

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## Homosexuality

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**T**his is a politically correct, hot button issue. Studies being published are being conducted in a way that will let you decide which way you want to lean. They are written so you can voice the opinion that you feel needs to be expressed. They are printed by those who need to have their ideas authenticated. So, with all of this “information” and with all of this kind of progressive thinking, we find, as an example, a study stating that homosexuals comprise perhaps as much as twenty percent of our population and that they are born in the condition that they find themselves in. Another study however states that perhaps less than one percent of our population is homosexual and that the homosexual behavior is learned and is not a natural activity.

One study preformed in San Francisco produced results which lean towards those who want you to believe that this behavior is normal. On the other hand studies preformed in the heartland of this country result in the reverse of that idea.

Does that mean that the truth lays in the middle somewhere? As much as the progressives who champion this issue want you to believe that, the answer is, a resounding “No”.

Paul writes in Romans 1:26 and 27, “For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men aban-

*doned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error”. God certainly condemns this activity with no wiggle room, with no modern day softening on the subject that time will somehow change the out come, and with no turning a blind eye to this type of conduct.*

Different religious bodies today, through out this country and the world, are getting on the “it’s OK” band wagon with reasons which defy logic. They want to stay in the religious mainstream with today’s religious movers and shakers. They want to be in step with their peers, that everyone, regardless of their current life styles and condition need to be in the main of religious practice today.

Some feel the need to deflect this type of thinking from the pressure groups by pushing in the direction of “it will be all right if it isn’t practiced,” or “it’s difficult to judge or be a judge” or even the U.S. military’s solution of “don’t ask, don’t tell”.

At this time we find different religions electing homosexuals to their hierarchies. We find them allowing homosexual unions to be preformed and accepted in their midst asking any and all to recognize these as just and honorable. We find them bringing these beliefs and incorporating them with their teaching programs. And attempting to justify these things by making statements such as “that’s what our society wants” or “we need

to bring these people in to the mainstream of life” or “the Lord loves everyone and wouldn’t want any to ostracize this particular group of folks”. Maybe even thinking that with only giving in a little, they can stave off the homosexual pressure groups for a while with the belief that all of the rest of us will adjust and accept this kind of thinking and behavior, or even march side by side with the homosexual brothers and sisters.

Reading the scriptures, we have to remember that God hates the sin, and not the sinner. As it is stated in Acts 2:38, God would like for all to repent, for all to be baptized, and for all to be saved.

But, remember also in 1Corinthians 6:9 -10 it is said “do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.”

We can’t for a moment let down our guard. We are one of the only beacons of light left in this perverse old world that can show a different way, a biblical way. We need to hold our ground, we need to preach the word and always ask “What does the Bible have to say on this subject.”