

A case of mistaken identity

In the beginning God created a man and then a woman. In His creating, there was no mistake about their identity or roles each one is designed to play. For thousands of years, homosexuality, lesbianism and bestiality have been in existence. For thousands of years men and women have tried to justify the reason for the following behavior. God is saying, I didn't create it, so we understand the fact that a man playing the role of a woman or a woman playing the role of a man or either one being intimately involved with the same sex is not a mistake by God. Is it a case of mistaken identity or a choice? Read **Romans 1:18-32**. The book of **Leviticus 18 and 19** speaks on all types of sexual immorality relationships that God forbids.

What does the Bible teach about practicing homosexuality? **Romans 1:26-27 - NIV**. "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

Is practicing homosexuality a sin? **Leviticus 18:22 - TLB**. "Homosexuality is absolutely forbidden, for it is an enormous sin."

Can a practicing homosexual go to heaven? **I Corinthians 6:9 - NKJV**. "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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God."

Like all sinners, practicing homosexuals are called to repent. **I Timothy 1:10-11 - TLB**. "Yes, these laws are made to identify as sinners all who are immoral and impure: homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, and all others who do things that contradict the glorious Good News of our blessed God, whose messenger I am."

Sinful patterns of all kinds must stop, and need God's forgiveness. **I Corinthians 6:11 - NIV**. "And that is what some of you were. 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."

The Bible forbids bestiality. **Leviticus 18:23 - NIV**. "Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion."

There is hope for the practicing homosexual. **I Corinthians 10:13 - TLB**. "But remember this—the wrong desires that come into your life aren't anything new and different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for He has promised this and will do what He says. He will show you how to escape temptation's power so that you can bear up patiently against it."

If you are a homosexual, lesbian or intimately involved with animals, know that your sin is just like any other sin and God will forgive all! Much damage has been done, but it is time for one to acknowledge and to repent! Is it too late? Read **Luke 1:37**. **Know this, God did not make a mistake with your identity, but you are**. Sex is authorized in marriage alone, but again, not of the same sex!

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 17:20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The only thing that is keeping us from doing what we have to do is ourselves.

