

THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICE

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT: OUR SEXUAL NATURE...

...at the root of our identity - Genesis 1:27

...constituting humankind's heterosexual nature

...imaging the glory of God's nature (his 'otherness' as Creator)...

...and character (the Author of the Gospel) - Genesis 2:24

...within a clear divinely-ordained boundary.

But corrupted by Satan's lie - Genesis 3:4, Romans 1:24-27

...as the embodiment of God-rejection.

So how should the true church respond to sexual immorality in general and homosexual practice in particular? What should be our message...?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

***"Do not be deceived..."* (v9)**

Context: 1 Corinthians 5:1, 9-11

Do not be deceived! (1 Corinthians 6:9)

1. The sexually immoral will not be saved...

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Scale, depth and consistency of Bible teaching:

Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 13:13

Genesis 18:20-21

Genesis 19:4-5

Jude 7

2 Peter 2:6

Old Testament Law.

Leviticus 18:22

Leviticus 20:13

The Teaching Of Jesus

Matthew 5:17-18

Matthew 10:15

Matthew 11:23-24

Luke 10:12

Mark 7:21

The Teaching Of The New Testament

Romans 1:24-27

1 Timothy 1:8-10

2 Peter 2:10

Jude 4

Revelation 21:8

Revelation 22:15

Do not be deceived!

2. ...but the Gospel cleanses, delivers and saves.

1 Corinthians 6:11

“washed”

“sanctified”

“justified”

“in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

SUMMARY

So how should the true church respond to sexual immorality in general and homosexual practice in particular?

HUMBLY *“And such were some of you.”* (1 Corinthians 6:11)

LOVINGLY

IN TRUTH *“Do not be deceived...”* (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

POINTING TO THE GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 6:11)