

How Our Church Can Help Meet the Needs of Our Gay Friends

– Randy Thomas, Exodus International

- **Unconditional Friendship**
- **Overcoming Shame**
- **Rebuilding Trust**
- **Supportive Encouragement**
- **Wise Counsel**
- **Peer Support Groups and Resources**
- **Equal Treatment and Opportunities to Serve**

Helpful Resources

God's Grace & the Homosexual Next Door,

Alan Chambers

Desires in Conflict, Joe Dallas

You Don't Have to be Gay, Jeff Konrad

Raparative Theapy for Male Homosexuality,

Dr. Joseph Nicolosi

Restoring Feminine Identity, Anne Paulk

Friendships of Women, Dee Brestin

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1 Corinthians 6:11 (NIV) **That is what some of you were.** But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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Pastor Ron Salsbury

“Are We Anti-Homosexual?”

Slaying the Dragons of Deception #5

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; 12:9; John 1:14

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV) Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And that is what some of you were.** But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Romans 12:9

“Many people in the gay community don't seem to have issues with Jesus but rather with those claiming to represent him today. It's very much an 'us-verses-them' mentality, as if war has been declared. Of course each side thinks the other fired the opening shot.”

Peter, 34 in Unchristian, pg. 91

Six Common Myths About Homosexuality

Alan Chambers, God's Grace and the Homosexual Next Door, , Harvest House, 2006, pg. 30-39

Myth 1: Homosexuality Is the Worst of All Sins.

1 Corinthians 6:9b-10 Neither the **sexually immoral** ... nor **adulterers** nor **homosexual offenders** ¹⁰ nor **thieves** nor the **greedy** nor **drunkards** nor **slanderers** nor **swindlers** will inherit the kingdom of God.

“Homosexual sin does not disqualify one from salvation any more than disobeying parents or gossiping.”

Romans 3:23-24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Proverbs 6:16-19

Myth 2: Homosexuality Is a Just a Choice.

“There are many issues that impact a child’s development toward (or away from) a healthy sexual identity.”

Myth 3: Homosexuality is All About Sex.

“In reality, homosexuality has its roots in a wrong reaction to a legitimate need: the need to be loved and affirmed by the same sex parent ... and, ultimately, by God.”

Myth 4: Homosexuality Is Genetic.

“The media loves to promote this myth, but the truth is that despite numerous studies conducted over the past 50 years, there is no proof that homosexuality is genetic.”

If a genetic link is discovered, it would not make any more of a difference than it has for the treatment of alcoholism.

Myth 5: 10% of the Population is Homosexual.

“This figure came from the flawed methodology of Dr. Alfred Kinsey (who used an unspecified percentage of college students and sex offenders.) A series of studies from 1989 through 2000 show the real percentage of people in America who are exclusively homosexual is 2 to 3%.”

Myth 6: Marriage/Dating Will “Fix” a Homosexual.

“Homosexuality is not about sex, it’s about unmet needs. Homosexuality is not an inability to relate to the opposite sex; it is an inability to relate properly and healthily to the same sex. Relating sexually to someone of the opposite gender is not a requirement – or a proof – of wholeness.”

“Pro-Gay” Arguments and Theology

- **The Social Justice Arguments**
Born Gay, Changeable?, Could 10% Be Wrong?
- **The Religious Arguments**
Jesus’ Silence, Can Committed Love Be Wrong?

• **Scriptural Arguments**

God’s Intent in Creation Genesis 1:27-28

The Destruction of Sodom Genesis 19:4-9

The Levitical Law Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

Paul on “Natural/Unnatural “ Romans 1:26-27

Paul and “Arsenokoite” 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Suggested Gay Relationships in the Bible

Ruth and Naomi Ruth 1:16 ; *David and Jonathan* 2

Samuel 1:26; *The Centurion and his Slave Boy* Luke

7:2 *Lydia as a Single Woman* Acts 16:14; *Jesus, the*

Rich Young Ruler, and Jesus and John

Mark 10:21a; John 20:2

Difficult Issues We Must Face ...

- **Our Label as “Unkind” or “Homophobic”**
- **“Gay” Marriage & School Curriculum**
- **Moral Relativism – GLBT, then what?**
- **Persecution from Both “Sides”**
- **Failed Attempts at Trying to Help**

Galatians 4:19 (NIV) My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth **until** Christ is formed in you. Philippians 1:6, 9-11; 4:13