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

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You Still Think Homosexuality is Sinful?

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I was handed a chart recently with the above question serving as a title, with the following subtitle: “*And Therefore Gays Shouldn't Be Allowed To Marry.*” You could answer “no”, homosexuality is not sinful, and be directed to the box stating: “*Congratulations on Being Part of Civilized Society*”. If you answer “yes”, homosexuality is sinful, you are asked “why”? The chart anticipates your answer and offers a rebuttal for each possibility. Maybe you will see your reasoning being addressed.

If you think homosexuality is sinful because “**JESUS SAID SO**”, you are wrong! Why? “*Jesus never uttered a word about same-sex relationships.*” Such refutation manifests ignorance of how the New Testament writers were inspired to speak and write. Jesus promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would “*guide you into all the truth*” (John 16:12). The Spirit would glorify Jesus and the Father “*for He shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He taketh of mine and shall declare it unto you*” (John 16:14-15).

Therefore, when Paul condemns homosexuality in his letters to churches and individuals (Romans 1:26-27, I Timothy 1:10), he is revealing the truth regarding homosexuality, and what the Father and the Son authorized him to write through the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:12-13).

Do you think homosexuality is wrong “**BECAUSE GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE, NOT ADAM AND STEVE**”? You are wrong! Why? “*That was when the earth wasn't populated. There are now 6.79 billion people. Breeding clearly isn't an issue any more!*” This answer shows one ignorant of all the reasons for marriage. God instituted marriage for “*It is not good that the man should be alone*” (Genesis 2:18). The animal kingdom was not God's means to satisfy man's need for sexual intimacy (cf. Gen. 2:19-20). Neither was creating another male God's answer. God made “*woman*” with whom man was to be “*one flesh*” (Gen. 2:23-24). According to God, that woman must be one's wife, not just any woman (I Cor. 7:2-5). In passing, how civilized are you when you consider human propagation as mere “*Breeding*”?

Do you think homosexuality is wrong “**BECAUSE THE BIBLE CLEARLY DEFINES MARRIAGE AS ONE-MAN-ONE WOMAN?**” You are wrong! Why? “*The Bible also defines marriage as one-man-many women, one man many wives and many concubines, a rapist & his victim, and a conquering soldier & female prisoner of war.*” A man cleaving to one woman in marriage for life is what Jesus refers to in establishing His law regarding marriage (Gen. 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6). Jesus goes back to marriage as God originally designed it, not to what God allowed through the Law of Moses.

It is misleading to say that marriage is defined by a rapist and his victim, or a soldier and his prisoner. Those situations occur in the Old Testament allowing for marriage to proceed between such individuals, but it is a man and a woman that define marriage, not particular situations that led them to marriage. Of all the different scenarios one can find in the Bible, one never sees homosexuality as one for marriage. Gay marriage is wrong, not because it is “*icky*”, but because God never has authorized it!