

GLAD TIDINGS

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

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I Hope You Didn't Watch...

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I read in the papers that the Golden Globe awards were given out several days ago. Obviously, we missed it at my house. It is my understanding however, that the big award winners were, *Brokeback Mountain*, a movie about homosexual cowboys riding the range together. Then there was *Transamerica*, all about a man preparing to have a sex change operation, and concluding with *Capote*, which is all about the homosexual author. According to the papers, in the name of art, the Academy Awards will probably follow suit. Do you think old John Wayne is turning over in his grave?

I continue to pray that these types of film will not do well at the box office. Then perhaps, the Hollywood crowd won't give this type of material a second thought and produce something a little more suitable for us regular folks.

Along with us, our children need to understand that these types of films are not a natural view of life. As a matter of fact, in Romans 1:26 and 27 these are clearly labeled un-natural actions

or acts: “*God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women change the natural use into that which is against nature and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another...*” And although in today's world we are being asked to be tolerant of this type of conduct, generally as a lifestyle, the Bible condemns this behavior in no uncertain terms. In Leviticus 20:13 the writer simply states, *If a man sleeps with a man as with a woman, they have both committed an abomination. They must be put to death; their blood is on their own hands.*

I have feelings of betrayal and bewilderment when this type of conduct is glorified and openly portrayed as normal and acceptable. With all the usual problems this life has to offer, with all the stumbling blocks we find in our lives, we now have to contend with this attempt to persuade us to consider this as an alternate lifestyle, and agree with the current perception that homosexuality is really “how things are”.

I have heard that everyone has a gay friend. Well...I don't.

Now, I do know a homosexual, and although we are civil to each other, I seriously doubt that either of us will be inviting the other to dinner any time soon. To quote Andy Rooney of CBS News, “*I think that if you feel homosexuality is wrong, it is not a phobia, it is an opinion.*” 1 Corinthians 6:9 plainly states that homosexuals “*shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*” It is with exasperation and utter amazement when I see the world agreeing with and accepting this behavior as an acknowledged practice and lifestyle.

When our worry and frustration grows daily knowing that the stain of sin grows ever darker in this day and age, we can gain comfort in the knowledge that, as Christians, we have been set apart from the world by choice and we can be assured that if we remain faithful to the teachings of the New Testament Church, we will have a home with our Lord and Savior in the after awhile.

I am afraid, that our society has seriously lost its ability to blush.