

### QA: Are Homosexuals "Born of God"? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

# QUESTION: Since 'everyone who loves is born of God and knows God' (1 John 4:7), then are homosexuals who love each other 'born of God?'

ANSWER: This is a very good question in view of **our present society. Presenting homosexuality as an "alternate lifestyle" in schools, popularizing representatives in movies** ("Bohemian Rhapsody," "Rocketman"), **entertaining the idea on TV** ("That Certain Summer," 1972, ABC; "An Early Frost," 1985, NBC; "Roseanne," 1994; "Friends," 1996, NBC; "Ellen," 1997, ABC; "Will & Grace," 1998, NBC; "Modern Family," 2009, ABC; "Orange Is The New Black," 2013, Netflix; just to name a select few!); **or defending** as "legal rights" with organizations (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation= Glaad; ACLU, LGBTQ Community), **have all made this sexual concept sound "acceptable**. Those who oppose such an idea have been made to feel guilty by being labled as "prejudiced," "racist," "homophobic," or "hateful." **What can Christians say?** 

## 1. Jesus condemned homosexuality by emphasizing God's created sexual order was unchanged:

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" (Matthew 19:4-5)

God-ordained marriage is only for a "male" and a "female" to become "one flesh." Homosexuals cannot "become one flesh" in that same way!

#### 2. Homosexuality is a practice of unbelievers:

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (Romans 1:26-27)

Homosexuality is a practice that hurts both soul and body, but

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (**Romans 13:10**)

It is impossible for homosexuals to love each other as God defines "love," so that homosexual "love" is not a "new birth!"

#### 3. God saves people *from* their sins, not *in* their sins.

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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. (**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)

When Paul preached the Gospel In Corinth, "many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." (Acts 18:8). Salvation comes to those who reject their sins, submit to Jesus' death, and are raise to their new life (Romans 6:1-7).

### 4. Christians must minimize (or avoid!) the world's perverted influence upon themselves and their children!

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (Ephesians 5:11-13)

We are reminded of the example of Lot from Genesis 19, when:

[God turned] the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds). (2 Peter 2:6-8)

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