

Answering the Homosexual Agenda - "Such were some of you" (1 Cor. 6:11)

Up to this point, it can be acknowledged that much of our study has been somewhat negative. Review:

1. The homosexual agenda contradicts the claims/authority of scripture
2. The homosexual agenda confuses what it means to be made in God's image
3. The homosexual agenda confirms that God's judgment is upon our civilization

In this study, we turn to something far more positive and encouraging:

- There is strong hope in the gospel for every homosexual
- The gospel changes lives instantaneously and in every sense
- This is made abundantly clear in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1. The Bad News Stated (9-10)

- Scripture identifies sinners according to their preferred sin (examples)
- All such sinners are unapologetically excluded from the kingdom of God
- With regard to homosexuality, there are two types of sinner identified:
 - * malakoi = the effeminate, passive role
 - * arsenekoitai = the sodomite, active role
 - * note: some translations obscure this distinction

2. The Good News Stated (11a)

- The word "were" is a second person, plural, imperfect, indicative
- In other words, this is no longer who or what they were
- Their entire identity had been permanently changed by the gospel

3. The Good News Described (11b)

- Washed: Cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ
- Sanctified: Set apart by the effectual call of the Spirit
- Justified: Declared as righteous by God the Father

General Observations

- The heated debate over "constitutionality" (*i.e.* Act VS. Orientation) is not helpful
- Scripture doesn't separate "sin" and "the sinner" as clinically as modernists would
- Scripture does, however, offer great hope to all sinners through the gospel

Pastoral Advice

- Gospel preaching churches should have plenty of ex-sinners in their membership
- Gospel believing Christians should not identify themselves according to their past sins
- Gospel loving Christians should enthusiastically bring this message of hope to all