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Personally from Billy

This has been a difficult issue to prepare. But we strongly felt it should be published. A recent TV broadcast of *Deaf Mosaic* we saw on cable showed deaf gays and lesbians joining with a larger group of hearing homosexuals on Washington, D.C. to demand "gay rights".

We felt that the truth had to be told, and we felt that our unique comic strip method was the best way to expose this truth to our deaf audience, both gays and non-gays.

At the same time, while we wanted to expose the deceitful sinfulness of homosexual activity, we also wanted to show love and compassion for those caught up in the trap of misplaced sexual desire and activity.

We personally know some deaf gays, and it was heart-rending to watch some of them dying from the terrible disease AIDS. Our hearts go out to those mothers who had to allow their sons to come home to die. Those mothers have given loving care to their sons but they have had to watch these sons waste away as well as to hear them moan and regret that they ever became trapped in the net of homosexual activity. Those who have not yet become ill, we love dearly and pray fervently that they will stop not only what is called "high-risk sexual activity", but free themselves from the homosexual world. We have tried to encourage them to give up their sin. Perhaps you are one of them. If so, please understand we prepared this issue in love for you.

This special issue is also addressed to those who are on the brink of homosexuality, but who have not yet taken the "plunge". And not for these alone, but also for the general public who are being brainwashed by gay propaganda that gays are just "normal people" and should be treated the same as "straight people". But we also oppose "gay-bashing", that is, doing physical harm to

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OUT OF THE CLOSET



MANY YEARS AGO, HOMOSEXUALS HID THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. NOW THEY ARE COMING "OUT OF THE CLOSET".

THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE AMERICANS-- AND THE REST OF THE WORLD-- BELIEVE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS **NORMAL AND NATURAL.**

AND TO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES, THEY USE THE TERM "GAYS".

THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF THE WORD "GAY" MEANS "HAPPY".

ARE THESE PEOPLE **REALLY** HAPPY?

ADVISORY:
Although we have tried to exercise good taste in this presentation, the subject matter is such that we believe small children should not be exposed to this book. We have aimed at adults and teenagers as the primary audience. Parents should use their discretion if they wish their children to learn this material.

THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY ARE NOT REALLY HAPPY.

THEY REALIZE THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION MAKES THEM "NOT NORMAL".



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AND IN A WORLD
WHERE **HETEROSEXUAL
SEX*** IS NORMAL, THEIR KIND
OF SEX IS NOT APPROVED OF.



*"HETEROSEXUAL SEX" MEANS
SEX BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE.*

NO WONDER, THEN, THEY
TRY TO MAKE THE REST OF
THE WORLD BELIEVE
HOMOSEXUALITY IS
NORMAL!

**GAY
RIGHTS**
We are human
too!

NO WONDER THEY
PUSH WHAT THEY
CALL "**GAY
RIGHTS**".



HOMOSEXUALS ARE
EVERYWHERE.

THEY ARE GOVERNMENT WORKERS,
POLICEMEN, LAWYERS, SCHOOL
TEACHERS, OFFICE WORKERS,
SPORTS FIGURES, ETC., ETC.



THERE ARE EVEN HOMOSEXUAL
CLERGYMEN IN THE CHURCHES.

AND AS IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, SOME CHURCHES NOW "MARRY" GAY COUPLES.



TODAY GAYS ACCUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST THEM OF BEING GUILTY OF **HOMOPHOBIA***.

"**HOMOPHOBIA**" MEANS THE FEAR OF HOMOSEXUALS.



WE BELIEVE THE GAY LIFESTYLE IS WRONG, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE "GAY-BASHING" IS WRONG. WE SHOULD LOVE THE **SINNER**, NOT THE **SIN**.

MAYBE **YOU** WHO READ THIS ARE A HOMOSEXUAL YOURSELF!



IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY, PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE **LOVE** YOU, AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU OVERCOME YOUR PROBLEMS.

LIKE THE APOSTLE PAUL, WE WILL **TELL THE TRUTH IN LOVE** (EPHESIANS 4:15).

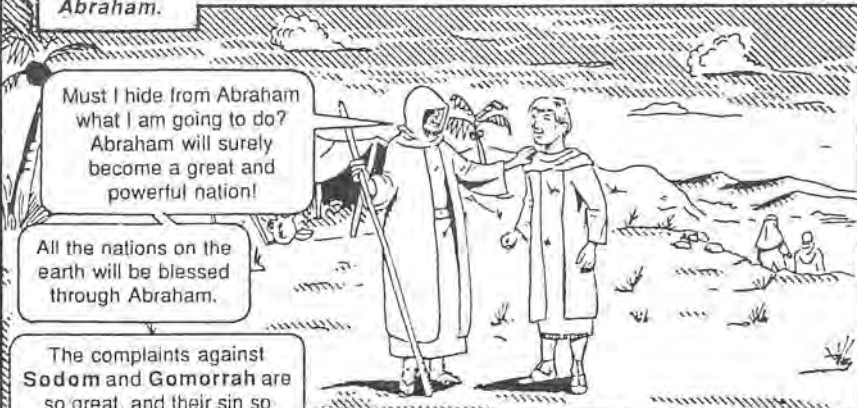
WE BEGIN OUR STUDY IN HOMOSEXUALITY WITH THE STORY OF **SODOM AND GOMORRAH** FOUND IN GENESIS 18 AND 19...

Sodom & Gomorrah

This story from Genesis 19:1-28

The Lord and two angels appeared in the form of human beings to Abraham.


The Bible does not say just when Abraham realized who his three guests were, but at this point he did find out. The two angels had left to go to the sinful city of Sodom, but the Lord remained behind with Abraham.



Must I hide from Abraham what I am going to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation!

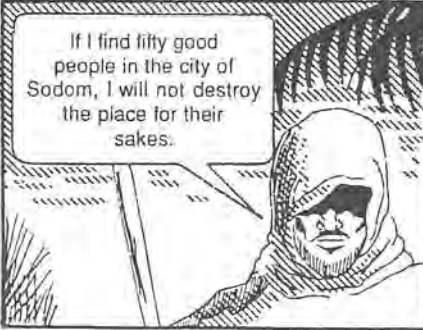
All the nations on the earth will be blessed through Abraham.

The complaints against Sodom and Gomorrah are so great, and their sin so terrible that I will go down and see if the complaints against them are true.



Will You destroy innocent people with evil people?

What if there are fifty good people in the city?

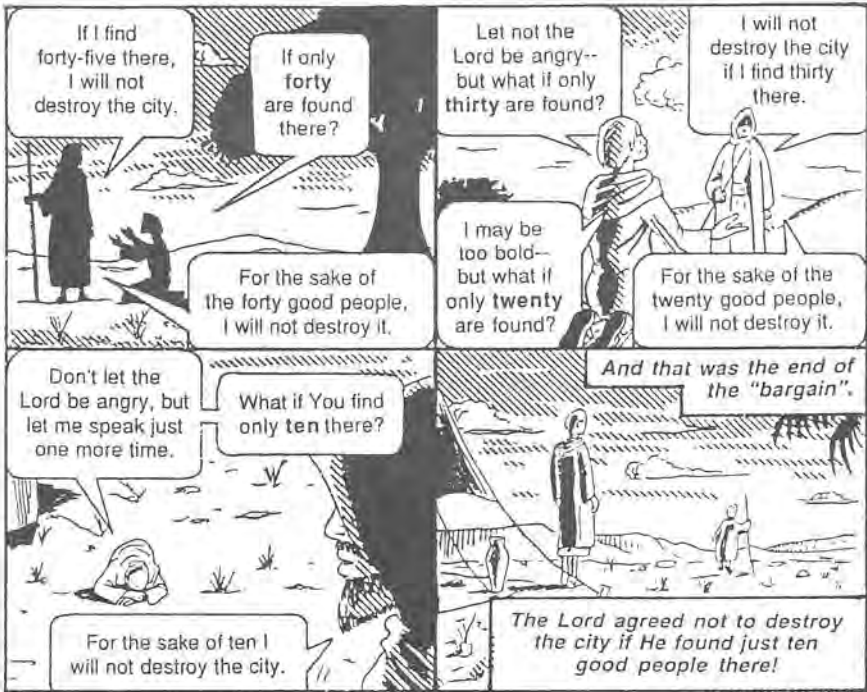


If I find fifty good people in the city of Sodom, I will not destroy the place for their sakes.

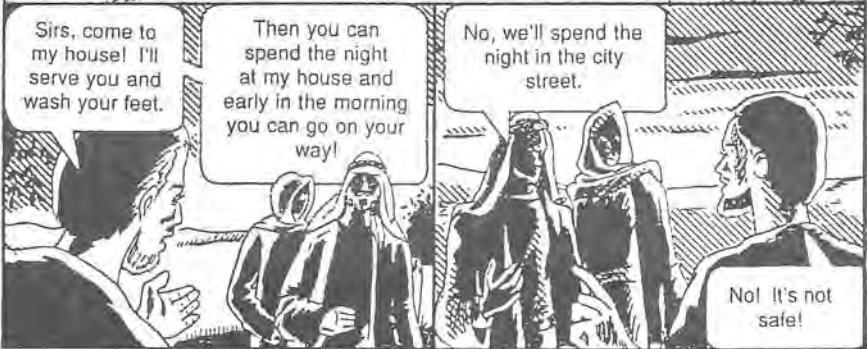
I am only dust and ashes, but I have been bold enough to speak to the Lord...

What if You find five less? Will You destroy the city because You find just forty-five good people there?

Pencils for "SODOM & GOMMORAH" by Billy Leavell; inks by Gina Forshay



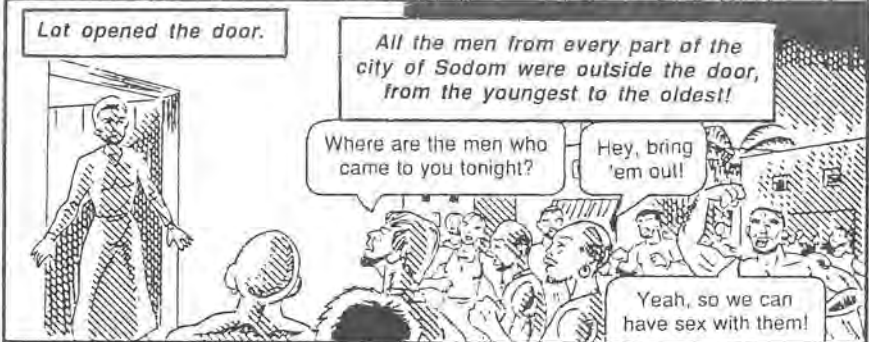
The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening. Lot, Abraham's nephew, was sitting in the gateway.





Lot persuaded them so strongly that the two strangers finally agreed...

They enjoyed a supper, but before they went to bed...



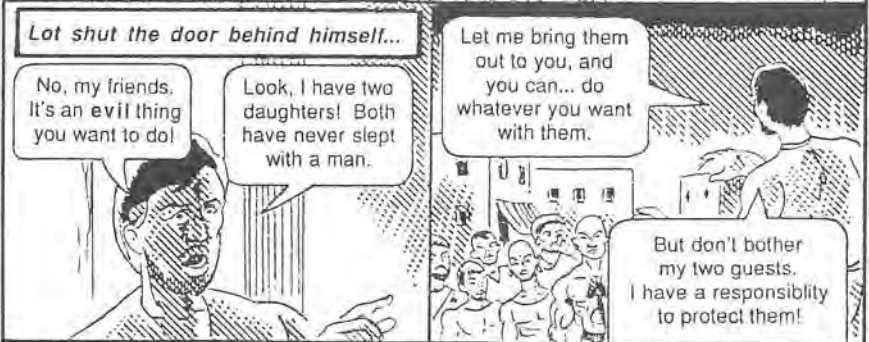
Lot opened the door.

All the men from every part of the city of Sodom were outside the door, from the youngest to the oldest!

Where are the men who came to you tonight?

Hey, bring 'em out!

Yeah, so we can have sex with them!



Lot shut the door behind himself...

No, my friends, it's an evil thing you want to do!

Look, I have two daughters! Both have never slept with a man.

Let me bring them out to you, and you can... do whatever you want with them.

But don't bother my two guests. I have a responsibility to protect them!

It may sound strange to us today, but in Lot's time, it was good hospitality for a person to offer his wife or daughter if someone threatened homosexual rape to his guest or guests. Check out Judges 19:22-24 for a similar case!



Get out of our way!

This man moved here from out of town; he wasn't even born here. Now he wants to be our judge!

Yeah! We'll teach him a lesson!

But the angels pulled Lot back inside the house.



And when they did so, they caused all the men outside to become blind.



What? Who turned out the lights?

Where's the house? I gotta have my man!

Yes, even when they became blind, they searched for the house. So great was their lust for man's flesh!



Do you have any other members of the family?

You must hurry and get them out of this place!



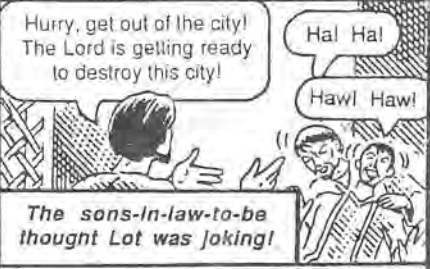
Why?

The Lord has sent us to destroy this city!



Yes, the complaints about Sodom's evil are so great that the Lord has heard them!

Lot hurried and told the men who were engaged to his daughters--



Hurry, get out of the city! The Lord is getting ready to destroy this city!

Hal Ha!

Haw! Haw!

The sons-in-law-to-be thought Lot was joking!

When the dawn came...



Lot, hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters!

if you don't leave now, you'll be caught up in the punishment of the city!

Uh-- wait--

But the two angels grabbed him and his family and led them out of the city.



Flee for your lives! Don't look back and don't stop anywhere on the plain! Flee to the mountains!



No-- please-- the terrible punishment will catch up with us and destroy us before we reach the mountains!

Look, there's a town near enough for us to run to. Can't we be safe there?

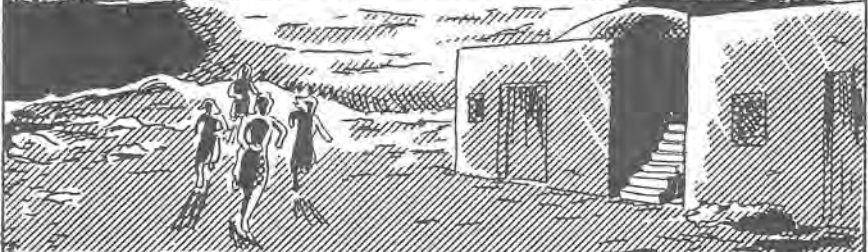
All right, I won't destroy that small town.

But go quickly now!

When Lot had reached Zoar, the small town he had spoken about, the sun finally rose over the horizon--



And suddenly the terrible punishment came! The Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah.



Lot's wife looked back...

and became a pillar of salt.



That morning, Abraham, Lot's uncle, stood on a hill and saw the heavy smoke rising where Sodom and Gomorrah once stood.



HERE, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, ARE STATEMENTS ABOUT THESE TWO CITIES...

And God also punished the evil cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God burned those cities until there was nothing left but ashes. God made those cities be an example to show what will happen to people who are against God. But God saved Lot from those cities. Lot was a very good man. He was troubled because of the dirty lives of evil people. (Lot was a good man, but he lived with those evil people every day. Lot's good heart was hurt by the evil things that he saw and heard.)

--2 Peter 2:6-8

God completely destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the towns around them.
And no person lives in those towns now.

--Jeremiah 50:40

IN FACT THE RUINS OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH STILL HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND! IT IS BELIEVED THEY ARE UNDER WHAT IS NOW CALLED THE **DEAD SEA**.

SEXUAL SIN WAS NOT THEIR ONLY SIN...

...Sodom... did not help poor, helpless people... And when I saw those things I punished them.

--Ezekiel 16:49-50

Also remember the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the other cities around them... Those towns were full of sexual sin and wrong doing. They suffer the punishment of eternal fire. Their punishment is an example for us to see.

--Jude 7

IN THE ORIGINAL GREEK, THE WORD TRANSLATED "FULL OF SEXUAL SIN" MEANS **EXCESSIVELY FULL OF SEXUAL SIN**.

IN FACT THE ORIGINAL GREEK LITERALLY SAYS THESE PEOPLE **GAVE THEMSELVES TO EXCESSIVE SEXUAL SIN AND WENT AFTER FLESH OF ANOTHER KIND (UNNATURAL SEX, I.E. HOMOSEXUAL SIN)**.

THE BIBLE HAS PASSAGES THAT SPECIFICALLY **FORBID** HOMOSEXUAL CONTACT...

"You must not have sexual relations with a man as with a woman. That is a terrible sin!"

--Leviticus 18:22

IN THE **LAW OF MOSES**, HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY WAS SUCH A TERRIBLE SIN THAT THE **DEATH PENALTY** WAS REQUIRED.

"If a man has sexual relations with another man as with a woman, then these two men have done a terrible sin. They must be put to death. They must be killed."

--Leviticus 20:12

THE DEATH PENALTY AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS WAS ALSO REQUIRED AGAINST **OTHER** SEXUAL SINS--**ADULTERY**, **INCEST**, AND EVEN **BESTIALITY**.

Read Leviticus 20:10-12,14-21.

BUT IT'S DIFFERENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT! WE'RE NOT UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES NOW!

'ADULTERY' MEANS THE SIN IN WHICH A MARRIED PERSON HAS SEX WITH ANOTHER PERSON NOT HIS/HER SPOUSE.

'INCEST' MEANS THE SIN OF HAVING SEX WITH A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

'BESTIALITY' MEANS THE SIN OF HAVING SEX WITH AN ANIMAL.



Read Hebrews 8:7-13, 9:15, 10:1-2, 7:18-19, Colossians 2:16-17, 2 Corinthians 3:7-16

IT'S TRUE WE AREN'T UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES. IN FACT THE LAW OF MOSES WAS TAKEN AWAY OUT OF THE WAY ON THE CROSS WHEN OUR LORD DIED FOR OUR SINS.

TODAY CHRISTIANS ARE NOT TO PUNISH THE HOMOSEXUAL OR **ANY** SEX-SINNER- **GOD** HIMSELF WILL PUNISH THESE SINNERS.

Read Romans 12:17-21.

INSTEAD, CHRISTIANS ARE EXPECTED TO DO GOOD TO THESE EVIL-DOERS. MAYBE CHRISTIANS CAN SAVE THE SINNERS' SOULS FROM THEIR SIN!

Read James 5:19-20



BUT THE **NEW TESTAMENT** MAKES IT CLEAR THAT CHRIST **IS AGAINST HOMOSEXUAL SIN!**

People were full of sin, wanting only to do evil things. So God left them and let them go their sinful way. And so they became full of sexual sins, using their bodies wrongly with each other...
Because people did those things, God left them and let them do the shameful things they wanted to do. Women stopped having sex with men. They started having sex with other women. In the same way, men stopped having natural sex with women. The men began wanting each other all the time. Men did shameful things with other men. And in their bodies they received the punishment for the wrong things they did.
--Romans 1:24,26-27



THE PLAIN TEACHINGS OF THIS PASSAGE:

1. God left them ("gave them up", King James Version).
2. God lets homosexuals go ahead and do the shameful things they want to do ("vile passions", King James Version).
3. Lesbians don't want natural sex with men. They only want other women.
4. Male gays also don't care for natural sex with women. They prefer sex with other men.
5. Sexually active homosexuals bring on themselves different kinds of diseases. (*Syphilis and gonorrhea as well as the dread disease AIDS are not the only diseases that active homosexuals risk getting; other problems are infected rectums and colons, and even the collapse of these organs. Even the Bible mentions young men dying an early death because of homosexual activity. read Job 36:14!*)

IF GOD'S WORD IS TRUE
IN THE ROMAN PASSAGE WE
HAVE JUST READ, THEN
THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT--
THE CLAIM THAT THE
HOMOSEXUALS ARE
"BORN THAT WAY"
IS **FALSE**.

HOWEVER THE
SEXUAL
ORIENTATION
DOES COME
VERY EARLY
IN LIFE.



SO PARENTS NEED TO BE
CAREFUL TO RAISE THEIR
CHILDREN PROPERLY.

A PERSON **CAN**
FOOL HIMSELF OR
HERSELF INTO THINKING
HE OR SHE IS "GAY".

IT IS INFLUENCE FROM OUTSIDE
THAT CAUSES A PERSON TO BECOME
A HOMOSEXUAL. SOMETIMES THE
PERSON DOESN'T REALIZE THE
INFLUENCE IS THERE.



IT IS **NOT** GENES THAT CAUSE A
PERSON TO BECOME A HOMOSEXUAL.
IT IS ACTUAL HOMOSEXUAL ACT
THAT CAUSES A PERSON TO
BECOME A HOMOSEXUAL.

WHEN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS ARE
REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN,
IT BECOMES **CONDITIONED
REFLEX**. IN OTHER WORDS,
IT BECOMES A "**HABIT**".

BUT LIKE ANY HABIT, HOMOSEXUAL HABITS
CAN BE BROKEN.

NOW
HERE
ARE
SOME
SCRIP-
TURES
WE
SHOULD
READ...

For the Lord I tell you this. I warn you: Don't continue living like those people who don't believe. Their thoughts are worth nothing. Those people don't understand. They know nothing, because they refuse to listen. So they cannot have the life that God gives. They have lost their feeling of shame. And they use their lives for doing evil. More and more they want to do all kinds of bad things. But the things you learned in Christ were not like those bad things.

--Ephesians 4:17-20

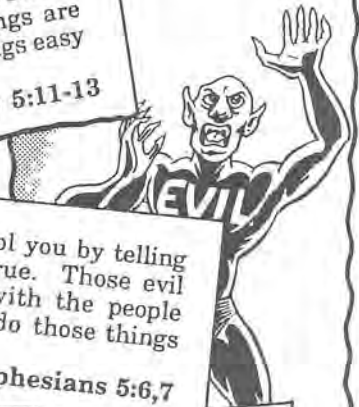


You can be sure of this: No person will have a place in the kingdom of Christ and of God if that person does sexual sins, or does evil things, or is a person who always wants more and more for himself. A person who always wants more and more for himself is serving a false god.

--Ephesians 5:5

Don't do the things that people in darkness do. Doing those things brings nothing good. But do the good things to show that those things in darkness are wrong. It is really very shameful to even talk about the things those people in darkness do in secret. But when we show that those things are wrong, the light makes all those things easy to see.

--Ephesians 5:11-13



Don't let any person fool you by telling you things that are not true. Those evil things make God angry with the people who don't obey. So don't do those things with them.

--Ephesians 5:6,7



Surely you know that the people that do wrong will not get God's kingdom. Don't be fooled. These people will not get God's kingdom: people that sin sexually, people that worship idols, people that do the sin of adultery, men that let other men use them for sex or that have sex with other men, people that steal, people that are selfish, people that are selfish, people that get drunk, people that say bad things to other people, and people that cheat. In the past some of you were like that. But you were washed clean, you were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

--1 Corinthians 6:9-11

But there must be no sexual sin among you. There must not be any kind of evil or greed (selfishness). Why? Because those things are not right for God's holy people.
--Ephesians 5:3

IF WE WILL BE HONEST WITH GOD'S WORD, WE CAN SEE THE VERY PLAIN TRUTH: GOD OPPOSES SEXUAL SIN, INCLUDING **HOMOSEXUAL SIN!**

GOD'S WORD TEACHES PLAINLY THAT GOD ACCEPTS ONLY **HETEROSEXUAL SEX**, AND EVEN THEN, ONLY WITHIN **MARRIAGE!**

"REMEMBER THAT 'HETEROSEXUAL' MEANS BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE.



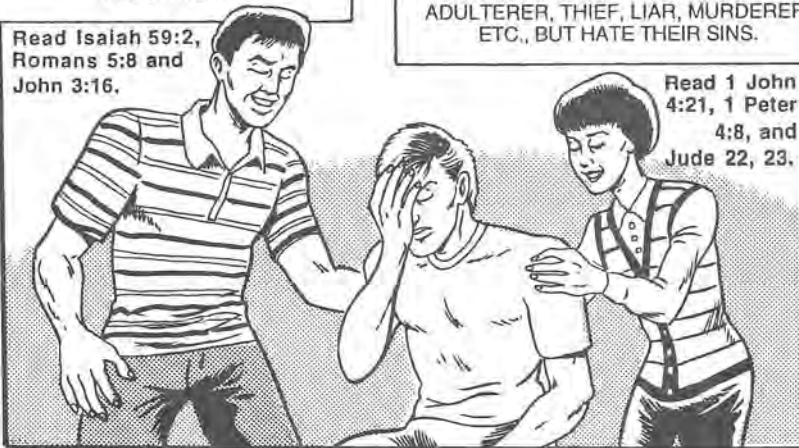
Read Hebrews 13:4.

HOWEVER, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT GOD HATES SIN, BUT LOVES THE SINNER.

WE SHOULD LOVE THE HOMOSEXUAL JUST AS MUCH AS WE LOVE THE ADULTERER, THIEF, LIAR, MURDERER, ETC., BUT HATE THEIR SINS.

Read Isaiah 59:2, Romans 5:8 and John 3:16.

Read 1 John 4:21, 1 Peter 4:8, and Jude 22, 23.



GOD'S WORD TEACHES CHRISTIANS TO HAVE **SELF CONTROL**. THIS MEANS CHRISTIANS CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE UP TO HOMOSEXUAL DESIRES, THE SAME AS THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE UP TO DESIRES FOR MURDER, ROBBERY, SLANDER, ETC., ETC.



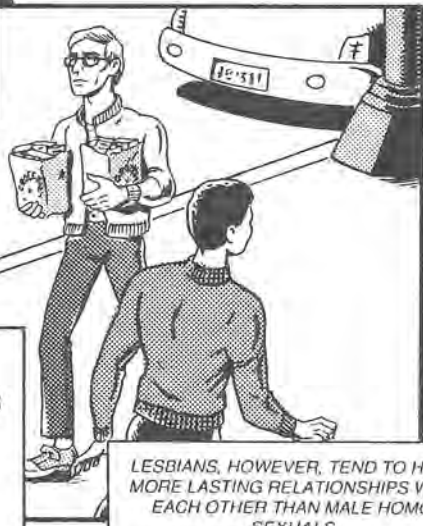
Some scriptures to read are Romans 13:14, 6:11-14; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Galatians 5:16 and 2 Peter 1:6.



EARLIER WE ASKED IF A "GAY" WAS REALLY, TRULY HAPPY. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE "GAYNESS" IS A **MASK** THAT HIDES THE PERSON'S FRUSTRATIONS.

IN FACT THE GAY LIFESTYLE IS FULL OF FRUSTRATIONS AND VERY FEW LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

USUALLY THEIR SEXUAL LIASONS ARE ONE-TIME AFFAIRS, AND OFTEN THEY WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE THEIR PARTNERS FROM THE NIGHT BEFORE ON THE STREET!



TOO, SINCE THEY DEVELOPED SUCH A STRONG DESIRE FOR SEXUAL RELATIONS, HOMOSEXUALS HAVE **MUCH MORE** SEX PARTNERS THAN EVEN THE ADULTEROUS HETEROSEXUAL WHO BOASTS ABOUT HIS "MANY CONQUESTS".

LESBIANS, HOWEVER, TEND TO HAVE MORE LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER THAN MALE HOMOSEXUALS.

AND BECAUSE OF SO MANY BRIEF RELATIONSHIPS, THE HOMOSEXUAL LIFE IS LONELY.



THE HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCES MANY HEART-ACHES AND BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS.

MANY TIMES THE UNHAPPY HOMOSEXUAL TURNS TO **DRUG** AND **ALCOHOL** ABUSE.



MANY TIMES HOMOSEXUALS GO TO SEE COUNSELORS BECAUSE OF **DEPRESSION**.

THE HOMOSEXUAL OFTEN FEELS **REJECTED**-- OFTEN HE DOES NOT EVEN ACCEPT **HIMSELF**.



HE HAS A POOR SELF-IMAGE!

ADD TO THIS **NATURAL SHAME** AND **GUILT** AT HIS OWN SIN.

PLUS, OF COURSE, THE FEELING OF BEING **SEPARATED** FROM GOD.

LITTLE WONDER, THEN, THE HOMOSEXUAL WORLD IS FULL OF UNHAPPINESS, DEPRESSION, AND EVEN EARLY DEATH!



WHAT ABOUT **"GAY CHURCHES"**?

THIS IS A TRUE TRAGEDY, FOR GOD'S WORD VERY PLAINLY SHOWS HE IS **AGAINST** HOMOSEXUAL SIN.

BUT GOD LOVES
GAYS TOO!

IT IS TRUE GOD LOVES
HOMOSEXUAL PEOPLE, BUT
HE **ALSO** LOVES ADULTEROUS
PEOPLE, THIEVES, MURDERERS,
ETC. HE HATES THE SIN, BUT
NOT THE SINNER.



IF WE MUST HAVE
"GAY" CHURCHES, WE
MIGHT AS WELL HAVE
CHURCHES MADE UP OF
ADULTERERS OR
MURDERERS, ETC.

HOW CAN I
STOP?



FIRST OF ALL, A GAY
MUST REALLY **WANT**
TO STOP HIS SIN.
NO PERSON CAN FORCE
HIM TO STOP!

THEN THE HOMOSEXUAL
MUST **UNDERSTAND**
THAT HIS OR HER
SEXUAL ACTIVITY IS
SIN AGAINST BOTH
GOD AND **NATURE**.



JESUS SAID THAT IF
WE DON'T CHANGE
OUR HEARTS AND LIVES
("REPENT"),
WE WILL PERISH IN
OUR SINS.


Read Luke 13:3 and also Acts 17:30-31.

HOWEVER THE
HOMOSEXUAL MUST
UNDERSTAND HE
CAN'T BECOME
A HETEROSEXUAL
OVERNIGHT.




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FOR SOME,
IT TAKES
TIME.



SOME MAY FIND THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO STRUGGLE WITH HOMOSEXUALITY ALL THEIR LIVES.


ONE STEP TO QUIT HOMOSEXUALITY IS TO STOP **ALL** HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY...




AND THEN THE EX-HOMOSEXUAL MUST TURN AWAY FROM ALL EVIL INFLUENCES THAT ENCOURAGE HIM IN HIS SIN--



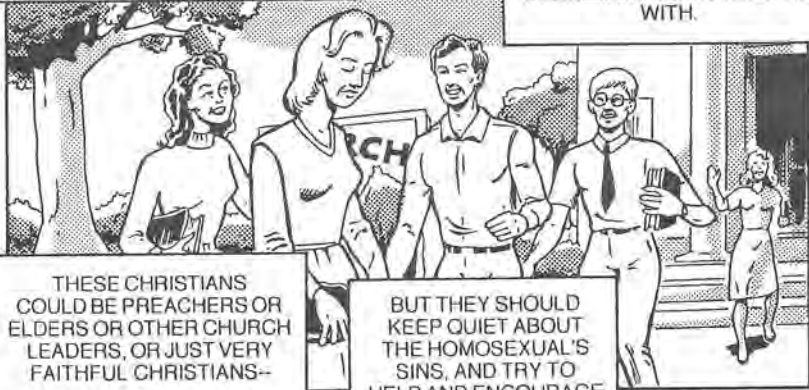
LIKE OLD FRIENDS, LITERATURE, MOVIES AND TV, ETC...



AND THE HOMOSEXUAL SHOULD STOP GOING TO PLACES WHERE OTHER "GAYS" COME TOGETHER, LIKE GAY BARS, PARKS, TOILETS, BEACHES AND OTHER PLACES WHERE HOMOSEXUALS LIKE TO GO.



IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE HOMOSEXUAL WOULD FIND SOME VERY GOOD CHRISTIANS TO GO AROUND WITH.

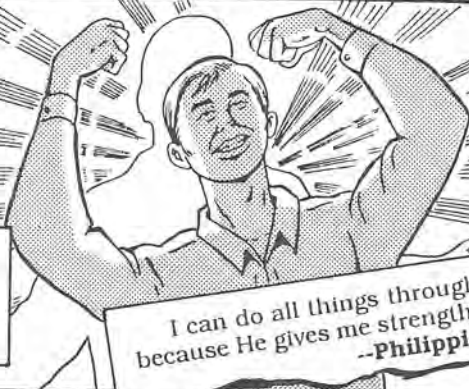


THESE CHRISTIANS COULD BE PREACHERS OR ELDERS OR OTHER CHURCH LEADERS, OR JUST VERY FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS--

BUT THEY SHOULD KEEP QUIET ABOUT THE HOMOSEXUAL'S SINS, AND TRY TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE HIM.

MOST IMPORTANT, THE "GAY" SHOULD DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH **JESUS CHRIST!**

JESUS WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP HIM OVERCOME HIS HOMOSEXUAL LUSTS AND SINS.



I can do all things through Christ, because He gives me strength.
--Philippians 4:13

In the past some of you were like that. But you were washed clean, you were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our
--1 Corinthians 6:11

VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS!

PAUL SAYS HOMOSEXUALS **CAN** BE CHANGED!



THE HOMOSEXUAL WILL FIND HE OR SHE IS HAPPIER WHEN HE OR SHE STARTS OBEYING GOD'S LAWS.

THE PEOPLE WHO HEAR THE TEACHING OF GOD AND OBEY IT-- THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRULY HAPPY!

Luke 11:28



IF YOU ARE A HOMOSEXUAL, THEN WE PRAY YOU WILL COME OUT OF YOUR SIN AND GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST!

We are running this "ad" for free. Two years ago East Ridge Church of Christ hosted this state-wide Workshop. It was wonderful, and we believe it will be again this year! We hope you'll plan to attend!

--Billy Leavell, Editor

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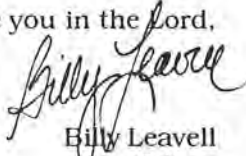
Be with us then!

Personally from Billy... Continued from inside front cover

homosexuals or saying ugly things against them. We believe in speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Something else special about this issue is that *Gina Forshay* is the inker on the pencil art of the **Sodom and Gomorrah** story on pages 6-10. She is deaf and comes from a deaf Christian family. She has excellent talent and has already inked another Bible story which we will run next issue. Welcome, Gina! We submit this issue to you with a prayer.

I love you in the Lord,



Billy Leavell
Editor

Giant Leap in Postal Costs Hurt Us!

U.S.A. postal rates have increased as of January 1, 1995. First class mail has increased by three cents and post cards by only one cent. Not bad. But whereas we had to pay 35¢ per returned copy of **Light for the Deaf**, we now have to pay **50¢!** That is a big, big jump of *15 cents!* With about 20 to 35 copies returned to us every time someone moves without telling us, you figure how much that adds up!

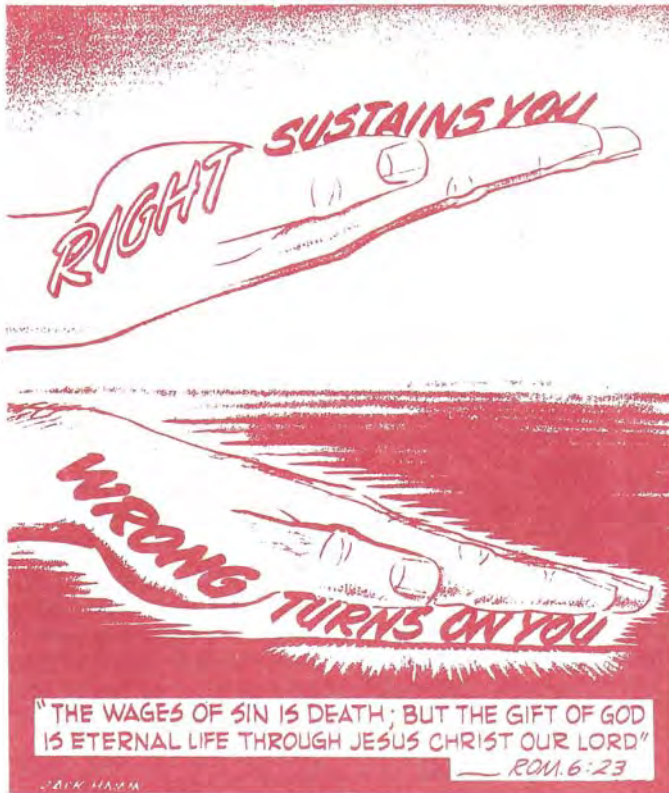
We have always sent **Light for the Deaf** out free to any interested individual. But it is not really free of cost. We have to pay for printing and mailings. All other labor on **Light for the Deaf** has been donated free of cost. It is done with love for all those we send out this magazine to. We appreciate all those who have sent us donations and we have strived to acknowledge these donations as rapidly as possible. Generally we try never to ask for contributions. We just accept what people send us from their hearts and use these monies for **Light for the Deaf**.

But people still forget about us and move without telling us. Many times the Post Office tells us what their new address is. We still have to pay 50¢ for this information. So this is what we are forced to do.

From now on, we will remove you immediately from our mailing list if the Post Office informs us you have moved, and you haven't told us. In fact we already have removed several names from our mailing list just before we sent out this issue. The only way for you to have **Light for the Deaf** sent to you again is for you to write us and ask us for it!

We are planning at the end of this year for all our readers to send in a card telling us if they want us to continue sending **Light for the Deaf** to them. This way we will weed out those readers who don't really care for our periodical.

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