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What if homosexuals are welcomed into the fellowship of the church, Bible study or home group of which I am a member, as a form of evangelism?

- 1. I would not attend and if necessary I would leave.
- 2. You cannot bring wives, children, converts and disciples into a fellowship where there are homosexuals.
- 3. The church, group or ministry leader will not stand up at every meeting and say, "As you look around you may see homosexuals and transgender attendees, these are those in sin to whom we are calling to repentance. Do not be deceived into thinking our church condones this behavior". Since this is not going to be stated, then not only will homosexuals be comfortable, but the spiritually young, the spiritually vulnerable, the youth and the children will assume this is normal and optional behavior.
- 4. 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 and fellowship
  - 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 <u>I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world</u>, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.
    - Ministry to sinners is done in the world.
    - ➤ We are not sent into the world to fellowship with the world but to call those in the world to repentance and faith in Christ.

11 <u>But actually</u>, I wrote to you not to associate with any <u>so-called brother</u> if he is an <u>immoral person</u>, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler — <u>not even to eat with such a one.</u>

- Fellowship on the other hand is to be done with faithful Christians
- ➤ We are not even to sit down and eat with an immoral person for fellowship, evangelism yes, fellowship no.
- 5. II Corinthians 6:14 17 and fellowship

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness,

- ➤ This is one of the key passages for Christian singles not to date nor marry non-Christians.
- ➤ How can the righteous Christian casually fellowship with or marry someone they know is going to spend eternity burning in the flames of Hell? (*Revelation* 14:10 & 11; 20:10 & 15)

## or what fellowship has light with darkness?

- As Christians we do not have fellowship with darkness
- 15 Or what <u>harmony</u> has Christ with Belial,
  - All non-Christians belong to satan. *Ephesians* 2:1-3; II *Timothy* 2:24-26
  - All non-Christians are part of satan's kingdom of darkness. *Colossians* 1:13; Acts 26:18

➤ There can be no harmony with satan, nor with satan's kingdom. We do not find harmony, mutual ground with non-Christians but rather call them to repentance, lead them to Christ and bring them out of darkness into light.

#### or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

As Christians we have nothing in common over which to fellowship with an unbeliever

16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said,

"I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 17 " Therefore, <u>COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,"</u> says the Lord.

"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

#### And I will welcome you.

- In fellowship there is to be a distinct division between Christians and non-Christians.
- ➤ Witnessing and evangelism takes place outside the fellowship of believers.

# 6. Specific application to homosexuals in ministry or church fellowship gatherings.

- a. How can any normal healthy Christian enjoy the fellowship of homosexuals?
- b. How can any normal healthy Christian tolerate the fellowship of transgenders?
- c. If you fold in homosexuals and transgenders into your fellowship, the strong Christians will leave. Only those who are indifferent to this depravity will stay.
  - At one of Eleanor's favorite cosmetic shops they have openly employed crossdressing men. Eleanor will not go there because she finds this so repulsive.
- d. Worse yet, it will become known that homosexuals and transgenders are welcome in your fellowship and you will become known as a homosexual church or ministry.
- e. What if all their homosexual and transgender friends come to your church fellowships and outnumber Christians four to one? What will you do then? Will you tell them to leave or will you simply become a homosexual fellowship.
  - 1) This happened in a coffee shop that I used to frequent, it became a homosexual and transgender coffee shop, I no longer go there.
  - 2) This happened to a restaurant Eleanor and I enjoyed. It then closed "for remodeling and cleaning". The owner said in confidence that homosexuals love to fellowship and that if you do not want your

- restaurant to become a homosexual restaurant then you have to be prepared to periodically close for "upgrades" or "training"
- f. I would ask the person who advocates including homosexuals and transgenders in their fellowship meetings...
  - "What aspect of homosexuals or transgenders do you find appealing, edifying?"
  - ➤ If you find it repugnant, then how can you fellowship?
  - ➤ If you do not find it repugnant, then you either find it appealing or you are indifferent to the behavior and actions of homosexuals and transgenders, is this true, do you find their fellowship unoffensive, relaxing?
- 7. The goal of fellowship Hebrews 10:24 & 25; Colossians 3:16
- 8. The enemy of fellowship *I Corinthians* 15:33
- 9. You don't have to be more sensitive than Jesus Matthew 4:17; 11:20; Luke 13:5
- 10. You don't have to be more sensitive than God the Holy Sprit *John* 16:7-11
- 11. Homosexuals are predatory in nature "burned in their desire toward one another"
- 12. How can new Christians learn to dress, act, talk and fellowship if there are homosexuals and transgenders mixing in the fellowship?
- 13. How can the newly repentant heterosexual abstain from once again abandoning his newly heterosexual nature if homosexuals and transgenders are converging upon him?