

GOD'S VIEW OF HOMOSEXUALITY

1 PETER 4:11

INTRODUCTION:

1. In our culture, the homosexuality has dominated the social and political landscape.
2. What is encouraged and supported in our culture should never dictate our morality. Our morality must come from the Bible!
3. How did God feel about homosexuality?

I. WHAT GOD SAID TO MANKIND IN GENERAL

- A. Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18,19)
 1. The men of the cities were *"exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord"* (Gen. 13.11-13)
 2. Later, they were described as *"wicked"* and *"their sin is very grave"* (Gen. 18.17-23).
 3. Their activities that were described as wicked was the practice of homosexuality. (Gen. 19.1-7)
- B. Instructions given in reference to Gentiles. (Lev. 18.1-22)
 1. The children of Israel could not allow culture and the laws of the land to dictate what they do. (Lev. 18.1-3)
 2. **Verse 22:** *"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination."*

II. WHAT GOD SAID TO HIS COVENANT PEOPLE

- A. The children of Israel were to keep God's commands in reference to sexual activities. (Lev. 20.8-23)
 1. **Verse 8:** *"And you shall keep My statutes and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you."*
 2. **Verse 13:** *"If a man lies with a male..."*
 3. **Verses 22,23:** The Canaanites did all these things, but the children of Israel were to remain pure.
- B. To the second generation of Israelites instructions were given pertaining to their conduct.
 1. A *"ritual harlot"* or a *"perverted one"* was not to be among the children of Israel. (Deut. 23.17,18)
 2. Asa did what was right by removing the sodomites out of the land. (1 Kings 15.11,12)

Conclusion: Lovingly, we ought to strive to be pleasing to God.

NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

2424 McCARRAN ST.

NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89031

(702) 642-3141

AUGUST 28, 2022

WWW.NLVCHURCHOFCHRIST.COM

NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

2424 McCarran St. † North Las Vegas, NV † 89030

Phone: (702) 642-3141 Email: Pruitt@nlvchurchofchrist.com

Watch us live at www.nlvchurchofchrist.com

Facebook: Northside Church of Christ, Las Vegas

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"
-Mark 16.15

August 28, 2022

MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

THE GOOD OF GODLY SORROW

Feeling sorrow over the sins of our past is never pleasant. Yet there is good that comes from a heart of contrition. The apostle Paul told the brethren in Corinth that *"godly sorrow"* is *"not to be regretted"* (2 Cor. 7.10). What good comes from having a heart of contrition?

In our passage, we learn that godly sorrow produces something. We are told in **2 CORINTHIANS 7.10**, *"Godly sorrow produces repentance."* When you feel godly sorrow, you feel about your sin the way God feels. To repent means to change the way you live by first changing the way you think. How am I going to be convinced to change without first feeling sorrow about the way I have lived?

In our passage we also learn that godly sorrow results in something. We are told in **2 CORINTHIANS 7.10**, *"Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation."* The word translated as *"leading to"* is a word that looks forward to obtaining something. When I am grieved over my sin, I have a change of heart that leads to a change of life. That change is what enables me to obtain salvation.

It all begins with godly sorrow. The only way to save ourselves and others is to first be grieved by where we are, so that we can get to where we need to be.

CLP

MAKE DISCIPLES BY BEING DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 28:19

INTRODUCTION:

1. Known as the great commission, Jesus commands His disciples to make disciples of all nations. [Read Matthew 28.18-20]
 - a) CLAIM: “All authority has been given to Me” (v. 18)
 - b) COMMISSION: “Go therefore and make disciples” (v. 19)
 - c) COMMANDMENTS: “teachings them to observe” (v. 20).
2. The world will not respond to the gospel until they see in us what it means to be a disciple.

I. HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF A DISCIPLE

- A. A disciple is made by dethroning yourself.
 1. **Matthew 10.24:** “A disciple is not above his teacher”
 2. To be a disciple, step down from the throne. (Phil. 2.3-6)
- B. A disciple is made by enthroning Jesus.
 1. **Matthew 10.25:** A disciple is to be like His teacher.
 2. To be a disciple, imitate Jesus. (Gal. 2.20)
- C. A disciple is made by serving others.
 1. **Matthew 10.42:** A disciple serves the unimportant.
 2. To be a disciple, be a servant like Jesus. (Matt. 20.28)

II. HOW TO REMAIN A DISCIPLE

- A. A faithful disciple gives Jesus all of his heart.
 1. **Luke 14.26:** We must love Jesus more than family.
 2. Every relationship is governed by our love for Jesus.
- B. A faithful disciple gives Jesus all of his life.
 1. **Luke 14.27:** We must love Jesus more than ourselves.
 2. Follow Jesus in every way and every day. (Luke 9.23)
- C. A faithful disciple gives Jesus all of his possessions.
 1. **Luke 14.33:** We must forsake all that we have.
 2. All that we own belongs to Him.

III. HOW TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A DISCIPLE

- A. A disciple is recognized by obeying the Bible.
 1. **John 8.31:** A disciple abides in His word.
 2. “Indeed” (alethos): Truly, authentically.
- B. A disciple is recognized by loving the brethren.
 1. **John 13.35:** A disciple loves his brethren.
 2. By this, “all shall know” (v. 35).
- C. A disciple is recognized by bearing fruit.
 1. **John 15.8:** A disciple bears fruit. (cf. Matt. 7.19,20)
 2. We are to bear the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5.22,23)

CONCLUSION: Are you a true disciple of Christ?

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE UP?

Jesus asked, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matt. 16.26). There is nothing in this world that is worth losing your soul.

The Bible constantly reminds us that the things of this world are temporary, but the things that are spiritual are eternal. The apostle Paul compared the inward man with the outward man. Setting the two side by side, he explained that “the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4.18). The body is temporary, but the soul is eternal. We spend a lot of time beautifying our bodies which are only temporary. But how much time do we spend beautifying our souls? (1 Pet. 3.3,4). Would you give up your physical appearance to have eternal life?

The apostle John wrote how we are to feel about things that are temporary compared to things which are eternal. He tells us that we are not to “love the world or the things in the world.” He then identifies the things of the world as being, “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2.15,16). Why are we not to love things that are worldly? He gives two reasons. First, the things of the world are not “of the Father” (1 John 2.16). You cannot be of the world and of the Father (cf. James 4.4). Second, the world is passing away. But those who are of the Father will abide forever. Would you give up the pleasures of the world to have eternal life?

Jesus teaches that the material possessions of this world are temporary, but the treasures in heaven are eternal (Matt. 6.19-21). In Matthew 19, Jesus has a conversation with a rich, young, ruler. This man asked the question, “Good Teacher, what good things shall I do that I may have eternal life?” (Matt. 19.16). Jesus knowing his heart that he was covetous told him to sell all of his possessions and give to the poor, “and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me” (Matt. 19.21). Sadly, this man “went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions” (Matt. 19.22). Jesus tells us that to be a true disciple, one must be willing to “forsake all that he has” (Luke 14.33). But this man was unwilling to give up his possessions. Would you give up your possessions to have eternal life?

Everyday individuals choose the temporary over the eternal. They can have the passing pleasures of sin today. The eternal rewards of heaven are, in their view, in the distant future. But the day will come when we shall enter into our eternal home. And it will depend on what we were willing to give up in this life. CLP