

Truth for Gay Friends

Let us imagine that you were about to eat some food in your home which—without your knowledge—had been poisoned, so that you would, if you ate of it, certainly die. Let us say as well that you had two neighbors, both of whom knew your food was poisoned. The one, concerned for your life, warned you, and tried with his utmost power to keep you from eating, even though you thought him crazy for arguing for such an unlikely thing as that your food was poisoned in your own home, and you grew angry at him for speaking to you in such a persistent and urgent manner. The other, fearing that you would not believe him if he told you, and knowing you would be offended and angry, thought it better if he said nothing. Which of these two would be your true friend? Obviously, the one who told you the truth and sought to save your life. The Bible states something very similar: “Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him . . . thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.” (Lev 19:17-18). Love requires a rebuke when you sin. To fail to admonish you, but allow you to continue on your way without any warning, shows hate, not love; for sin, any and every violation of the law of God, has consequences that are horrible beyond comprehension. Neighbor, gay friend, please read this tract very carefully with an open heart and mind. Keep it, get a copy of the Bible, and look up the verses referred to. Its message can wonderfully change your life—and eternity.

The Bible, the infallible Word of God, states that “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination” (Lev 18:22). It speaks of those whom God gave 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 . . . who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Rom 1:26-27, 32). God cannot lie, and He has stated: “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, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor 6:9-10). Homosexual friend, unless you repent, you will not enter God’s kingdom, but are headed for everlasting torment in the lake of fire: “the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev 21:8). In this horrible place, you will, with the rest of the damned, “drink of the wine of the

wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and . . . be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night . . .” (Rev 14:10-11). Does not the smallest measure of human compassion, to say nothing of Christian love, require that we warn you of this inconceivably horrible, eternal, and unbearable wrath, which quickly and with absolute certainty will fall upon you, the judgment of the all-powerful God, whom you have as your enemy, from whose hand none can hope to escape? “Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver” (Ps 50:22).

Consider further that you are condemned, not for sodomy alone, but for all your other sins as well. Perhaps you who read this are not a homosexual—do not conclude that you are, therefore, right with God. You have broken every one of the ten commandments. Since you have not always put God first in your life in everything, you have broken the first commandment by having something or someone else as your “god” (Ex 20:1-3). Since you have at some point maintained false concepts of God, not accepting, loving, and worshiping the God of the Bible in the fullness of His revealed character on His own terms, you have broken the second commandment (Ex 20:4-6). Since you have at some time spoken of God with less than the reverence that He demands, whether through cursing or some other way, you have broken the third commandment (Ex 20:7). Since you have not always honored God on His holy day, you have broken the fourth commandment (Ex 20:8-11). Since you have not always honored your parents, you have broken the fifth commandment (Ex 20:12). Since you have gotten angry for unscriptural reasons in your life, you have broken the sixth commandment, and are a murderer in your depraved heart (Ex 20:13, Mt 5:21-22). Since lustful thoughts are adultery, you have repeatedly broken the seventh commandment (Ex 20:14, Mt 5:27-28). Since you have almost surely stolen something in your life, you have broken the eighth commandment (Ex 20:15). Since you have lied, you have broken the ninth commandment (Ex 20:16). Since you have desired what was not yours, rather than rejoicing always in what God has given you, you have broken the tenth commandment (Ex 20:17). What is more, any single disobedience to God’s Law makes you worthy of Hell: “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10). “Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them” (Gal 3:10). Furthermore, you not only do wickedness, but your very nature is immeasurably evil, your inheritance from your sin in the first man, Adam: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer 17:9, Rom 5:19). An immense gulf separates you from God’s standard of perfect holiness and sinlessness: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Mt 5:48) “Be ye holy; for I [God] am holy” (1 Pet 1:16). Even the “good” things you think you have

done are unacceptable: “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Is 64:6). You are dead spiritually from the time you are “born of the flesh” or physically born until you are “born of the Spirit,” or born again, and until the Spirit of God gives you this second birth, absolutely nothing you do or are pleases Him (Jn 3:3-7, Rom 8:8-9): “so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom 8:8). “[U]nto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled” (Tit 1:15). Ask yourself, as the Lord Jesus asked some lost men in His day, “how can ye escape the damnation of hell?” (Mt 23:33).

The good news is, friend, that although you are lost, helpless, and utterly unable to save yourself, change your evil nature, or escape from the wrath you richly deserve, God has made a way of escape! Jesus Christ, God the Son, laid aside His glory as part of the Triune God, equal to God the Father and God the Spirit, to become a Man. “God was manifest in the flesh” (1 Tim 3:16). As a perfect Man, He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross, where His Father punished Him in your place as a Substitute for your sins. He was buried, and three days later He rose again bodily from the grave. On the cross, God laid your sins on Him, and He suffered what you owe. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened [made alive] by the Spirit” (1 Pet 3:18). The Bible says that “the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23), and Christ suffered and died for your sins so you would not have to suffer and face the second death in Hell for them. God’s Law demanded that a price be paid for your sin, and Christ paid that price for you: “[God the Father] hath made [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor 5:21). Perfect righteousness is required for entry into heaven, and Christ died in your place so that His death and shed blood could pay for your sin, and you could have His righteousness put to your account and be counted righteous (justified) in God’s sight for His sake. You can be saved, not through your own work, but through His work; not by your attempts to obey the Law, but His perfect obedience to it and death to satisfy it. Furthermore, if Christ’s blood washes away your sins, you will not only be free from the penalty of sin, Hell, but free from bondage to sin in this life. God will give you a new heart so that you will hate the sins you now love, including sexual perversion, and free you from the bondage to sin you now lie under. Countless multitudes of “fornicators . . . effeminate, [and] abusers of themselves with mankind,” along with all other kinds of wretched sinners, have been “washed . . . sanctified . . . [and] justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor 6:9-11). “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim 1:15), even the worst of them, even you. Will you come to Him, as the poor sinners who prepared this tract for you have done, and know by experience the truth that “if *any man* be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor 5:17)?

To have the payment Christ made take care of your sin debt, you must repent and believe the gospel (Mark 1:15). “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Ac 3:19). “Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin” (Eze 18:30). Repentance is a change of mind about God and sin that leads to a change of life. In repentance, you agree with everything that God says in His Word about you: that you are indeed as bad as the Bible says you are, that you are headed to Hell, which you deserve for your sins, and that you need the Savior. You then must turn from your sins to submit unconditionally to Christ as your Lord. He said, “Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life [wants to live his own way and will not turn to God’s way] shall lose it [in Hell]; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:34-36). Believing the gospel is trusting in Christ and His work on the cross alone for salvation. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). To savingly place your faith in Christ means that you do not trust in any work, religious act, ceremony, or anything other than the blood of He who died for you to take care of your sin. Your attempts at reformation cannot pay for one sin, but “the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 Jn 1:7). The Bible says “by grace [undeserved favor] are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Eph 2:8-9). “And if by grace, then is [salvation] no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work” (Rom 11:6). “[T]o him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Rom 4:5). “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law” (Rom 3:28). Dear friend, if you will repent and believe in Christ this very moment, you will be saved forever—for once a man is saved, he is always saved; he cannot lose it (Rom 8:28-39, John 10:28-30)—and God will set you free from your sin so that you will desire and characteristically practice holiness. What will you do with Jesus Christ? “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37). “As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die[?]” (Eze 33:11).

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