

Deception in the Church

The Acceptance of Homosexuality

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“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived...”
1 Corinthians 6:9

God Almighty has not changed, and He has said in His Word the Bible that He will never change. **“For I am the LORD, I change not...”** (Malachi 3:6). The Bible says, **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever”** (Hebrews 13:8). While God Almighty and His word have not changed, unfortunately and tragically, many in the church world have changed.

We have seen this change in many areas of Biblical truth, that was once clearly condemned as sin, is now accepted and embraced. Such as divorce and remarriage (Matthew 19:9), social drinking (Proverbs 20:21), watching worldly movies and television programs that promote cursing, fornication, adultery, and unbiblical philosophies and world views (1 John 2:15-17). These along with many other areas of compromise now seem as issues of the past, with little to no regard to their relevance in the church as being areas of compromise. The final frontier to today in the total acceptance of all unrighteousness in the church world is the acceptance of homosexuality.

Homosexuality is clearly condemned by God Almighty as sin, and will never be accepted by Him, and embraced by Him (Romans 1:32). The Bible says, **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”**(Romans 6:23). Sin is breaking the commandments of God (Romans 7:7-13). If one fails to repent of their sin and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone for their eternal salvation, they will die in their sin and will go to hell for all eternity, suffering in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:11-15). The Lord Jesus Christ said, **“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”** (Luke 13:3). But Praise God, there is hope for sinful man to be saved from sin and escape the damnation of hell, and it is only through the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6), when we repent of our sin and trust Him alone by faith as our personal Lord and Saviour (Acts 20:21). The Bible says, **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life”**(John 3:16).

However, this old time gospel truth is now being completely rejected. Denominations and churches such as the the Episcopal church in the USA have endorsed and accepted Gene Robinson a openly homosexual Bishop in their leadership ranks. So called Evangelical preachers such as Tony Campolo, no longer preaching that homosexuals need to repent of the sin of homosexuality, but teach that one can be a “homosexual christian” without committing the physical act of homosexuality. If one were to follow this unbiblical principal, and oxymoron of a “gay or homosexual christian”, then we also must conclude that one can also be a “murderous christian”, or a “lying christian”, “adulterous christian”, or even a “Satan worshiping christian”, all without committing the act of course. This teaching is not only logically absurd and unbiblical, but completely devilish and satanic.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, **“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man...”** (Matthew 15:19-20). Sin starts in the heart and defiles a man. This is why a man can commit adultery in his heart, without committing the physical act of adultery (Matthew 5:28).

The Bible says in Romans 1:26 that homosexuality is **“vile affections”**, meaning shameful desires. Therefore not only is the act of homosexuality sin, but the desire of homosexuality is also a

sin. One must not only repent of the act, but also the actual desire, affection, and lust of homosexuality. The Bible says, **“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts”** (Galatians 5:24). The word flesh talks concerning the works or physical acts of sin that are manifested, while the Greek words for “affections” and “lusts” clearly refers to the kind thoughts toward ones sin, and desire or longing after sin in the heart. Not only is the act of sin to be crucified, but also the thoughts, and desires of sin as well. If one does not crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts they do not belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, but are walking **“in darkness”** and **“lie, and do not the truth”**(1 John 1:6). This is why the word repentance (metanoeo) means to change one's mind concerning sin and to turn away from it. This can only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Ghost, when one is convicted of their sin, repents, and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone (John 16:8-11; Acts 20:21; Romans 5:1). The Bible says, **“For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the of the body ye shall live”** (Romans 8:13).

These preachers, churches and organizations are teaching a false gospel, that will damn many precious souls in hell, because they will not repent of their sin, but will believe the lie of these false preachers (2 Peter 2:1-3).

The teaching among these disguised as **“ministers of righteousness”** (2 Corinthians 11:15), and wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15) such as Tony Compolo, and churches and organizations such as the Emerging churches, and the Canadian organization New Direction is that they come with the pretence to minister or evangelize homosexuals, but in reality are used by Satan to desensitize the true born again believer into accepting homosexuality as pleasing in the sight of God., and no longer as sin and an abomination. An example of this deceptive preaching is when Mr. Tony Campolo “contends that homosexuality is a sin in practice, though not in orientation”(1). At first this sounds true to the Bible by the fact that he believes that homosexuality is sin in practice, but the lie and the deception comes when he believes it is not a sin in “orientation” or desire. Therefore he is promoting that one is born a homosexual.

However, this view is completely contradictory to the teachings of Holy scripture as we have seen previously. Romans chapter one talks about how they left the natural use for that which is against nature. Homosexuality is a sinful choice, just as adultery, fornication, idolatry, murder, lying, stealing, etc. The Bible does not put it in a separate category with special privileges, but includes it along with all the other sins, and condemns those who partake of its ungodly actions and affections and lusts (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

This view of one being born a homosexual is in reality promoting the acceptance of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in the sight of God, and is seducing many in the church world to believe that we are offering a more compassionate way of evangelism. However in reality, this is one major Satanic step to embracing this sin and to be one who is **“...deceiving and being deceived”**(2 Timothy 3:13). For if the desire, or so called “orientation” is not sin, then the action cannot be sin either. It must be repeated, if the desire, or so called “orientation” is not sin, then the action cannot be sin either. Therefore this satanic teaching certainly comes from **“seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”** (1 Timothy 4:1) because it is deceiving multitudes into embracing their sin and leading them to damnation in the Lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

In conclusion the one who truly loves the homosexual, is the preacher who will tell them to repent of their sin which includes the ungodly desires of homosexuality as well as the physical act, and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone in order to escape from the wrath to come in hell(Matthew 3:7-10). This is genuine love to the homosexual and toward all mankind regardless of their sin. It is true love because it is preaching for them to escape the impending judgment of God that will come upon them if they do not repent, and be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Acts 20:21). The Bible says love, **“Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth”** (1 Corinthians 13:6). The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, **“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor**

abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

God's judgment is upon homosexuals, adulterers, murders, fornicators, liars, thieves, blasphemers, idolaters, drunkards, witches, and unbelievers, which of course would include the whole human race at one point in time(Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8). The Bible says, **“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”** (Romans 3:23). This is why we must all repent and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone for our sins to be forgiven, and to escape the damnation of eternal fire in hell(John 3:16). Once one is truly a born again Christian they are no longer a homosexual, adulterer, murderer, drunkard, liar, fornicator, or any other type of sinner, because they have repented of their sin and are now a saint of God that has been regenerated by the Holy Ghost (Romans 6:6-23; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Titus 3:4-5). The Bible says, **“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”** (1 Corinthians 6:11).

The Bible teaches there is no such thing as a “homosexual or gay christian”, or “adulterous christian”, but only genuine born again Christians who have repented of their sin, and have been delivered from their sin by the Lord Jesus Christ, when they have trusted Him by faith alone. They were once a sinner, but now they are saved by the grace of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Lord Jesus Christ said, **“If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”** (John 8:36).

We must continue to preach hard against homosexuality, as well as every sin, and expose and pray for the false prophets (2 Timothy 4:1-8), and those who are deceived and encouraged to remain in their sin, so that they can truly repent and be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, before they tragically die in their sin, and end up in eternal damnation in hell (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

“...woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16)

(1) Tony Campolo retrieved from wikipedia June 16, 2009 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Campolo

*Temptation is not sin, nor is it the desire to sin, but it is a test to produce a desire to sin in the heart, and in the action(Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 5:27-30; Matthew 15:18-20; Galatians 5:24; James 1:13-15).