

→ What About...Homosexuals Today?

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Atlanta North Point Senior Pastor Andy Stanley in his April 15, 2012, sermon commented on a married husband in his congregation who had a sexual affair with another man. Stanley said what was unacceptable was that the man was married and, therefore, committing adultery. The husband and his gay partner left the church but returned later after the man's wife forgave him. Stanley said that the resulting relationships—the ex-wife, her daughter, her boyfriend, the ex-husband and his gay partner, who all attended the same church service together—are “a messy, marvelous, painful microcosm of the church, of truth and grace.”

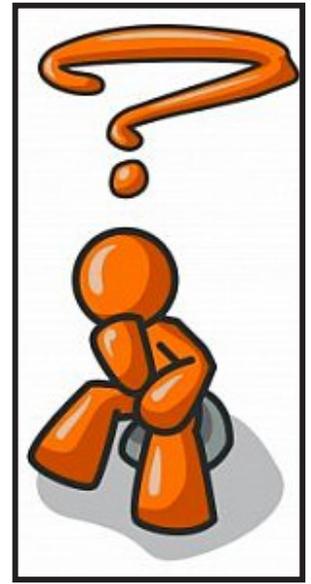
On Saturday, September 21, 2012, Emergent Church leader Brian McLaren, along with a “Universal Life minister,” officiated in the marriage of his gay son to his same sex partner. McLaren said, “I had gone through my change in this view before I ever guessed that any of my kids might be gay.”

During a forum at an Episcopal church in San Francisco on March 17, 2013, Rob Bell, former pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grandville, Michigan, was asked about his position on gay marriage, and he responded by saying,

“I am for love, whether it's a man and woman, a woman and a woman, a man and a man. I think the ship has sailed and I think the church needs—I think this is the world we are living in and we need to affirm people wherever they are.”

On May 29, 2013, the “Grand Rapids Press” carried an article about Daniel Dobson, son of former Calvary Church Pastor Ed Dobson and brother of Mars Hill Church Pastor Kent Dobson. The following quote from the article is given without comment.

“...almost two years ago. He stood outside his parents' door and repeated Hebrews 13:5-6 to himself. Then he told them, ‘Mom, dad, I'm gay. And I still love Jesus. And nothing else changes.’ After a stunned silence, he recalls, his father said, ‘We still love you. And nothing else changes’... He wants people to know it is possible to be gay and a faithful Christian. ‘The Bible passages often cited to condemn homosexuality don't apply to two men or two women loving each other or gay marriage,’ Dobson argues. ‘A lot of gays and lesbians are hurting because they don't know it's OK,’ he adds... He also wrestled through Scripture with his brother, Kent, pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church. All this leads him to believe it's time to speak out, both to help needlessly suffering people and to counter hateful Christian attitudes toward gays... ‘They hurt the kingdom and they hurt Jesus. What they're saying cannot possibly be led by the (Holy) Spirit.’”



Now, we, the Equippers of Relational Concepts, would like to point out the following:

Genesis 19:4-7, *The men of Sodom...called to Lot and said to him, “Where are **the men** who came to you to-night? Bring them out to us **that we may have relations with them.**” But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, and said, “Please, my brothers, do not **act wickedly.**”*

Leviticus 18:22, *‘You shall not **lie with a male** as one lies with a female; it is an **abomination.**’*

Leviticus 20:13, *If there is **a man who lies with a male** as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a **detestable act; they shall surely be put to death.***

Matthew 19:4-5, *And He [Jesus] answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from 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?’**”*

Romans 1:26-27, 32, *For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their **women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,** and in the same way **also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving***

*in their own persons the **due penalty of their error**... and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are **worthy of death**, they not only do the same, but also **give hearty approval** to those who practice them.*

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, *Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals**, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.*

1 Timothy 1:9-10, *...realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are **lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching.***

Conclusion

John 14:15, [Jesus said], *If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

1 Corinthians 5:11-13, *But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God judges. **REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.***

2 Timothy 4:3, *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires.*

1 John 1:6, *If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

1 John 2:1, *Do not **love the world** nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

1 John 2:4, *The one who says, “**I have come to know Him,**” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Sincerely, from the Equipppers of Relational Concepts, Inc.,

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