**The LGBT issue and the word of God.**

“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” Unless we come with this starting point with this issue we come across as arrogant and judgemental. But knowing that we have come from the same pit of sin as everyone else. If we know the depth of sin in our own flesh that is so far from a holy and a righteous God. If we know the price that was paid by a perfect man on a cross then there can be no pride in our view over others who are trapped in the same mire that we were. All sin is sin and all have been infected with it.

We do however trust the word of God and what it teaches and if we love the people in this world enough we will speak the truth with all gentleness but with firmness and clarity.

Sacred

There are some things in life that God has created sacred. They are things that are so precious and special that they are not to be tampered with or changed. The creator of the universe has purposefully chosen a unique combination for marriage. He has made women in a specific way, to be unique and special. Men also are different than women and made with many qualities that benefit mankind as a whole. The unique characteristics of man and woman complement each other and God designed it this way for marriage.

Meaning of sacred:

1. [Considered](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/considered) to be [holy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/holy) and [deserving](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/deserving) [respect](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/respect), [especially](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/especially) because of a [connection](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/connection) with God.
2. [Considered](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/considered) too [important](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/important) to be [changed](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/changed).

Satan trying to destroy what is sacred. Trying to destroy the family. Trying to destroy Godly sexuality. Trying to destroy the uniqueness of being male and female.

Since the beginning, because of his pride and jealousy, he has tried to destroy, dis-respect and change what God has made sacred. He has wanted to trample on all that is good and holy. Satan is the deceiver and does not, initially, outwardly oppose what God has made precious. He has subtly tried to change people’s minds and attitudes away from holiness. The way he has done this is by portraying Christians speak out against sexual immorality as bigoted and judgemental. All Christians are doing is delivering God’s word and God’s judgement, not their own. Satan tries to make sexual immorality sound good by portraying it as more loving. In the sixties it was the slogan “Make love not war” that encouraged young people into an immoral life-style. Until that time most marriages lasted a lifetime and the family unit stayed together and children and grand -children benefited from the stability. Since then there has been a sharp incline of family break up and divorce and the children suffer. More single families and more kids without a father figure.

The same tactic is being used with the gay marriage agenda The great deception in this and other deceptions that it has come in the name of “love” and surely if two people “love” each other then nobody should be able to say anything against it. I strongly encourage love between everyone but it is not about love this is about sexuality and a perverted twisting of God’s intention of a man and a woman in marriage.

It may also seem loving to let kids do what they want even if it is to wear clothing opposite to their sex. Recently movie stars have been endorsing it as a way to support their children’s choices. As Christians we are called to lead and direct our children in all righteousness and discourage selfish whims and desires. We need to do this with all wisdom and making a massive issue out of it may leave a lasting impression on a young mind. We do however need to gently discourage cross dressing. I know a man who, when he was young used to dress by his mum in dresses and skirts from time to time. This has given him such a major confusion about who he is as man and he still struggles to this day because of the mis-guided actions of his mother. Fashion and styles do change over time and what is feminine and masculine does change but it is obvious when people try to dress contrary to their gender.

 “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 22:5

1 Corinthians 6:9 talks about the effeminate not entering the kingdom of God. Those who give in persistently to their desire to cross dress. God warns us in love not to be deceived and also the hope for those who repent and turn to Jesus.

The LGBT agenda is now trying to get the toilets as gender neutral so transsexuals don’t get their feelings hurt. Christians and non Christians alike have seen the stupidity and danger of this. Now grown men can enter toilets with little girls. This is political correctness gone too far. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion but everyone cannot create their own truth. No matter what way we dress or how many bits are chopped off or added, we are either genetically male or female.

**God created our sexual desire and sex for a man and a woman in marriage.**

Sexuality is passionate. God has made it that way, he is passionate and intimate and made us in his image. In his case he is in ultimate control of his passions. We through sin we have our hearts tainted and our passions spill over into all sorts of perversions of what was created to be pure.

I can understand that some think is not loving to challenge anyone on their behaviour but ultimately it is the most unloving and deluded action to encourage homosexual behaviour. Christians who profess to love are leading others to a path to destruction and eternal judgement. Whilst we should be saying repent, some “Christians” are condoning and promoting the sinful behaviour and calling those who oppose it as bigoted.

It is very clear in the Bible about homosexuality and I am dismayed when “Christians” do see what is clearly written and actually promote the opposite of what it says. I plead with Christians to ask themselves a few questions. Not at any time does it promote homosexuality so why do you see the need to do so? Even if you are un sure you would be better not to promote it? Ever since God first spoke to mankind and gave them the command not to eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, Satan undermined God’s word and authority and said “Did God really say……” and got them to doubt a clear command. You know the consequences. Faith is believing what God says and putting it into practice. Not making it up as we go, giving in to the latest public opinion, believing what the media says or even our own thoughts, imaginations and desires. I live by faith that his word is true and this world is not.

Some have wrongly thought that the Bibles teaching against homosexuality is only in the Old Testament. The Old Testament does clearly display the righteousness of a Holy God but we find many passages in the New Testament that tell us clearly tell us of the consequences of all kinds of sexual immorality. When Jesus spoke out against sexual immorality, homo-sexuality will have been included in his thinking.

Pauls letter to the Galatians talks about not being deceived and lists many things including sexual sins saying those who practice these things will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. 1 Corinthians 6 also makes it clear. “ 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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

“And such were some of you” indicating that those who did those things stopped. Some “Christians” seem to be endorsing something that will lead to spiritual death and I find this horrifying. To promote such acts is either extremely hateful (which I don’t believe some mean to be) or deceived.

If Jesus had wanted us to endorse homosexuality he would have told us. He spoke out against many issues but never mentioned it. He spoke about the lust of the heart and went as far as to say to pluck an eye out rather thank your members be cast into hell. Strong words, but true. He loved and forgave but always told us the truth.

I plead with others to re-consider their stance and take the word of God a face value and in what it clearly says. Do not be deceived by this world or by the god of this age. Again this is said in love and I only hope for the best.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 “Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

I do believe all of the Bible but not all of the Old Testament law applies to me as a believer in Christ. I try not to quibble over minor issues and let people have their own conscience on these. But when the writing of the Bible, even many times in the New Testament, is as stark as it is about homosexuality and it certainly grieves me when “Christians” go out of their way to promote it and lead others down a path of un-righteousness. I have also studied the original context and languages about this issue and you have to do some serious mental gymnastics or just plain avoidance to come to any other conclusion than what it actually says. Abomination in the Old Testament. In the New testament a debased mind, vile passions(Romans 1), shall not enter the kingdom(1 Cor 6 & Rev 22), contrary to sound doctrine(1 Tim 1). It is blatant and some “Christians” either have had to have made up their minds already and be trying to fit God’s word around your own opinion and that of this world which the Bible also warns against again and again. The great deception, I think, in this and other deceptions that it has come in the name of “love” and surely if two people “love” each other then nobody should be able to say anything against it. I strongly encourage love between everyone but it is not about love this is about sexuality and a perverted twisting of God’s intention of a man and a woman in marriage. More questions for mis-led Christians. If a man wants lots of wives and loves them all, is this ok with you? Is two men and two women who share each other sexually ok if they all love each other? Is heterosexual couples who love each other without being married ok with you? If a blind man loves his dog and visa versa as they rely on each other and the man takes his sexual urges out on the dog, no one gets hurt and no one minds, including the dog, is this ok with you? I know the examples are getting extreme but all of these have happened and surely if everyone loves each other its all ok isn’t it? If they are contributing elsewhere in society then does it makes it all ok that it is completely debase and immoral.

God’s righteousness is never mentioned in these debates and his righteousness is mentioned more times than his love in the Bible. He is pure and holy and wants us to be the same. We have been made pure by the blood of Jesus Christ and have great liberty but “do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” Gal 5.

 I also have experience of people who have had homosexual tendencies and God has taken their desires away. Others who still have those desires and don’t give into them. It has been difficult but they have done it and have great peace in the Lord. I know two people who still live together as friends but don’t have any sexual contact of any sort anymore . Whatever the situations of the people you know or how much they provide, physically or emotionally for the young ones in their care the spiritual example and flagrant disregard for God’s teaching is ultimately spiritually damaging to these children. I say these things as someone who is far from perfect and who has many desires that are also awful and evil and from my sinful nature. I have given in to these desires before but never ever celebrate them or promote that others do the same. I have repented of anything I have done and am so very glad Jesus’ blood has justified me before my heavenly father.

Equating the LGBT rights with other human rights

 Often some in the media try to equate the gay rights movement with the abolition of slavery. But you can’t equate the abolition of slavery with that of the gay rights movement. We look back with respect with those were involved in the abolition of slavery as there is nothing clear that stands out in the word of God to promote slavery, only advice for those who were slaves in the society they we in. In the future, whether it be judgement day or years away the promotion of LGBT rights will be looked back on with embarrassment and shame as a massive mis-judgement. It will not be seen as justice for people with those persuasions but in justice against God and his clear commands about sexuality. It seems that in-justice has become a “god” in itself and political correctness is put above the true God and his commandments and ways. Unlike the great day of the abolition of slavery this issue will not the same and will not be seen in such a light as those who stand on God’s word will continue until the end and not be swayed. In the meantime those who stand on God’s word like myself could well be marginalised for having an opinion that is out of sync with public opinion. But has this not happened with believers since the beginning of the Bible. Many who took God at his word in spite of persecution and death. If you are promoting a life-style that in contrary to God’s word I again lovingly and respectfully, I ask you to reconsider your stance on this issue and take God at his word.

**How do we as a church deal with those living in a homosexual life-style?**

With all grace and love but by being firm in our stand in Christ. As I stated at the beginning we all have sinned and none of us are better than anyone else. But we must lovingly share the truth of God’s word. We may get some who get upset and angry with us just for the fact we share this in love but as the prophets share Gods word so we must love people by being straight with them and show them the outcome of their lifestyle.

We must share the love of Jesus and the gospel that he has paid for all of their past life-style and past sins. They can come to God with confidence through the blood of Jesus Christ and leave the old behind. Many have been set free from homosexual in the past and with a work of the Holy Spirit and we can use their testimonies to give hope to those who feel they are stuck. We must show that many have overcome their desires by loving God so much with all of their heart, mind, soul and strength that their own desires become secondary and ultimately irrelevant in their lives. They have followed a higher call to purity in Christ.