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God loves every homosexual but on the same token God expects every homosexual to repent and cease their homosexual lifestyle. Notice in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 that Paul states that some of the Corinthian Christians were at one time homosexuals, but they had been sanctified and ceased that lifestyle. God will not accept anyone unless they repent of their sins (Luke 13:3). This means that one has to make a complete change in his life. This does not exclude homosexuals.

“Love and faith in Christ” are indeed available to every man, but on God’s terms. It speaks volumes to the moral collapse of America that Dave Allison has been chided so harshly for his statement. Homosexuality is sin, and if not repented of, will result in eternal punishment in Hell. http://www.mclishchurchofchrist.com/files/articles/cody/i_kissed_a_girl.html

Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2008/09/04/churchsign.ART0_ART_09-04-08_B1_OTB7MRR.html?sid=101

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11



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I Kissed a Girl and I Liked It, Then I Went to Hell?

By Cody Westbrook

The Columbus Dispatch reported that on September 3, 2008 the minister for the Havens Corners Church in Blacklick, Ohio placed a controversial message on the church marquee. In response to Katy Perry’s song “I kissed a girl and I liked it” the minister wrote “I kissed a girl and I liked it then I went to Hell.”

As you might imagine, this caused quite a stir among the community. Although the minister, Dave Allison, said that he “meant that as a loving warning to teens... the Scriptures tell us that you should not do what the song tells you to do. The Scriptures are not ambiguous on this issue.” Local residents did not agree. One person had this to say, “It was obvious: ‘If you’re gay, you’re going to hell.’ At first I have to say I laughed hysterically because I was shocked, but that’s going way too far. It’s just rude.” The director of Equality Ohio, a gay and transgender advocacy group, Lynne Bowman said, “Havens Corners has made it clear to everyone who drives by that it is not a welcoming place that accepts all people...that sign just tells [homosexuals] where they cannot go to find the love and faith in Christ.”

While Dave Allison’s tact might be in question, it is unquestionable that his statement was exactly correct. The Bible does not leave room for doubt concerning God’s view of homosexuality. “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22). Without question homosexuality is an abomination in the eyes of Almighty God. The Bible further states in Leviticus 20:13, “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.” Also in Romans 1:27 homosexuality is referred to as “that which is unseemly.” It is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Timothy 1:8-11), and those who practice such will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

The people of God have a duty to speak truth and point out sin (Ezekiel 16:2; Isaiah 58:1, etc.). Unquestionably, homosexuality is sin. To charge one with being unloving or rude because they have done what God has commanded is itself unloving and rude. In fact, a person who points out another’s sin in love (Ephesians 4:15), does that person a service! Will the one who recognizes sin for what it is become your enemy because they tell you the truth (Galatians 4:16)?

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Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

Love Is Patient

David Wright

A hermit may be able to live for years without ever saying an unkind word to anyone. Of course, no one is around to test his patience. It is fairly easy to be nice to oneself.

But the Bible knows of no hermit Christians. We are called to live in relationship to other people, which means that family members, friends, and neighbors sometimes rub us the wrong way. A spouse wakes up in a grouchy mood. A child tracks mud on a freshly mopped floor. A grocery store clerk accidentally scans the same item twice. A neighbor's dog sniffs out a bag of garbage on the back porch and tears it open. A coworker offers everyone else unsolicited advice but performs her own job sloppily.

My response to such tests reveals my true character and level of spiritual maturity. Paul says that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23). Plainly, impatience is inconsistent with Spirit-led living. It is also inconsistent with the greatest of all virtues: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful" (1 Cor. 13:4-5).

An impatient person is easily irritated by the shortcomings of others. Displeasure shows itself in his facial expressions, gestures, exasperated sighs, and stinging words. But a patient person bites his tongue and quells the annoyance swelling in his breast.

The mature Christian finds the grace to be patient by reflecting on the love of Jesus for us. In innumerable ways we provoke him. At times we are ungrateful, stubborn, unbelieving, cowardly, thoughtless, greedy, dishonest, impure, or insincere. The Lord forgives us, though. His love is patient.

Sermon

Ps. 95:1-7

A Day in Your Courts (a.m.)

Lower than Angels (p.m.)

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Prayer Requests

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), MARTIN BONNEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Bernie Jackson (Harold), Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The next Monday Night for The Master meeting is October 14th at 6pm. Please sign the sheet on the table if you plan to attend.

Hank and Cassie's fellowship group will meet Sunday October 13th after the evening worship service. The menu will be soup and salad, please sign the sheet on the table if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to Sue and Ray Linne on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Our Senior Saints are invited to eat dinner together at Bob Evans in Clarksville at 6:00 on Friday, October 18. If you plan to go, please sign up in the foyer so that an accurate number can be given to the restaurant.

Advice from the Proverbs

Before saying anything, ask yourself; is it true, kind and necessary? -Proverbs 16:24

Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully. -Proverbs 20:25

Never miss an opportunity to say something encouraging to someone. -Proverbs 12:25

Refuse to talk negatively about others; don't gossip or listen to gossip. -Proverbs 10:19

Keep an open mind; discuss, but don't argue. -Proverbs 17:14

Be a giver, not a getter (in everything). -Proverbs 11:25

Be a true friend. -Proverbs 17:17

Laughter is the shortest distance between people. -Proverbs 17:22

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