#### (feel free to record these sessions) <u>The Depravity of the Homosexual Movement</u> *Romans 1:28 And just as <u>they did not see fit to</u> <u>acknowledge God any longer</u>, <u>God gave them over to a depraved mind</u>, to do those things which are not proper,*

- The Holy Scriptures and the Depravity of Homosexuality
- The Key Passage *Romans* 1:24 28
  - Romans 1:24-28

24 <u>Therefore God gave them over</u> in <u>the lusts of their hearts</u> to impurity, so <u>that their bodies</u> would be dishonored among them. 25 For they <u>exchanged the truth</u> of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason <u>God gave them over</u> to <u>degrading passions</u>; for their women <u>exchanged the</u> <u>natural function</u> for that which is <u>unnatural</u>, 27 and in the same way also <u>the men abandoned</u> <u>the natural function</u> of the woman and <u>burned in their desire toward one another</u>, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons <u>the due penalty of their</u> error.

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, <u>God gave them over</u> to a <u>depraved mind</u>, to do those things which are not proper,

• From this passage we can see that homosexuality is indicative of the judgement of God.

## "the due penalty of their error"

- In man's value system it is not "fair" for the judgment of God to begin before death.
- The penalty of unforgiven sin Hell, does not begin until after death but the judgment of man can begin at anytime God decides.

#### Psalms 19:13

13 Also keep back Your servant from <u>presumptuous sins;</u> Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

• Although the Christian cannot lose his salvation, he still should not presume upon the grace of God as it pertains to his sanctification.

## Proverbs 29:1

A man who hardens his neck after much reproof

Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some <u>will fall away from the faith</u>, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars <u>seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron</u>,

• For the non-Christian, the judgment of God may occur at anytime. A classic example of this is Pharoah (Exodus 9:12; 10:1; 10:20; 10:27; 11:10; 14:8; 14:17)

**Exodus 9:12** 

12 And the LORD <u>hardened Pharaoh's heart</u>, and <u>he did not listen to them</u>, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

Exodus 14:17

17 "As for Me, behold, <u>I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians</u> so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

• Although Pharoah did not enter Hell until after he died, the judgment of God began well before this. *Exodus 14:27-28* 

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered

# the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.

- One of the important things to recognize about homosexuality is that you are dealing with a people to whom God has "*given over*" "the due penalty of their error."
- *"Restrainer"* has removed
- At some point the Restrainer will be removed from all mankind.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

- God however is not limited to this one action. The restrainer can be removed from individuals, they can be given over to their most base instincts and actions.
- Just as the judgment of God can begin before death, so the restrainer can be removed as an aspect of God's judgment at any moment or time God so wills.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

# 11 For this reason <u>God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will</u> <u>believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged</u> who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

- This is the danger of folding in the so called "celibate" homosexual into your family, ministry or church activities. The restrainer has been removed and their nature is still at work within them.
- Notice how his nature, not his actions, but his nature is described in *Romans 1:24-28*

<u>the lusts of their hearts to impurity</u> <u>degrading passions;</u> <u>exchanged the natural function</u> for that which is unnatural, <u>the men abandoned the natural function</u> <u>burned in their desire toward one another</u>, depraved mind.

- As such the so-called celibate homosexual cannot be trusted because he is still in willful sin, he is still a ticking spiritual timebomb, he has not repented and returned to heterosexuality.
- This is not true of the heterosexual, the heterosexual need only cease the action for his heterosexual nature is not a sin, only the action.
- Contrastingly the homosexual must repent both of the action and the desire, for not just the action is repugnant to God but the desire as well is an act of rebellion against God. This desire is unique and all-consuming and cannot be equated with heterosexual desire.
- This does not mean that homosexuals cannot be saved. The Holy Scripture is clear on this. There are none, including homosexuals, who are beyond salvation.

# 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, <u>nor effeminate, nor homosexuals</u>, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 <u>Such were some of you</u>; 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.

*Titus 3:3-5* 

3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, <u>deceived</u>, <u>enslaved to various lusts</u> <u>and pleasures</u>, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

• Repentance for the homosexual must include repentance from the desire, which leads to a cessation of

the action.

- This is very difficult for heterosexuals to accept. A heterosexual cannot imagine the ability to repent from his desire for heterosexual intimacy. That is because this desire is created by God, it is not sin, there is no need for repentance of the desire, only the action.
- The heterosexual thinks, "I have my heterosexual desires under the control of the Holy Spirit. I am not acting them out. I have repented of the actions of lust and immorality." This however does not mean that the heterosexual has repented of his sexual desires for his wife. He has no and need not repent from the heterosexual desire.
- This is not true for the homosexual there must be a *"repentance without regret"* of the desire.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces <u>a repentance without</u> <u>regret</u>, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

- Thus there is no need for the existence of the "celibate homosexual" who has truly repented. The homosexual who has truly repented is not a homosexual, he is a heterosexual, can get married, have children and lead a normal life. If he is still a homosexual, he is not repentant simply because he is not acting out the desire. He is still a homosexual and in God's eyes unrepentant.
- Remember: the heterosexual has not chosen his desire, *it is created by God.*

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." Genesis 2:24 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. Genesis 3:16 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you." Romans 1:26,27 26 women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 the men abandoned the natural function of the woman 1 Corinthians 7:5 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. Proverbs 5:19 19 As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;

• Contrastingly: the homosexual has chosen his desire, it is sin and repugnant to God as can be seen in *Romans 1* 

<u>:25 exchanged the truth</u> <u>:26 women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,</u> <u>:27 the men abandoned the natural function</u> :27 committing indecent acts

## :28 to do those things which are not proper,

• Does not mean they cannot be saved but it does mean that until they are saved your spouse, your children, your family, your ministry and your church must be protected from them. The reason for this caution is the very origin of homosexuality. The unrepentant homosexual, the so called celibate homosexual is still in a state of judgment and depravity.

24 <u>Therefore God gave them over</u>
26 For this reason <u>God gave them over</u>
28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, <u>God gave them over</u> to a <u>depraved mind</u>,

- Homosexuality in the Old Covenant
- The Law singles out homosexuality as an "*abomination*".

Leviticus 18:22

# 22' You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an <u>abomination</u>.

• The death penalty in the Old Covenant is a picture of the true penalty of sin. Even though the power to carry out judicial penalties is taken away from the church and given to the state in the New Covenant (*Romans 13:1-5*). We can still see the heart of God as it pertains to certain sins.

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 <u>a detestable act</u>; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

- Homosexuality and the New Covenant
- God the Holy Spirit makes it clear that homosexuality remains abhorrent to God in the New Covenant as well.

Romans 1:24 <u>lusts of their hearts to impurity,</u> <u>their bodies would be dishonored among them.</u> Romans 1:26 <u>degrading passions;</u> <u>unnatural,</u> Romans 1:27 <u>abandoned the natural function</u> <u>men committing indecent acts</u> 1 Corinthians 6:9 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither <u>fornicators</u>, nor idolaters, nor <u>adulterers</u>, <u>nor effeminate, nor</u>

homosexuals,

(Notice in this passage that even if homosexuals take a monogamous partner they are still *"fornicators"*. Fornication is sexual relationships outside of marriage. Since God only recognizes and blesses heterosexual marriage, all monogamous homosexual relationships fall under the category of *"fornicators"*.

1 Timothy 1:9-10

9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are <u>lawless and rebellious</u>, 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 <u>homosexuals</u> and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is <u>contrary to sound teaching</u>,

- Notice in I Timothy 1:10 homosexuality (is a state or desire) is separated out from immorality (actions) in general
- Heterosexual immorality
- starts with the will of God

Genesis 2:25 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. 1 Corinthians 7:5 5 <u>Stop depriving one another</u>, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again <u>so that Satan will not tempt you</u> because of your lack of self-control.

- and then turns it to a sin/sinful action..
- Lust:

Matthew 5:28 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- Fornication:
- Adultery:

Hebrews 13:4 4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

• The propensity for man and woman for heterosexual intimacy and sexual relations is created by God and good. It must however be subject to constraints of Holy Scripture. Notice how the difference between the desire for the heterosexual and homosexual is contrasted in *Romans 1:27* 

# "and in the same way also <u>the men abandoned the natural function</u> of the woman and <u>burned in their desire</u> toward one another"

- The heterosexual need only repent from the action pornography, fornication, adultery, the heterosexual need not repent from his heterosexual nature/desire/propensity which is good and created by God. The heterosexual is repentant upon the confession and cessation of the action.
- In contrast the homosexual is not repentant simply because he has confessed and ceased certain depraved actions.
- The homosexual has abandoned the natural function. He must return to the natural function that he abandoned. He must embrace and function as a heterosexual, with heterosexual desires and relationships. For the homosexual it is not just the action which is the sin but the very desire.
- Repentance has not taken place until the homosexual has returned to the natural function and desire which he abandoned. He has not repented until he is a heterosexual.
- It is an indication of the devaluation of the blood of Christ, the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and the sanctifying power of the Word of God, that this standard, the return to heterosexual desire, nature

and propensity is seen by the weakened 21<sup>st</sup> century evangelical church as not only virtually impossible but as a harsh and judgmental standard.

- Thus lust (and the accompanying sin of pornography), fornication (sexual relations outside of marriage between singles) and adultery (sexual relations outside of their marriage by married individuals) are sin. Yet the underlying desire for heterosexual relations is not in itself sin.
- This contrasts with the homosexual. For the very desire, the propensity for homosexual gratification is in itself sin.
- For the homosexual to cease watching pornography, to cease fornicating with other homosexual men, to cease committing adultery by having sex with married men, for the homosexual this is not enough for unlike heterosexuals, the underlying desire of the homosexual is a chosen sin not his created nature, but a chosen sin. This too must be repented of, must be abandoned and he must return to being the heterosexual as created by God.
- God's word says that homosexual abandoned the natural state. Not created that way, but abandoned. The sin is not delt with until the homosexual is willing to return to his created state of heterosexuality which he abandoned.
- Notice *Romans 1:26* the passion itself is considered to be degrading. The very desire is unnatural.

# *"For this reason God gave them over to <u>degrading passions;</u> for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is <u>unnatural</u>,"*

- Thus the so-called "celibate" homosexual (he has the desire but is not fulfilling it) is in sin, while the "celibate" heterosexual (who has the desire but is not fulfilling it) is not in sin.
- This is the danger that naïve Christians face when seeking for the church to be open to and minister to homosexuals as long as they are celibate– they are still willfully sinning. They are not sinning as a heterosexual who struggles with lust, they are sinning as a homosexual who still has a chosen, depraved burning propensity and as such they are a spiritual timebomb waiting to off in the church.
- Homosexuality is a choice it is neither genetic nor the judgment of God upon the parents
- The cruelty of evolution/secular view is that homosexuality is genetic, the individual has no choice. The only conclusion being that "nature" has selected the individual out to be eliminated from the gene pool. In the evolutionary model is the highest good is the propagation of the species/gene pool. Thus homosexuals have been selected to be "weeded out". This weeding process also brings into question why they were not eliminated from the gene pool thousands of years ago since it is genetic.
- The cruelty of judgmental people is that it is a result of the sins of the parents.

Ezekiel 18:4
4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.
Ezekiel 18:20
20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

- The Russian Orthodox Church vs The Word of God
- The Roman Catholic Priest vs The Word of God
- The Pentecostal/Charismatic movement vs the Word of God
- When we pray for the homosexual, we do not pray for healing but rather repentance
- The naivety of so called compassionate evangelicals who are willing to accept the lie fostered by homosexuals that they were "born this way" causes much damage.
- What other spiritual state are we willing to accept the word of the sinner over the Word of God?
- Accepting the homosexual lie that they were born this way, brings into question both the depravity of homosexuality and the authority of Holy Scripture.

Psalms 139:13-16

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.
15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
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.

Since the very desire of the homosexual is depraved, then God would have had to knowingly created this desire in the homosexual's heart. The doctrine of man being man at conception and the sovereignty of God over our created state is established in this passage. The Holy Scripture makes it clear that God has created only two genders – Male and Female. (Genesis 1:27; 5:2) It is inconceivable that God would do otherwise. The willingness for these naive and misguided ministers to accept that the homosexual desire was created in the womb means that God either sanctions the desire as long as it is not

fulfilled or that the Holy Scriptures are unreliable when it comes to the doctrine of life created by God as conception.

- Men and women being created as homosexuals due to the fall of man and the imputed sin of Adam is a fabrication based on the imaginations of men of what could be as opposed to God's Holy Word which states what is. After the fall, God still relates to man's nature propensity for heterosexual relationships. This was not destroyed by the fall nor by the imputed sin of Adam.
- We do not know when the judgment of God will fall
- Pharoah vs other wicked kings
- Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:3 & 9 vs others who have stolen from God or broken a vow
- Herod Acts 12:22 & 23 vs Caeser
- We do know that it will not be for an individual sin but rather a willful choice of a wicked lifestyle Example: Rob Stephens ministering to United Pilot "Rob, save me!"
- We do know that a Christian will never be "given over" by God.

#### Romans 8:1, 38 & 39 John 6:37-40

- Thus all homosexuals are by nature non-Christians upon whom the judgment of God has fallen and they have been given over..
- Repentance for the homosexual is to return to the heterosexual desires which they have abandoned. This only possible by their being born again.