foot mountain in his "guest" bathroom. It got to the point that whenever I went to visit him, I've had to close my eyes and throw a towel over it before I could turn the bathroom light on. You think that sounds funny. Jesus told us we should rather poke out our eye than sin with it. I know how destructive those images are.

Pornography is a terrible pit, it gripped me and formed my sexuality for many years, until I got free of it by the grace of God. Now I pray for my brother, probably not enough. I watch him struggle with what he knows, thinking that wearing a "holy medal" or a crucifix will somehow protect him - it doesn't. Not even if it's 18 carat gold and hanging by a rope chain around his neck. Year after year of his life goes by, because no woman can match up to the "woman of his dreams," the one with the large breasts and long hair and skinny legs who will cook like his Mom and wash his clothes and never speak a crossways word to him. One who is docile in the kitchen but a hellion in the bedroom. These women don't exist except in the minds of those who have been ensnared by pornography. Which is why I know it is of the devil. He is the father of all lies.

The body is good. I am not a prude. I know that if we're diligent to have ourselves filled with the power of God we can have it, and the body becomes the temple of God here on earth. No question that within the marriage bed the body is good. But engaging in sexual activity outside of it, we know God hates it. Pornography tempts everyone toward sex outside of the marriage bed. It is a lie. How terribly it plays on a man, to drag him down to the pit. Oh, how the devil uses pornography to hurt our men. To tempt them to seek outside of their covenant relationships. To present an image of womanhood that is false, one that cannot fulfill or truly please.

John 10:10 tells us that "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy," and believe me, I know the truth of that. The devil has stolen my brother's life, works relentlessly to kill any hope he has of being a husband and father, destroys any health that wants to take root in his mind. Yes, he could have the power to overcome, but he is caught up in it so tightly that all he can do is cry out for help. And being a man, he doesn't feel he can ask for it. Too much pride, I guess. But I hold fast to the second part of that verse, to this promise from Jesus: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Pray for those who are caught up in pornography. Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall on the whole media. Pray, saints.

History of Pornography

The very early images of sexual misconduct were among men who were, shall we say, "gender identity challenged." Harlotry and faggotry themes show up in pornography down through history and are so easily accessible now because of technology. And there has always been a sales aspect to the presentations – illicit sex. Internet porn sites lead to psychological addiction and subsequent sales of the product, just as chemical drugs lead to those addictions and sales. Before the internet made it so easily accessible, it came in the form of "Men's" magazines like *Playboy*, which were kept "under the shelf." Now you can't escape *Cosmopolitan* at the checkout counter, and Heffner is an American icon. Follow the money trail. Harlots and their pimps have a sexual service to sell. The harlots are the ones you see; the pimps are the businessmen in the entertainment and communications industries. Sex sells. It always has. Also, follow the power trail. Queers – male and female – have a lifestyle to sell. As "gay" sexuality is promoted and gradually accepted by the gullible public as art and honest realism, standards of morality are lowered so that practices that were at one time socially taboo are now accepted and even legally protected as allowable and often desirable alternatives. The line between decency and deviancy is blurred and then gone. The front door is opened by the straights and when the room is full, the queers come in the back door.

There is an aspect of the sexual exploitation of women through pornography not often discussed, and it is that the women are the ones doing it to themselves. Look at the parallel paths of the women's rights movement, the growth of blatant promiscuity, and the disintegration of the family. Look, too, at professing Christian Churches who would take a stand against pornography, but do not know how, because they have rejected the basis of morality in their rejection of the Holy Bible as the foundation of ethics. They have allowed themselves to be infiltrated by the very deviates in the pulpits that they wish to protect their children from on the street. They have been softened up with the false Christian concept of "Well, I can't judge anyone." What that really means is that I want to be free of judging myself and I do not want to be responsible. If I allow, then I am allowed. Does Romans 1:32 mention that? How about the next verse, Romans 2:1?

Jimmy Carter, even as a "Born-Again Christian" politician, at least had the honesty to say that he had lusted after women other than his wife. He knew he would receive some political flack from his opponents whom he knew were just like him. But he did not say it was wrong. So who do I think I am kidding if I deny doing the same? When it happens, I am indeed wrong. If sexual temptation was not a real problem, God, Jesus of Nazareth, and Paul would not have addressed it. I feel sorry for the young kids today in this sexually crazy society, especially the boys. They don't stand a chance because there is hardly anyone who will take a stand for what is right, and they desperately need it. Their parents don't know any more, if they ever did. I recently heard a woman tell a joke promoting sexual promiscuity to her

two great granddaughters. She faithfully goes to church every week and probably did not realize what she was doing. I was pleased when nobody laughed.

Sex is not a laughing matter, except that it has been a few times when I was doing it. In reality, how much of married life is spent in sex, compared to drying the dishes? Well, the sex is usually more fun, but then you have not seen me dry dishes. How often is sex associated with love? Here is a society that does not know the difference. I have said that if you make love in the kitchen, you will share sex in the bedroom. And someone said "You do it in the kitchen?" No, no, no. That is not what I said. There is a difference between love and sex. If you do not love

your partner, there will not be sex for long. "Can two walk together unless they be agreed?" Change one word. In lust, there is no love. It is a learned stimulant. In pornography, there is no love. It is an exploitation of stimulants. It is like scratching an itch, and that itch has been promoted and delivered for a reason to do with money or power. We will be and are being exploited by immoral people who know our weaknesses and have a purpose.

The lust should be toward your husband and wife whom you know and love. The love comes first without the sex. But that is not the way we are taught. The sex will take care of itself. Then it really is fun. Any other way it is all a disappointment and after a while a bore and eventually a violation of trust. People become addicted to illicit sex among other things because they do not have what they really need. Illicit sex, including pornography, is full of empty promises and is so stupid and after all it is just plain boring. Don't look at it.





The Adultery Nobody Sees

Matt. 5:28 But I can guarantee that whoever looks with lust at a woman has already committed adultery in his heart.

How faithful are you to your wife? I mean Really? To bring every thought captive is the duty of a real Christian. Yet, this is the most common place those who call themselves Christian come up short. What is going on in your mind. Have you won the victory over the battle of your mind? Or are you a laughing stock at the throne room in heaven, "This perverted sick-o calls himself a Christian." There was a song by Reba McEntire where she asks the question, "Have you ever cheated on me?" and he said, "Yes, but it was only in my mind." So what's the big deal? The big deal is we have been weighed in the balances and are **found wanting**.

A man can have all the benefits of the blessing of God, a wonderful wife, a happy home, children, money, and material possessions and still not be satisfied. The sick mind searches for and desires that which is forbidden. The grass is always greener on the other side. It's the adultery that nobody sees. It doesn't help that our culture obsesses on sex constantly. Sex sells, and

advertisers know this. Pornography is a million dollar industry. The average viewer of internet pornography are boys ages twelve to seventeen. Curiosity killed the cat and one moment of curiosity can send a young man's mind down the road of self destruction. But hey, it's just a fantasy, nobody knows about it, it's the adultery that nobody sees.

This is not just a man's problem. I have often viewed the Soaps as women's pornography. Men are visually turned on by what they see, women are turned on by romance and touch. The Soaps portray the best dressed man who is always there 24 hours a day to romance his woman and meet all of her emotional needs. The Soaps portray a fantasy that could never be in real life and there's the catch, "real life." How many men and women live their life in real time, where we make the most of our God given talents and energy? The adultery that nobody sees involves taking our minds out of real time and engaging it in a fantasy that dishonors God and wastes our most important commodity, TIME. But what is the real danger? The danger is this, "Fantasy is reality in the making."

The mind is a terrible thing to waste. The adultery that nobody sees is a lie. God sees it! When will we cross that line in the sand? Confessing that we're Christian can be just so much spiritual gas. We judge ourselves by our intentions, God judges us by what goes on in our minds. Are you a real Christian that has crossed that line in the sand and has made a stand with God? Or are you a Christian that is still hiding behind the veil acting out your sinful fantasy while under the illusion that nobody sees?

1Cor. 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both **will bring to light** the hidden things of darkness, and **will** make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Homosexuality

Lev. 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.

The mind: God has given mankind a mind that differs from all other creatures, and has made him a free moral agent! The mind is defined as the heart of mankind, which includes not only the motives, feelings, affections, and desires, but also the will, the aims, the principles, the thoughts, and the intellect of man.

The mind is quite an intricate arrangement wrapped with a skull to protect it. Why does this beautiful piece of workmanship only think of evil continually? When God created mankind, He did it in His own image! We were God like from the start, but the whispering enchanter came on the scene and painted such a beautiful picture that all man had to do was disobey God and in so doing he would be like God himself! Man's first and greatest mistake was to disobey God. From that point God fixed it so that man had to think for himself and make his own way in life. Ironically, man had to be destroyed because he made the wrong choices continually, hence the flood.

You would think that this in itself would be the example that would make this mind of man see the light. But not so; man has continually wanted no part of God except when the trouble gets so tough that he can't control it himself, then reluctantly, he calls for God's help.

Nothing has changed down through time "because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:21-22). This captures the mind of man. God has shown mankind his displeasure for the way that all humanity has lived and are living their lives, by allowing tragedies, disaster, famine, and diseases that man can't find a cure for, and even if they do there will arise one

that they can't find that cure for! When will the evil mind of man realize that it is man who brings these horrible things upon himself?

Now continuing on in Romans we will see how God feels about this evil that man continues to do! "And have changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the

LUSTS of their own HEARTS, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves" (1:23-24). The term "God gave them up" does not mean that God approved as many homosexuals think; it means they are now the property of Satan the devil, until they repent! "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the

creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. For this cause God gave them up into vile affections for even their women did change their natural use into that which was against nature" (1:25-26). What did God make a woman for anyway, was it to be a SEX object to a man, or to be able to reproduce after their kind? In the beginning God created male and female and told them to multiply and replenish the earth. Can two males multiply, or two females, can they multiply? To the evil mind, this is a moot question! It's like opening up Pandora's Box, what will this evil mind come up with next?

Let's go back to Romans: "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one for another, men with men working that

which is unseemly, and RECEIVING IN THEMSELVES THAT RECOMPENSE OF THEIR ERROR WHICH IS FITTING" (1:27). That recompense is the diseases that arise from such unnatural acts.

There can hardly be a subject that is clearer from God's Word than that of homosexuality. God's view of homosexuality is not distorted, confused, or antiquated. If there is still any question, it may be because of the reprobate mind, a mind void of judgment, a mind ruled by Satan, the whispering enchanter! No one can be a homosexual and a Christian, too – you are either one or the other!



Is Homosexuality a Worse Sin Than Others?



No doubt, a lot of people would say yes to the above question. After all, it is referred to as an abomination in the Bible in Leviticus 18:22. However, there are lots of other things that are also listed as an abomination to the God who created this earth and mankind. Eating certain foods, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness, one who sows discord among brethren, a false scale or balance, charging interest, and oppressing the poor and needy are some of the things listed as an abomination to the great Creator God.

So on the one hand, ANY SIN, whether listed as an abomination or not, no matter how small or big, if not repented of and covered by the blood of Jesus Christ, will get you the death penalty of the second death. So in that sense, ALL SINS are equal. BUT, if the question is, "Are there different CONSEQUENCES for different sins in this life?" then the answer would have to be YES! The consequences for shoplifting are not the same as those for armed robbery. Some of the consequences of homosexual behavior are quite serious, such as a much higher risk of disease, higher rates of suicide, and much shorter life spans.

Now some people may say, "What about the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah that God destroyed? Wasn't that because of homosexuality being a worse sin?" Well, not exactly. The reasons God destroyed those two cities are found in Ezekiel 16:49-50. They are listed as: pride, fullness of food, abundance of idleness, and neither did they strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. Then verse 50 says, "And they were haughty and committed abominations before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit." Did you notice that a lot of the things listed are some of the same things listed above that are considered

abominations? You can't help but notice that the things listed in Ezekiel don't seem to be that bad in themselves. They had a lot of food and an abundance of idleness. Sounds a lot like the United States of America today!

However, it started with pride. Pride says, "I don't need you, God, I can get along fine without you." Pride says, "Look what I HAVE DONE." Perhaps the beginning of all sin is pride. These people had FORGOTTEN GOD and when that happens you start down a road that leads to all sins being accepted and practiced. The OPEN ACCEPTANCE of homosexual practice is usually one of the last sins to be done as a society begins to fall apart, which means that if you find a society that does accept and practice homosexuality, you can be sure that just about EVERY OTHER SIN HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND IS BEING DONE! So it wasn't just because of homosexuality, or that homosexuality is a worse sin, that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. It was because of ALL THEIR SINS, which included homosexuality, the last sin to be accepted.

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Lev. 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.

Lev. 20:13 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.

Rom. 1:26-27 For this reason God allowed their shameful passions to control them. Their women have exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. Likewise, their men have given up natural sexual relations with women and burn with lust for each other. Men commit indecent acts with men, so they experience among themselves the punishment they deserve for their perversion.

1 Cor. 6:9-10 Don't you know that wicked people won't inherit the kingdom of God? Stop deceiving yourselves! People who continue to commit sexual sins, who worship false gods, those who commit adultery, homosexuals, or thieves, those who are greedy or drunk, who use abusive language, or who rob people will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:6-7 But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife...

How willing must one be to allow himself to be deceived about the Bible's stance on homosexuality? Scripture is crystal clear on this subject. There may be some room for confusion on how the church is to deal with individual homosexuals, but God's stance on the issue of homosexuality leaves no room for confusion.

It is an abomination

Leviticus 18:22 *Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.*

Clearly God declares that acts of homosexuality are an abomination. The death of Christ for our sins does not change this fact. This sin is still an abomination.

It is ungodly

2 Peter 2:6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly. Sodom was not only given to violence but was also a place where homosexuality thrived. Clearly the association Sodom had with homosexuality lent itself to be labeled "ungodly".*

It is going after "strange" flesh

Jude 7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after **strange flesh**, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

"Strange flesh," as the Bible states it, indicates that the homosexual lifestyle is not natural, and according to scripture, practicing, unrepentant homosexuals will suffer the vengeance of eternal fire!

It is dishonorable, vile, unseemly, unnatural

Romans 1:24-28 *Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to vile affections; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 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 unseemly 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...Look at the preceding list of underlined words. This is how the word of God describes homosexuality. It is actually quite remarkable that there are professed Christians which are deceived by some and are not appalled at this sin. They rather seek to appease

society and the sinner and defend this sin. Verse 32 reveals this would happen. "Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

It makes you unrighteous

1 Corinthians 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves...shall inherit the Kingdom. Homosexuals are considered unrighteous and will not, along with all unrepentant sinners, make it into the kingdom of God.*



Let Me Be Deceived

It is contrary to sound doctrine

1 Timothy 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind (sodomites), for kidnappers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine...It is more than unfortunate that we have professing believers teaching that homosexuality is something that should be tolerated because it is "how they were born" and others say we are to be tolerant of others' "freedom in Christ". Yet the scriptures state that sexual immorality of all forms, including homosexuality, is AGAINST SOUND DOCTRINE!

Genesis 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before Jehovah, exceedingly so. And Genesis 19:1-28 shows us they were bold, cocky, daring, in the open, showing no shame nor restraint. As with **all sin**, homosexuality is incompatible with discipleship of Christ according to the word of God!

What about the fact that we are under grace in Christ, would this confuse the issue?

Romans 6:1,2 What then will we say? Do we continue in sin so that grace shall abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer there in? God did not create homosexuality, as Satan has been able to deceive and pervert in many ways. Events happen in individual lives that cause people to sin and to go astray. Homosexual acts are a perversion of God's intention for sexual activity. God's glorious grace does not allow for the Christian to continue in sin. God intended sex for procreation (Genesis 1:27,28 Genesis 4:1) and as a special bond between husband and wife (Ephesians 5:31, 1 Corinthians 6:16).

Can a tiger change his stripes?

Proverbs 14:2 He that walks in his uprightness fears the LORD but he that is perverse in his ways despises him. Although we humans may have different sinful inclinations, we are not forced to act on them. The homosexual is not forced to act on their inclinations any more than a heterosexual is on an inclination they may have toward fornication or adultery. These desires can be strong, and for some people, they cannot be overcome apart from the Spirit of God. In Christ we are a new creature, a "new man." The old things are to be put off...crucified. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! The writer of Proverbs tells us that those who continue to walk perversely "despise the Lord".

These scriptures tell us we are to control ourselves

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (see also 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Ephesians 4:22-24).

1 Thessalonians 4:1-5 shows that we ought to walk to please God and possess our bodies in sanctification and honor and abstain from sexual immorality. All sexual immorality ... including homosexual acts.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 shows us that sexual immorality is a sin against one's own body, the temple of the Holy Spirit. But we are not our own. We were bought with a price. Therefore we are to glorify God with our body and spirit, which are God's.

Even our thoughts need to be corralled!

Matthew 5:27,28 shows us that lustful thoughts are to be cast out!

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Now look at the words the scriptures use to describe homosexual activity: abomination, ungodly, going after strange flesh, dishonorable, vile, unseemly, unnatural, not proper and contrary to sound doctrine. How can anyone whose heart is truly for the Lord say that this issue is confusing? God clearly stands against homosexuality.

His word declares that we can change, we can overcome, and we can control our bodies and desires through Christ and the Holy Spirit. His word also tells us that those who refuse despise God and will not be in His Kingdom.



Lifestyles Are Not a Civil Right

The civil rights act of 1964 was passed to stop the discrimination of people based on their race, national origin, sex, or religion. It was never and is not now meant to be used to protect a sex act. Those trying to claim rights under the civil rights act of 1964 belittle all the sacrifices made by those that were instrumental in getting this legislation passed into law.

Race – people who are believed to belong to the same genetic stock.

National origin – what country a person comes from.

Religion – a strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny.

Sex – the properties that distinguish organisms on the basis of their reproductive roles.

Homosexuality is defined as a sexual attraction to (or sexual relations with) persons of the same sex. This is not covered under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. That is the problem with homosexuals wanting civil rights. They have no basis to ask for civil rights protection. What civil right is being endangered? The right to yell fire in a crowded theatre? The right to take what belongs to someone else? Maybe it is the right to take someone's life?

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“The homosexual actually finds his identity in the very act of sex, so to reject his lifestyle is to reject him and all that he stands for. From the homosexual's perspective only when the culture around him accepts his sexual behavior will he be satisfied”

The homosexual agenda is to take a sexual act and elevate it to the level of a race of people. What would the distinguishing difference be for this new race of people? It would be that they have sexual relations with the same sex - a race of people based on a sex act. Let's take it further and see what other new classes of people we could have.

How about pedophiles as a class of people? We would not be able to discriminate against them because they have sex with children. It would be unkind and mean to tell them it is wrong to do this because they can't help it. They would be able to teach in schools because you couldn't keep them out because of discrimination.

What about bestiality? People who enjoy this type of sex act would also be protected as a race of people. You couldn't keep them out of the animal shelters or from being veterinaries because that would be discriminating.

How about rapists? We would have to consider them a class of people also based on the above standards. Let them have jobs at an all female school or working with the girl scouts. We don't want to discriminate against them either.

Yes, all the above is outrageous and over the top. The sad thing is that if homosexuality is allowed to be considered a race of people then you are opening the door to the outrageous. Where would it stop? If you can determine a race of people by their acts then anyone or thing could become a race of people protected under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The gay lifestyle is all about a sex act and whether you like it or not a sex act can not be classified as a race of people. It is an act that can and should be restricted by the laws of our land. It is a lifestyle that serves no function but to further the lustful pleasures of two people.

People continuously try to ignore that there is a right way and a wrong way to live our lives. The right way is to live our lives by our Creator's rules. He has told us how to live by his word. That is the only true lifestyle that is acceptable and it is required of us all!

Is There Hope?

Few people realize our own destructive powers. The ability to destroy ourselves from within. The Bible refers to this process as sin.



While many homosexuals and even some experts in the fields of psychology would say yes, that they are born that way, there is great evidence by others in the fields of psychology that says no, a person is not born that way, BUT, there are factors that start at a very young age.

Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family says that "most cross-gender behavior occurs during the pre-school years,

between the ages of two and four." Dobson further said "...it (homosexuality) IS a disorder, despite the denials of the American Psychiatric Association." Dr. Joseph Nicolosi of NARTH, the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality refers to homosexuality as a developmental disorder and "has nothing to do with sex. It's really the person's search for belonging – what we call the three "A's" – attention, affection, and approval." In interviewing homosexuals, Dr. Nicolosi said "All of them report almost without exception, 'My father never touched me,' 'My father never kissed me,' 'My father never hugged me.'"

The simple fact is God would not condemn a person who practices homosexuality as a sinner if a person was born that way or if it were genetic. We were ALL born into a world that has been greatly distorted by wrong decisions, by SIN. None of us lived at the perfect home with the perfect family

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and had perfect friends and peers. Homosexuality is self-destructive behavior. But when you think about it, so is smoking, drinking too much, eating too much, doing drugs – the list goes on. Actually ALL SIN is self-destructive behavior. God wants what is best for you and me and He knows the best life will not be found in homosexual practices.

Is there hope for the homosexual and can he or she change? The short answer is YES. NARTH, Exodus International, and Focus on the Family are just three sources of help for the homosexual. Dr. Nicolosi of NARTH said, "There are many studies that show many men and women do come out of homosexuality. We see more and more evidence ... usually the therapy is about two years." But of course a person must want to and must be willing to admit to something is wrong. But sometimes the hardest thing for a person to do is admit wrong. God can help deliver a person from any sin if repented of, but God usually doesn't just wave a "magic wand" and change a person overnight. You have to do what you can do, and God will do what you can't do. If you are a homosexual or if you are a Christian that wants to understand the homosexual, I would greatly encourage you to download the article (or write and request it) "How Might Homosexuality Develop?" from www.NARTH.com. It's five pages and too long for me to put in this article, but I will leave the reader with a few quotes from it.

"When he (the homosexual) seeks help, he hears one of two messages, and both terrify him; either, 'Homosexuals are bad people and you are a bad person for choosing to be homosexual. There is no place for you here and God is going to see to it that you suffer for being so bad;' or 'Homosexuality is inborn and unchangeable. You were born that way. Forget about your fairytale picture of getting married and having children. God made you who you are and he/she destined you for the gay life. Learn to enjoy it.'"

If we condemn the person who practices homosexuality and doesn't want to change as a sinner then we, as Christians, have done no wrong. However, if we, as Christians, condemn the person who is suffering from a developmental

disorder, a lack of the three "A's" (attention, affection & approval) and who recognizes that something is wrong, then we have failed to seek and love the lost. The sinner.

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