

HOMOSEXUALITY

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Recently a great deal of television time has been devoted to promoting "understanding" of homosexuality. One TV channel in particular, gives much program time to this subject. Through this and other means homosexuality is more and more accepted as something "normal" in our society.

That homosexuality is accepted in society, however, does not mean it is acceptable to God. The Bible speaks clearly about homosexuality. And since the Bible is the Word of God all discussion ought to begin and end with what the Bible says. Do you know or care what the Bible says?

The Bible says clearly that homosexuality is sin. Some may not agree with what the Bible says, but there can be no doubt that this is what it teaches. The Book of Romans, chapter 1, verses 26-32, for example, calls homosexuality a vile affection and speaks of it as something that is against nature - something that God will judge.

All the arguments that homosexuality is genetic so that a person can do nothing about it do not change what God says in His Word. Nor may Christians who believe the Bible be silent about what God's Word says, even though the whole matter is so highly charged emotionally and politically.

Because homosexuality is sin it brings men and women under the anger of God and in danger of His judgments. The same chapter and verses from the book of Romans already referred to tell us that the judgment of God both against homosexuality and other sins is that those who commit such sins are worthy of death.

To condemn homosexuality as sin, however, is not to exclude practicing homosexuals or those who struggle with homosexual lusts from any hope of salvation. Homosexuality is not the unforgivable sin. The sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ are the help and hope of all sinners who repent. In the Book of I Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 9-11, the Bible not only says to some of the members of the church, "But such were some of you!" It also says, "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."

We are most interested therefore that those who are involved in these sins be called to repentance and confession of sin before God. May those who are involved in such sins say by the grace of God: "Such *were* we, but we *are* washed and sanctified."

Note: this article was written when Channel 4, one of the British Television channels was openly promoting homosexuality in every area of its programming.