

BIBLE LIFE MESSAGES

Gay is an Adjective!

Romans 1:18-32

¹ Gay is an adjective! According to the dictionary: ² Gay means “happy and carefree, merry, brightly colorful or ornamental, jaunty, sporty, full of lighthearted pleasure”. It’s only used as a noun or a verb in slang to mean homosexual. ¹

So, ³ what is meant in common slang by the phrase, “I am gay”? ⁴ As a noun it means “I am a homosexual or lesbian person”. ⁵ As a verb it means, “I involve myself in homosexual activity.” ⁶

I want to be kind and fair in this presentation because the arguments for the homosexual lifestyle are logical. In fact, I recently saw a television interview between two Christian celebrities and a practicing gay lawyer. The lawyer’s arguments were so logical that the Christians simply sat silently like deer looking into headlights.

¹ Reader’s Digest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary.

Let me list four of his arguments briefly. ⁷

1. “I was born this way. I can’t help the way I feel.” ⁸

2. “Why can’t two people of the same gender live together?” ⁹

3. “With all the unwanted children in the world, why can’t we adopt and raise children in a loving family?”

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4. “Why not just let us alone to do our own thing? We’re not hurting anyone.” ¹¹

So, if these arguments seem so logical, why get so disturbed and try to battle the gay agenda? ¹²

I. What About the Arguments in Favor of the Gay Lifestyle?

What about the arguments in favor of the gay lifestyle? ¹³

“I was born that way. I just can’t help it”

We are all so individual. God created our DNA so each of us could be unique. We were born with tendencies towards arenas emotionally that are different from anyone else. Even identical twins have some differing psychological traits. That is what makes each of us so special!

Most who claim to be homosexual or lesbian are genuine people. Because they have some emotions which identify more with the opposite gender, they feel insecure; like they don’t belong in the gender in which they were born. ¹⁴

Much of these feelings come because they have been misguided by current cultural stereotypes. They feel

men and women are supposed to act and feel a certain way because of their gender.

After all, men are manly, dominant, work oriented, assertive, strong and outdoors oriented. They like sports and wear manly clothes. Their idea of camping is a sleeping bag out under the stars.

But women are feminine, submissive, talkative and like frilly things. They are home oriented and like domestic activity. Their idea of camping is a fully functioning motor home!

Somehow, if we don't feel comfortable in our gender stereotype or feel more comfortable mixing in the opposite gender's arena, there must be something wrong. ¹⁵

Most openly gay people tend to come from one parent dominated families where normal psychological parent identification is lost or even non-existent. Many are victims of dysfunctional families. ¹⁶

"Why can't two people of the same gender live together?" They can and they do. They just don't practice sex with one another!

I had male roommates in college and seminary. We became very close, best friends. We did nearly everything together. My seminary roommate was my best man at my wedding. I was the pastor who performed his. My memories are so fond of those guys even decades later. ¹⁷

When men and women have sexual intercourse before they are married, it's called **fornication**. They do what God designed; they simply do it before He designed it to happen! ¹⁸ But when homosexuals have sex, it's a **perversion** of His creation! ¹⁹

“With all the unwanted children in the world, why can't we adopt a child and raise it in a loving family?” This is a tough one because there are so many children who need a home and care. ²⁰

But a child needs two parents; a male and a female, to have a wholesome home! Why? ²¹ Because, being raised in a good, well-balanced family, a child feels closer to the opposite gender parent but identifies with the same gender parent! ²²

Now, let's look at our text today from Romans, chapter 1, verses 18 through 32.

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.² ₂₃

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.³ ₂₄

² Romans 1:18-20.

³ Romans 1:21-23.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.⁴ 25

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and

⁴ Romans 1:24-27.

boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. ⁵

According to our scripture today, the reason why Christians need to stand up against the gay agenda is

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II. It Goes Against God's Moral Plan

It goes against God's moral plan! ²⁷

Our American secular/humanistic society operates with **relative values most of the time.**

I spent twenty-seven years in the military willing to defend our country so that we could live in freedom. ²⁸

But, freedom is currently interpreted as anything is okay as long as it doesn't break the law or infringe on someone else's freedom. This is why the gay agenda sounds so logical and permissible!

⁵ Romans 1:28-32.

However, whatever is permissible around us affects us all.

Speed limits are posted on the roads, but don't appear to be enforced much here in California. In fact, I feel like I'm a traffic hazard sometimes when I conscientiously try to keep the speed limit.

Condoms are issued in school to the kids, so they won't get venereal diseases. But you wouldn't dare teach them any moral principles! ²⁹

If you stand up to the gay agenda, you are viewed as a bigot in our society. So, what's a bigot? ³⁰

A bigot is someone who is intolerant of others who are different than they are. They are often associated with a hate group like the Ku Klux Klan. ³¹ If the only reason you oppose the gay agenda is to oppose people who are different than you are; you are a bigot! But God wants our society to operate with **absolute values that He has revealed!** Hence, our scripture today. ³²

God holds those who knowingly violate His moral plan accountable! ³³ Our scripture today; Romans, chapter

1, verses 18 through 32, shows that **homosexuality is the result of gradual steps of rebellion against God!** ³⁴

Notice, in verses 18 and 19, **they suppress the truth because of their wickedness.** ^{6 35}

Then, in verse 20, God has made Himself known well enough that **those who rebel against Him are without excuse.** ^{7 36}

The next step, according to verses 22 and 23, is **idolatry.** ^{8 37}

In verse 24 and 25, this proceeds to **sexual immorality between genders.** ^{9 38}

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Then, in verses 26 and 27, God considers shameful lusts as female **lesbian acts** and male **homosexual activity**.¹⁰ 39

Then, the final step is in verse 32, **Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.**

Rebellion against God means knowing God's moral law but continuing to do these things and encouraging others to practice them as well! 40

The Old Testament condemned homosexuality! 41

It's **detestable** to God! Leviticus, chapter 18, verse 22, **Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.** 42

Leviticus, chapter 20, verse 13, **If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.** 43

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How did God deal with these gross practices? We have the story recorded in Genesis, chapter 19, verses 1 through 25.

Angels came to the city of Sodom and stayed with Lot's family. The men of the city came to Lot's house and demanded that the strangers (the angels) come out so that they might "know" them. The angels did come out but supernaturally blinded all of the men. Then they led Lot's family out of the city and destroyed it! ⁴⁴

How do we know that the men of the city were gay? ⁴⁵
The word **know ¹¹ in the original language in verse 5 ¹²**
has a double meaning. It meant to know intellectually, but also to have sexual intercourse with. Also the offer of Lot to give his unmarried daughters to homosexuals didn't seem to be much of a risk. ¹³ The

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¹² Genesis 19:5 - They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can know (have sex with) them."

¹³ Genesis 19: 6-8 - Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."

story continues that God utterly destroyed the cities on the Sodomite plains. ⁴⁶ In fact, we get our English word “sodomy” from this event! ⁴⁷

The New Testament condemns homosexuality. ⁴⁸

For instance, in First Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 9 and 10, **Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.** ⁴⁹

Again, in First Timothy, chapter 1, verses 9 and 10, **We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts.**

... ⁵⁰ The word **pervert here ¹⁴ means male homosexual. The one who takes the active role in homosexual intercourse. ⁵¹**

¹⁴ ἀρσενοκοίτης.

III. Why is it Important to Oppose the Gay Agenda?

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The LBGTQ movement ¹⁵ is relatively small in number, but a very militant, influential lobby in congress. ⁵³

Much of the intellectual and aristocratic segment of our society is pro gay. They have plenty of cash! ⁵⁴

Much of the entertainment industry also has a pro LBGTQ agenda. Notice the pro gay bias of television, the movie industry, newspapers and magazine news coverage. Our culture has become pro gay and considers you a bigot if you oppose them. ⁵⁵

What can you do about this? ⁵⁶

God wants His redeemed children to accurately represent Him and His values! ⁵⁷

Lord Jesus is the light of the world. ¹⁶ ⁵⁸ This light shines in the hearts of His children. ¹⁷ ⁵⁹ His children, then, become the light of this world. ¹⁸

¹⁵ LBGTQ is an Acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer.

We are also His salt of the earth! ¹⁹ ₆₀

As Christians, register and vote your biblical Christian values every chance you get! ₆₁ Make a mark for God in this secular culture of ours! ₆₂

Live out the Lord's lifestyle in your own life for our sinful world to see!

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¹⁶ John 8:12 - When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

¹⁷ II Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

¹⁸ Matthew 5:14 - You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁹ Matthew 5:13 - "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."