

Homosexuality

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"abusers of themselves with mankind"

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.

(Rom 1:24-27 KJV)

It doesn't get any clearer than that. Regardless of what else is going on the ACT of men being with men sexually is 'shameful'.

For idolatry God gave them over to their perverse desires and vile affections, but vile these affections ARE REGARDLESS of how they came to be !

And also;

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

For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

(1Ti 1:10 KJV)

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(1Co 6:9 KJV)

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ἀρσενοκοίτης

arsenokoitēs

Thayer Definition:

1) one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from G730 and G2845

which is from :

G2845

κοίτη

koitē

koy'-tay

From G2749; a couch; by extension cohabitation; by implication the male sperm: - bed, chambering, X conceive.

G730

ἄρρην, ἀρσεν

arrhēn arsen

ar'-hrane, ar'-sane

Probably from G142; male (as stronger for lifting): - male, man.

The word speaks for itself. Its no wonder Strongs and Thayers both believe this word is about homosexuals...especially given the rest of scripture on the matter.

And here we have the Mosaic Law, GODS law, which forbids men having sex with men like one does a woman.

(Lev 18:22 KJV) Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

(Lev 20:13 KJV) 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.

Perfectly consistent...

2.0

Romans 1:26-27 - Vile Affections

In Romans 1 the state of the persons in Romans there is a RESULT of their idolatry.

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.

(Rom 1:26-27 KJV)

BECAUSE of their idolatry God gave them up TO their vile affections...the affections/desires themselves ARE vile/sinful.

One doesn't have to commit idolatry to commit sexual sin, so the connection between the two, while it DOES exist in Romans 1, doesn't necessarily have to exist in EVERY other instance.

In Romans 1:26 above we see that these were turned over to 'vile affections'.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections...

(Rom 1:26 KJV+)

Here are the definitions of these words.

Vile

G819

ἀτιμία

atimia

at-ee-mee'-ah

From G820; infamy, that is, (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace: - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

NT usage;

G819

ἀτιμία

atimia

Total KJV Occurrences: 7

dishonour, 4

Rom_9:21, 1Co_15:43, 2Co_6:8, 2Ti_2:20

reproach, 1

2Co_11:21

shame, 1

1Co_11:14

vile, 1

Rom_1:26

Affections

G3806

πάθος

pathos

path'-os

From the alternate of G3958; properly suffering (“pathos”), that is, (subjectively) a passion (especially concupiscence): - (inordinate) affection, lust.

NT usage;

G3806

πάθος

pathos

Total KJV Occurrences: 4

affection, 1

Col_3:5

affections, 1

Rom_1:26

inordinate, 1

Col_3:5

lust, 1

1Th_4:5

As you can see the usage of each word in the new testament is quite consistent.

These were given over to these vile affections, and what does the scripture show that these 'vile affections' were being defined as ?

...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...

It is VERY clear that burning with lust for those of the same gender and acting out on that lust is what this 'vile affection'...otherwise the statement has no meaning.

Homosexuality is a sin and therefore the gay christian needs to abstain from that sin. To WILLFULLY continue in it would seem to lead one into the predicament mentioned in Hebrews 10.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

(Heb 10)

Obviously based on the context of the chapter and the entire book this isn't speaking about merely sinning otherwise we'd ALL be in this position, but very clearly there is some point where our WILLFULL sin shows that we have trampled the Son underfoot and spit in the face of the Spirit of Grace.

3.0

Same passage, different part.

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.

(Rom 1:24-27 KJV)

The context is clear enough that men gave up what was natural with the woman and turned to one another in their lusts.

As in my other thread we can easily conclude that while God DID turn them over to this sin seemingly for their idolatries, the ACTS themselves are shown as

-unclean

-dishonour

-vile

-unseemly

-error

Here are the definitions of these words (as shown above in red).

These show the overall TONE of the acts these are involved in;

unclean

G167

ἀκαθαρσία

akatharsia

ak-ath-ar-see'-ah

From G169; impurity (the quality), physically or morally: - uncleanness.

dishonor

G818

ἀτιμάζω

atimazō

at-im-ad'-zo

From G820; to render infamous, that is, (by implication) contemn or maltreat: - despise, dishonour, suffer shame, entreat shamefully.

vile

G819

ἀτιμία

atimia

at-ee-mee'-ah

From G820; infamy, that is, (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace: - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

unseemly

G808

ἀσχημοσύνη

aschēmosunē

as-kay-mos-oo'-nay

From G809; an indecent; by implication the pudenda: - shame, that which is unseemly.

error

G4106

πλάνη

planē

plan'-ay

Feminine of G4108 (as abstraction); objectively fraudulence; subjectively a straying from orthodoxy or piety: - deceit, to deceive, delusion, error.

So we see in this part of the passage that God has given them up to this 'uncleaness'.

God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Regardless of whether they were involved in this act PRIOR to God turning them over to it or not it is quite CLEAR that these acts themselves are all of the things listed above else scripture is quite erroneous to begin with.

These acts being defined as men and woman leaving the natural and lusting after those of the same gender and carrying out those lusts into actions.