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In some key areas it appears homosexuals already enjoy a greater degree of freedom than any other group in this country. This is true, for example, with regard to the way the AIDS disease has been treated in America. It is still true that as many as 80% of AIDS sufferers are homosexuals. But because of the power and influence of the homosexual community, AIDS is treated differently from any other serious disease in this country! Normal public health procedures have been disregarded. In effect, AIDS is the first “politically protected” fatal plague in history.

Another example of the usual freedom enjoyed by homosexuals is that they have escaped prosecution from vandalizing public office buildings, interrupting church services, desecrating church buildings and attacking public officials. No arrests were made following the 1990 and 1991 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parades in San Francisco in spite of the fact that videotape records exist of public nudity, indecency and homosexual acts. No arrests were made in Wisconsin after homosexual demonstrators invaded the State Capitol and used black markers to write on the marble floors. Clearly, homosexuals enjoy a level of freedom – some might say license – which few others ever experience.

5. “Homosexuality may be a sin, but it should not be treated as a crime.” There are many sins which are also crimes. Rape, incest, child abuse, murder, prostitution, etc. are illegal because they impact on other people. Historically, most Western nations have outlawed the act of sodomy. There are still 24 states which outlaw sodomy, with penalties ranging from a minimum fine of \$200.00 to a maximum jail sentence of 20 years. The Supreme Court, as recently as 1986, upheld the constitutionality of these laws. Thomas Jefferson, in his revision of the criminal code of Virginia, prescribed the same penalty for sodomy as for rape.

Society has the right to legislate against sodomy because of its many victims. Though homosexuals represent only 1 or 2% of population, they commit as many as half of all child molestations. 79% of all recorded cases of teacher/pupil sex involves homosexuals. Homosexuals are 20 times more likely to molest children than heterosexuals. Several homosexual organizations actively promote sex with children, including the Rene Guyon Society, the Childhood Sensuality Circle and the North American Man-Boy Love Association. In the past 17 years over half (some studies say 65%) of all mass murders were committed by homosexuals – who comprise less than 2% of the population. Sodomy laws seek to curtail behavior that is destructive to homosexuals themselves.

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Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
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**Homosexuality: Are Same Sex
Relationships A Christian Option?**

Bobby Dockery

In recent years the so-called “Gay-Liberation” movement has sought to gain acceptability and approval for homosexuality as an “alternate lifestyle.”

Homosexuality is not new. It is as old as the Bible. It was one of the sins that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 13:13; 19:5-11). What is new is the popularity, publicity and political clout which homosexuals enjoy in America. Homosexual groups have succeeded in winning passage of legislation granting them protected class status in 5 states and more than 90 cities across America. President Clinton touched off a political firestorm with this proposals to end the ban on gays from serving in the U.S. military.

In the 1992 election, voters in Colorado approved Amendment 2 which prohibited special status for homosexuals; The result has been a high profile boycott bringing intense pressure against the state led by several Hollywood personalities.

Recently a 1000-member “Gay” church in Dallas – the Metropolitan Community Church – dedicated a new \$3 million Cathedral (Metropolitan Community Churches are a national network of homosexual churches). Nationwide there are probably at least 500 exclusively homosexual churches. Special Panels in the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have recommended new guidelines which condone homosexual relationships and allow the ordination of practicing homosexuals.

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Many have been confused by the Rhetoric! Not long ago an active church member, who has served as a leader in a congregation in another state, shocked me by saying: “I used to be hard against this homosexual business – but now I don’t know...it *seems like they can’t really help it and I’ve been wrong to oppose it.*”

Many of our children are being systematically indoctrinated in our public schools. They are taught that homosexuality is as normal as having brown eyes or blue. Many communities have already adopted a program called “One In Ten” or “Project 10” designed to teach students that “gay is good” (One in ten comes from the homosexual assertion that 10% of our society is gay). Dr. Jocelyn Elders, President Clinton’s nominee to be Surgeon-General of the U.S. has been actively involved in efforts to introduce this program into Arkansas schools.

A speaker at a recent Christian College lectureship told of a large congregation in the South where the preacher presented a lesson on homosexuality to a teen group. Two boys reacted angrily, declaring that they were gay and proud of it! In the ensuing discussion, it turned out that not a single teen in the class thought homosexuality was wrong! Clearly a great deal of teaching is needed! We need to look closely at what the Bible has to say about Homosexuality...

Myths About Homosexuality

Today in America homosexuals have succeeded in veiling their activities in a smoke screen of favorable propaganda, which has left many people confused. They have created a favorable image in the media – due in part to the large numbers of publishers, editors, producers, directors, etc. who are involved in the homosexual culture.

They have succeeded in selling the following myths to key political figures, educators and officials in many denominational churches.

1. “Ten per cent of the population is homosexual.” The “Gay” subculture has attempted to gain respectability and influence by picturing itself as being much larger than it really is. The “One in Ten” program has tried to sell this idea to the Educational establishment. Homosexual activity Bruce Voeller admits that he has preached the 10% figure for years in order to persuade people that “we are everywhere” so that it will appear that homosexuality is “normal.”

The truth is that the number of homosexuals is much smaller than their power and influence would indicate. In part, this impossibly high figure is the result of unreliable studies done by pioneer sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey. He relied heavily on data gleaned from criminals – including sex offenders – and projected his findings on the general public. One of Kinsey’s research assistants, Wardell Pomeroy, acknowledged in 1972 that Kinsey’s subjects were “coached” to give answers to suit a hypothesis.

Numerous recent studies (such as the National Center for Health Statistics and the Centers for Disease Control) have all pointed out that the incidence of homosexual behavior is less than 3%. A study by the University of Chicago in 1990 found that only 1% of

Americans identify themselves as homosexual. A 1989 study in *Science* magazine found that 1.6-2% of the male population had engaged in homosexual activity in the previous 12 months.

2. “Homosexuals have stable, loving families just like heterosexuals.” The effort is underway to force this viewpoint into schoolbooks and classroom discussions. Gay activists wish to promote the idea of gay families because of economic benefits which our society makes available to families: tax exemptions, social security benefits, etc. Homosexuals want to be able to go through some semblance of a marriage ceremony and which to be able to adopt children, etc.

The Reality: A 1981 study showed that only 2% of homosexuals have relationships that are even semi-stable (which for the purposes of the study was defined as having fewer than 10 lifetime partners!). The average homosexual has 500 (mostly anonymous) lifetime partners and 30% of homosexuals will have more than 1000 sexual partners in their lifetime.

3. “Homosexuals are a persecuted minority.” Homosexuals have tried to gain sympathy by comparing the Gay Liberation movement to the Civil Rights Movement. Homosexuals like to picture themselves as victims of unreasonable prejudice who are persecuted by bigots and religious extremists. They are fond of referring to anyone who opposes the gay life-style as “homophobic” – which once meant those who feared homosexuals, but now means those who condemn the homosexual life-style.

Studies show that homosexuals are far from being persecuted. Homosexuals have an average annual household income of \$55,430 as compared to \$32,144 for the general population and \$12,166 for disadvantaged African-American households. Homosexuals are three times more likely to be college graduates as average Americans (60% vs. 18%). Homosexuals are three times more likely to hold professional or managerial jobs as other Americans (49% vs. 16%). Almost two-thirds of homosexuals (65.8%) are overseas travelers; that is four times the average for other Americans (14%)!

4. “Laws should be passed to give homosexuals the same civil rights as other Americans.” Homosexuals already enjoy the same rights as others; they want special privileges. Homosexuals will not settle for tolerance; they want public endorsement. The Gay Teacher’s Association’s bill of rights calls for the affirmation of “the beauty and legitimacy of our life-styles.” Homosexual leaders demand that schools offer special courses to teach acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative life-style and that school libraries be stocked with books extolling homosexuality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Feb. 1st – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- Feb. 8th – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Song Service.
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell