

# WHY THE FUSS ABOUT GAY LIFESTYLE?

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There has been much hoopla concerning the homosexual/gay lifestyle in the media recently. We hear about it on the news and read about it in the newspapers. Chick-fil-a recently announced their support of the Biblical definition of marriage prompting an outcry of opposition.

One has to ask; why the ruckus concerning two people of the same sex wanting to get married? If they 'love' each other and want to be united together, why not let them? What's it going to hurt?

I'm afraid many people are missing the argument altogether over this heated debate. So let's see if I can shed some 'light' on the subject. Those that believe the definition of marriage is one man and one woman derive their beliefs, for the most part, from the Bible. While there are many passages of Scripture about the subject, I will center on two verses found in Romans 1:26, 27. Are you ready? Here it is in a 'nutshell' why I and a myriad of others believe in traditional marriage of one man and one woman:

*"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." – The Bible, God's unchangeable Word.*

Arguments for the gay lifestyle/marriage are rooted entirely upon a humanistic/world view, apart from what God declares about the issue. It is not based upon the Judea/Christian values as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. You see, it makes no difference what you or I believe about the matter, our thoughts are irrelevant; it is what God clearly states about the issue that is of concern.

On more than one occasion I have been accused of 'hating' gay people, but let the record show before God and society; I do not hate persons who have adopted an alternate gay lifestyle. I do, conversely, hate the 'lifestyle' that is contrary to the written record in God's Word. God states emphatically many times, both in the Old and New Testament portions of the Holy Scriptures, homosexuality is sin. In light of that fact, to be true to the Scriptures as a Christian, I am indebted to believe them, else I am not worthy to be called Christian, or 'Christ like'.

If this disappoints and makes some angry, you are not principally angry at me or other Christians; chiefly you are angry with God's moral values and His code of ethics as written in the Bible. It is with God you have a disagreement.

Should you decide to embrace this lifestyle and reject God's declaration, you have every right to do so – God made us free-moral-agents. Nevertheless, you will stand one day, as all of us will and answer to the

Supreme Judge. At that time the Bible says, *“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God”* (Romans 14:11).

My fellow Christians; do not be ashamed of your convictions, stand firm on the foundations of God’s Word, but do so out of love for all people regardless of who they are, or how they choose to live.

Dear Lord, I ask you to help all those who claim the name of Christ to love their fellowmen regardless of their race, creed, or lifestyle. It was for ALL men, women, boys and girls that Jesus Christ died on the cross. Through His sacrificial death He has provided a means of forgiveness and an entrance into the splendors of Heaven.

If there is someone reading this message that lacks a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I hope you will simply bow your head and by faith, ask Jesus to come into your heart, forgive you of your sins, and make Him the Lord and Savior of your life. I guarantee God will hear and answer your simply prayer – He promised this in His Word.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.