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At first glance, the title of this little essay might possibly cause the mind to float in the direction of a discussion of either how to find a perfect mate or how to resolve a marriage problem. Sadly, the topic of this essay is much more serious.

At some point, it must be proclaimed that certain things are incompatible with Christianity. Christianity is not a changing ideal that molds itself into the philosophical whims of each different emerging culture. Christianity is connected with a Person—the Lord Jesus Christ. The essence of Christianity and the Person of Christ are found in a written record called the Bible. It is not up to each volatile generation to decide what Christianity is. Christianity is not popular opinion. It is not generational or societal. It is a timeless, historic ideal found in the Person of Jesus Christ and His word.

If you do not like the written record of Jesus or do not agree with the written words that comprise His truth, then you are free to believe whatever you wish or call yourself whatever you wish. Just do not call yourself a Christian if your ideals, morality, and beliefs do not match the Founder from whom the faith takes its name.

It should be obvious to reasonable minds that some things are incompatible with Christianity. However, because of the twisted mentality of many in the twenty-first century, delineation must be made so that people understand the difference between biblical Christianity and those who espouse contrary beliefs. In our mixed-up world, the media and countless individuals claim Christianity, while rejecting wholesale the fundamental principles of actual biblical Christianity.

I could choose to address many areas that are coined “Christian” yet cannot be. However, what is constantly being shoved in our faces in the current cultural revolution (devolution) of the United States is the ridiculous notion that homosexuality is compatible with Christianity and should be accepted by good “Christian” people.

Homosexuality, more biblically called sodomy, is completely incompatible with Christianity. It is as incompatible as a lamb is to a wolf, a liberal philosophy is to a conservative philosophy, or the Axis was to the Allies. Some things just cannot be put together. A person can choose to become a sodomite if he or she wishes, but in that decision, the individual should by default quit calling themselves a “Christian” or in the least stop thinking that other biblical Christians should agree their lifestyle is acceptable.

Homosexuality is not compatible with Christianity. They cannot go together any more than Satanic philosophy can be married to Jesus. You cannot put things together just because you wish to. You cannot put water in the tank of your car and expect it to run just because it is not fair to have to abide by the principles of internal combustion. Even so, you cannot drink gasoline and healthily digest its contents even if you think it would be a nice futuristic energy idea. Manufacturing compatibility does not change the facts. Trying to make your lifestyle “Christian” doesn't change the truths of Jesus, which are almost 2000 years old.

What is a “Christian” anyway? Does “Christian” mean someone is a nice person? Is “Christian” synonymous with love and acceptance of everything? Most do not even know the origin of the word. The Bible says, they “were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). This was because the individuals

were “disciples” of Jesus Christ. They were followers of the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. They were much more than just kind or forgiving people. They were people acknowledged by others to be “Christ-like-ones.” The way they lived their lives was in harmony with who Jesus was and what He had said.

What it means to be Christ-like is not something subject to public opinion. Jesus Christ is not who the world thinks He is. He is who the Scriptures affirm Him to be. Furthermore, ninety percent of people who use the term “Christian” have no idea what Jesus even said on the whole, because they have never read the New Testament completely through. They may be able to pull out one partial quote from a thousand, but the body of truth from Jesus Christ in the Bible is neither read, known, understood, believed, or accepted by the populous. The only people who have a right to comment on what Christianity is are those who have seriously and honestly studied the Person, work, and teachings of Jesus Christ and his disciples.

May we dispense at once with the overworked ideas of the talking heads of our generation who have not done their homework. Their opinions are just opinions. The historical facts of the Bible remain.

So why do I say that homosexuality is incompatible with Biblical Christianity? What can I offer as proof? First, the only references to sodomy in the word of God are derogatory, and it is listed as behavior that God should and will judge. Even the etymology of the word *sodomy* cannot escape a Biblical connotation. The word *sodomy* is derived from the judgment of God upon Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness. This wickedness was especially evident in their desire for

homosexual acts (Genesis 19:4–7)¹, which had been a grief to Lot and his family who lived in such a society (II Peter 2:7–8)².

Now I am very aware that the unbelieving world laughs at the historicity of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, but those who profess to be “Christian” in their religion cannot ignore the story or condone Sodom's homosexual behavior, since the words of Jesus Christ actually refer to this story and its narrative as a true event.

The reader should study the words of the founder of Christianity in Matthew 10:15, Matthew 11:23–24, Mark 6:11, Luke 10:12, and Luke 17:29. To reject the historical account of Sodom, one must reject the intelligence of Jesus. They go hand-in-hand. Surely, those who espouse Christianity could not ignore or reject the words of Jesus Christ. Notice many more words of the Scripture:

There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. (Deuteronomy 23:17)

And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the

1 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

2 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. (I Kings 14:24)

And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. (I Kings 15:12)

And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land. (I Kings 22:46)

And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. (II Kings 23:7)

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it *is* abomination. (Leviticus 18:22)

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. (Leviticus 20:13)

Someone may try to rebut the above by saying it is Old Testament Scripture and not the words of Christianity. Such rebuttal ignores the overall teachings of Jesus, who usually either agreed with the Old Testament Scriptures or raised His standards to an even higher level. Furthermore, the precepts in the Old Testament law which do not apply to Christianity were explained in detail either by Christ Himself or in the epistles of His followers. Never did Jesus Christ philosophically condone sodomy or imply that it was an acceptable behavior. Never did any writer of the New Testament recognize homosexuality as a compatible behavior with Christianity. Contrariwise, the opposite is true. Have you ever read the following?

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour

their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did 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; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Romans 1:24–28)

Are we to believe that these words in the New Testament are anything less than a complete condemnation of sodomy and any form of homosexuality? How about these New Testament verses for believers in Christianity? . . .

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jude 7)

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (I Cor. 6:9–10)

Anyone who has homosexual desires is a person “without natural affection” (II Timothy 3:3). The Christian principle is, “*To avoid fornication, let every **man** have his own **wife**, and let every **woman** have her own **husband***” (I Corinthians 7:2). The truth of the tenets of Christianity concerning sexuality between persons is that UNLESS a sex act is between a husband and a wife, then it is a sinful act called fornication. Sexual fornication can be between persons of opposite sex or the same sex. And in case someone wishes to twist the Scripture to say that the above verse can apply to same-sex marriage, note the words of Jesus Christ about what constitutes a marriage. The Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 19:4–6,

Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Was Jesus not smart enough to recognize that marriage could be between more than just males and females? He certainly defines it as such. As He is the Son of God, He certainly knew what was coming down the road. He spoke His words not just for His generation, but also for ours. It is too bad that people don't listen to His words but rather try and mold a man-made Jesus into the image of their wicked society, birthed by their perverted minds.

The answer of the critics who somehow wish to reconcile Christianity with sodomy is to dismiss the Bible as something not literal but figurative. To their brand of Christianity, the words mean nothing except what they desire them to mean.

This is an utter rejection of the word of God, and these people would be more honest to just deny the Bible and reject the idea of Christianity.

They are dishonest. Words have meaning. Books convey meaning. The book called the Bible is clear. According to the Bible, sin is real, and homosexuality is one of those sins.

People who wish to erase the meaning of the words of the Bible should just write their own “holy” book and start their own religion instead of trying to hijack a 2000-year-old established dogma that has changed the world. If you want to change the world to be in your image, fine, just don't try it with Christianity. Those who try to do so are dishonest. Every honest man and woman knows that homosexuality is incompatible with the words in the Holy Bible. Just “man up” and admit it.

Homosexuality is not just incompatible with Biblical Christianity, but it is also incompatible with traditional Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam. Every major religion of the world has at one time condemned the practice. Most still do, unless they have also been high-jacked.

Homosexuality is not just incompatible with all the major religions of the world, but it is also incompatible with human history. Throughout the entire history of mankind, same sex relationships have never been acceptable behavior, much less has marriage between same sex couples received approval. These ideas are foreign to the overwhelming majority of people who have ever lived on planet earth in any age. Are we to believe that this is the generation that knows better than all the rest of the generations of mankind combined? The history of mankind is that men and women should marry and reproduce. Anything else is an experiment of a crazed society bent

on changing the world into its own image while ignoring its incompatibility with the rest of human history.

And yes, I know that the homosexual lobby finds isolated events and people in history that fit their lifestyle. But these are not the overall testimony of any age or culture. Those promoting a homosexual agenda must rewrite or invent history in an attempt to bring from obscurity some evidence of acceptable homosexual behavior. Such persons are revisionists in the extreme. Homosexuality has never been considered normal by any generation of mankind in his entire existence.

Sodomites never would have been accepted by any of the founding fathers of our country nor by the nation's past heroes of battle. The people we were once taught to revere would be repulsed by a society that accepted homosexuality. Are we to imagine that Washington, Madison, Lincoln, Adams, Jackson, Wilson, MacArthur, Eisenhower, et al. were just ignorant misinformed people of another generation who didn't know as much as the present society? Give me a break. Our modern culture produces mainly nothing but problems. Their culture brought forth on this continent a nation conceived in morality, integrity, religion, and liberty. The greatness of our nation is indelibly linked with people of a certain value system. A culture that accepts homosexuality could not and did not produce such greatness.

If you are a sodomite, just rest assured your lifestyle is incompatible with every decent moral upstanding founder of our nation. They would not condone your behavior. They would not recognize the merits of your arguments or beliefs. You would be incompatible with just about every dignified American from the nation's inception until the past three short decades.

Again, you have the freedom to do what you want, but do not try to twist history by supposing that your life and philosophy is compatible with any decent past hero you ever learned about in the history of our nation. Homosexuality was reprehensible to the men that founded our great nation, just as it has always been reprehensible to all good men, especially the followers of Jesus Christ.

Continue your social experiment if you wish, but some of us understand the meaning of incompatibility. You can't re-engineer Christianity. You may pervert yourself, religion, nation, and society, but you cannot and will not change the person of Jesus Christ. Do you disagree? You will get your chance to directly answer for yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ when you meet Him. But just remember, at that time He will be your Judge (Romans 2:16; Acts 10:42, 17:31; II Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 13:4; I Peter 4:5; Revelation 19:11), and His word will be law—not subject to popular opinion or put to a vote.

If you are a true Christian who believes that homosexuality is a sin, then let me encourage you as to how the Lord Jesus Christ expects you to deal with this issue in the public square and with other people. Those who name Christ are not only admonished to depart from iniquity themselves (2 Timothy 2:19) but also to shine the light of the word of God “in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation” (Philippians 2:15–16). How are we to do this? God's people certainly are not mean-spirited, hateful, and desirous of violence toward their fellowman. However, the attitude of many is that a Christian is to be silent on this issue, or at the most, that he or she is to express dissatisfaction with homosexuality while still maintaining close or acceptable relationships with other people who are involved in such heinous sinful lifestyles. What do the Christian Scriptures

say to this? What if I have a family member or friend who has declared themselves to be a homosexual? How do I win them or relate to them? The Bible tells you. It is more important to please Jesus Christ and do right than to win over a sodomite with kindness. If you could win over a homosexual, but in the process displease God or violate the Scripture, then you yourself are guilty of sin. Every day people deny the faith, the Lord, and the truth because they love someone else more than they do the One who died for them. You may ask, "Am I not supposed to love the homosexual?" Not if in the process you fail to love Jesus Christ. Will you hear what Jesus Christ says to His followers?

If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26)

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:35–37)

Your children or family member didn't die for you! Your friend or acquaintance did not hang on the cross for your sin! You do not owe society or others more than you owe your Savior. That is not love. It is betrayal. What did Jesus Christ say about love?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Matthew 22:37–39)

A great sin of our age is loving MAN FIRST and GOD LAST. Friend, that is no love at all. You cannot love others without loving God first of all. A Christian who does not stand firmly against homosexuality is not standing with Jesus Christ. A Christian who fellowships with homosexuals cannot fellowship with Jesus Christ. Those two things are INCOMPATIBLE. That is not my opinion.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord. (2 Corinthians 6:14, 15, 17)

Fellowshipping with homosexuals, even as family members, is not reaching them with love. The Bible says that charity “rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth” (1 Corinthians 13:6). Love never tolerates, justifies, promotes, or fellowships with sin. Love could no more tolerate homosexuality than it could pedophilia. Continuing to have close, fellowshipping relationships with wicked individuals in the name of love is the same perversion of the term as leaving one's wife for another in the name of love. Love is faithfulness to God. Loving your neighbor (Galatians 5:14) is walking after the Spirit and having the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 22, 25) which is against the lusts and sins of the flesh (Galatians 5:17–21) instead of the toleration and fellowship of pursuing those of such wicked devices. The HOLY Ghost never leads us to join hands with the perverted. Witness to them, yes. Pray for them, yes. Leave an

open door for their repentance and restoration, yes. But why would I embrace what nailed Jesus to the cross? Jesus hanging on a cross for my sin is the definition of love (1 John 4:10), not my acceptance of those who nailed Him to the tree. Although Jesus ate with sinners to reach them with the Gospel (Luke 15:2), He was always separate from them (Hebrews 7:26). Love waits for repentance. The Father never ran to the hog pen to bring the prodigal son back in Luke 15. He did not accept his lustful partners nor attend his sinful ceremonies. Did the Father not love his erring son? Why did he not embrace the wicked child in spite of his lifestyle? Because there was no room in the Father's house for the son until he turned from his sin. It was an INCOMPATIBLE relationship that was to be gloriously restored only through a repentant heart. Unless the son was willing to walk after the Father's commandments, there could be no love (2 John 6). I wonder what the Father's commandments are today for His children?

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. (Ephesians 5:11)

Open rebuke is better than secret love.
(Proverbs 27:5)

What does it mean to “walk in love” (Ephesians 5:2) as God's “dear children” (Ephesians 5:1) in a day of serious evil (Ephesians 5:16)? What is the will of the Lord for our relationships in this world (Ephesians 5:17)? We are not to be deceived with the vain words (Ephesians 5:6) of a society that approvingly nods to or ignores the wrath of God on such disobedient people (Ephesians 5:6). We are to walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8) knowing that homosexuality is such an awful shame that we are not even to speak about it (Ephesians 5:12) let alone embrace it. We are to make manifest the light on the

darkness of people's sin by our reproof (Ephesians 5:13). This is love. If you do not believe this, then you are deceived and your Christianity is a dead thing in this world (Ephesians 5:14), having no effect on those you think you love. Light and love expose darkness. And people never come to God until they want to get out of the dark. Yes! "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). Yes! God does not desire to condemn but save (John 3:17). BUT "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest" (John 3:19–21). A Christian is no friend to an unbelieving homosexual world without an abject refutation of the darkness that condemns them and a shining light of reproof because they love them.

Incompatible! Christianity and Christians are incompatible with a homosexual world that is bound for hell. We are not to get along. We are not to fit in. We are not to be tolerant. We are not to be compatible with them. We are to be their light. We are to be the witnesses of the light of Jesus' Gospel against their darkness. That is love. If they end up in hell, it won't matter how great a relationship you had with them. May the true followers and disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ stand up and be counted. May we lovingly declare our allegiance to our Savior and His truth without fear. May we live lives that are compatible with the Bible. And may we make a difference in this ruined world of lost sinners instead of just being a part of the scenery.

DECLARATION OF CONDEMNATION

Whereas, the world and many of it's leaders have declared the month of June to be a proud celebration of homosexuality and all it's deviant forms, and Whereas, the God of the Holy Bible classifies homosexuality and all it's deviant forms to be an abomination (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13) and Whereas, the New Testament describes men and women who commit such homosexual acts in all it's deviant forms as being vile, unclean, unnatural, dishonorable, and reprobate in nature (Romans 1:24–28), and Whereas, the New Testament and Jesus Christ Himself testified to the authenticity of the fact that God destroyed Sodom (Luke 17:29) for their fornicating acts of homosexuality (Jude 7, 2 Peter 2:6) as a testimony to future generations as to God's view of the behavior of sodomy (coined in the English language from the historical account), and Whereas, the Lord Jesus Christ declared plainly that marriage is only between males and females (Matthew 19:4–6), we the Undersigned, declare a resolute agreement with the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ, condemning homosexuality and all it's deviant forms. We shall never accept or condone such sinful behavior, but contrariwise, by the help of Almighty God, stand against it until our last breath.

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