

## “The Liberal/Gay Agenda”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Open your Bibles to 1 Corinthians chapter 6 and v.9. We are examining a passage of Holy Scripture that addresses what the world calls social issues but the Holy Bible calls sin. We are examining people the world embraces but whom the Holy Bible says will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the world is confused by, the Bible makes perfectly clear.

*<sup>9</sup> 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, (1 Cor. 6:9 NAU)*

You and I were born either male or female. That’s not so hard, is it? But the world and the liberal unbelieving visible church and modern families and modern parents and modern teachers and psychologists are teaching our children that they no longer have to determine their gender by looking at their bodies. If they don’t feel comfortable with their bodies as given at birth, they can declare themselves to be of the opposite sex or of no sex at all. And the world and its sadly deceived parents can allow their little three-year-old children to make the decision about what sex they want to be. Beloved, **that is the worst kind of child abuse**. And it is merely one symptom of the madness the world has embraced. We live in a mad, mad, mad, mad world.

Are you familiar with statutory rape? That’s when someone has sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 16. “In many jurisdictions, the age of consent is interpreted to mean mental or functional age. As a result, victims can be of any chronological age if their mental age makes them unable to consent to a sexual act.” A child of 16 years or younger is not considered old enough to consent to sexual intercourse. If that is true, and it is, what in the world makes anyone believe that a 3 year old has the mental or emotional capacity to consent to identifying with the gender of their opposite sex? That is the definition of insanity.

Two weeks ago, on Monday, August 23, I received an email referencing Eastway Baptist Church, inviting us to join an organization called “transfriendly.” I declined the invitation. This is what the invitation said, *\*Read the print out.*

And on Thursday, August 26, my friend and yours, and brother in Christ, David Gales, called me a little distressed by a call he had gotten from an old pastor friend of his who now shares the pastorate in a church in Connecticut with four other pastors. His friend said that his church has just lost 200 members because he, David’s friend, had fired one of the other pastors in his church for coming out during a Sunday morning service as a transgender. The fired pastor came to church with his family **wearing a dress** and David’s friend was shocked and beside himself as he witnessed this spectacle of abomination. He never knew the man was gay and had been for most of his life. But to be sitting on the platform and see one of his fellow pastors come into the sanctuary with his family wearing a dress was just too much. And when he demanded the man’s resignation and fired him, the church got all up in arms and demanded the transgender person be rehired. And in protest, 200 church members left the church. Not because they were offended by the transgender pastor, but because David’s pastor friend had fired him. When David asked about the man’s marital status, he was told that the man is married and has three children, and his wife is ok with it. And of course, the man wants to be called by his new feminine name, Emily. The likes of several celebrities like Bruce Jenner who is now known as Kaitlyn Jenner have made such nonsense acceptable and even praise-worthy in straight and gay circles.

Church of Christ, body of Christ, do not be deceived. Stop being deceived!

Our text:

<sup>9</sup> *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,***

<sup>10</sup> *nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6:9-10 NAU)*

*“...nor effeminate, nor homosexuals...”*

Let me tell you this morning what those two words meant in Paul’s day and still mean in our day.

The word effeminate literally means, “soft,” as in a piece of soft clothing. But in this context it means men who are not manly, but soft and female-like. **μαλακός, ἢ, ὄν** soft; (1) of clothes *soft (to the touch), delicate* (LU 7.25); neuter plural τὰ μαλακα as a substantive, *luxurious clothes* (MT 11.8); (2) figuratively, in a bad sense of men *effeminate, unmanly*; substantively ὁ μ. especially of a man or boy who submits his body to homosexual lewdness *catamite, homosexual pervert* (1C 6.9)

And the word homosexual refers to a class of homosexuality slightly different from the effeminate homosexual. [Fri] **ἀρσενοκοίτης, οὔ, ὁ** an adult male who practices sexual intercourse with another adult male or a boy *homosexual, sodomite, pederast*, pederast refers to pedophiles, **Definition of pederast**

: a man who desires or engages in sexual activity with a boy

Remember the SF Chorus and its threat to take our little boys and girls?

I must ask you, beloved of God at Eastway Baptist Church, “do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?” Do you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?” That isn’t the end of the story, but it is an issue that we must address in the present.

That sounds like a death sentence, doesn’t it? It sounds like the final word, doesn’t it? But have you read v.11? <sup>11</sup> *Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor. 6:11 NAU)*

The truth Paul is communicating in v.11 is this, “By the grace of God, those who have been washed and sanctified and justified, are now righteous.” And that includes those who formerly were fornicators and

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idolaters and adulterers and effeminate and homosexuals and thieves and the covetous and drunkards and revilers and swindlers.

And we can add to that partial list of the unrighteous, Paul's list we find in his letter to the churches in Galatia. The immoral and the impure and those who are given to sensuality and idolatry and sorcery and enmity and strife and jealousy and those who are given to outbursts of anger and those who love disputes and dissension and factions and the envious and drunkards and those who are given to carousing.

And we can add to that his list in Romans 1. Those who are filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,

<sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

<sup>31</sup> without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;  
(Rom. 1:29-31 NAU)

And God wants all men, men and women and teens and children of all stripes, to be saved. To come to the knowledge of the truth found in the gospel and the written word of God. God does not desire that any should perish.

God desires to save the confused, those who are at this moment ensnared by the devil's lies and traps.

God desires to save the unrighteous, not leaving them in their unrighteousness.

God is busy about converting the unrighteous into the righteous through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. <sup>17</sup> *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. (Rom. 10:17 NAU)*

*Jesus said to them, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me."*

And a word of rebuke to the visible liberal unbelieving church,  
<sup>16</sup> *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

<sup>17</sup> *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." (Rom. 1:16-17 NAU)*

Any so-called church or denomination that rejects the exclusivity of Christ, is leading its members to the same hell they will meet upon dying. <sup>13</sup> *"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. (Matt. 23:13 NAU)*

Church of Christ, flee from such men and women who call themselves leaders and pastors and elders yet preach another way to the Father.

Beloved, being effeminate and homosexual is not the final word for that group of the unrighteous. **Grace is the final word. The finished work of Christ on the cross is the final word. God has the final word, and it is "there is hope for the most vile sinner among us."**

The Bible says, <sup>38</sup> *"Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>39</sup> *"For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."*

<sup>40</sup> *And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" (Acts 2:38-40 NAU)*