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# A TRUE MARRIAGE

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## MAN + WOMAN = ONE FLESH

If we would take a close look at the passage above, we would see that it says that a man shall cleave to his wife, not to another man. God at the very beginning instituted the marriage relationship as it should be. We can see this to be true in Genesis where it says concerning the man and woman: *1"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."* This is a true God ordained marriage. For only in this type of union can two people not only experience the most intense sexual pleasure, but bring new life into this world as well. <sup>1</sup>(Genesis 1:28)

Also, we can see a uniqueness of the male and female relationship in that God created woman from the man. So from the very beginning, the woman and the man were designed specifically for each other. Therefore, it's only through this type of relationship can we have a true oneness and sexual intimacy. Also, we have the words of Jesus Himself when He spoke to the Pharisees telling them that *2"from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 'and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."* So again, we have Jesus affirming that only through a man and woman union, can we have a true one flesh relationship. <sup>2</sup>(Mark 10:6-8)

## Man + Man = SIN

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*'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.  
(Leviticus 18:22)*

Now I know that there are some who may claim that they were born with homosexual tendencies. And, to be quite frank about it, that may true. I say this because all of us humans are born into sin, being bound by one vice or another. However, even if one was born with such a vice, that doesn't give that person a license to keep indulging in it. Instead, our vices should cause us to cry out to God for deliverance. So, none of us should use this as an excuse to continue in our sin. For we should be coming to God and asking him for help and deliverance instead. For its only God who can truly set us free from our faults and vices.

So my question is, are you willing to give up that which you a bound to? I ask this because God's word says that there are some who will not come to the light because they don't want to change. For Jesus said: "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>3</sup>*For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.* So we can see that there are those who are not willing to give up their sins. <sup>3</sup>(John 3:19-20)

And I know from experience, that I myself at one time did not want to come to God because I wanted to do my own thing. For I thought I new better when it came to enjoying life's pleasures. However, I found this not to be true and came to realize that God is not some a kill joy. God's ways will always bring more pleasure to our lives than when we are wallowing in our sins. And so it is true with sexual intimacy. For the pleasure that can be receive between a man and a woman is far greater than any other way. Now you may be saying that you already tried having a nominal relationship with the opposite sex, but it didn't work out. But have you tried doing it while having a living relationship with God? What I mean is this, with God's Holy Spirit residing in you, all things that seemed impossible before, are now possible through Him. So please turn and follow His plan and design for you, because believe me, you will not regret it.

## The Wrath of God Revealed

Now we come to the consequences for being disobedient and following after sin. For God word says: <sup>4</sup>*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.*" Then Paul goes on to reveal what some of those vices are saying: <sup>5</sup>*Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with*

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*men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”* <sup>4</sup>(Romans 1:18-19) <sup>5</sup>(Romans 1:27)

And what is that recompense that they received because of their error? Well, if you visit <https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/data-and-trends/statistics>, you can see that the overwhelming majority of HIV carriers are homosexuals (for a PDF version click here). I do believe that this is part of the wrath of God that's revealed from heaven against this ungodliness. So, for all you who are homosexuals, turn your heart to God and be delivered from this sin for your good and the good of others. Amen

## Mercy and Grace

So in closing I would like to say that the homosexual act, unless its repented of, is a sin that can keep a person from entering into a true relationship with God, which in turn can keep one from entering heaven. So, for those who are caught up in this sin, just simply confess from your heart that you have sinned before God. He will forgive you and wash you clean by the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for you on the cross. He will give you the strength to overcome anything. And let us remember: *“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Romans 8:13-14)*

So come to God today seeking Him with your whole heart. For Jesus said: *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”* Amen, God is so Awesome. <sup>6</sup>(John 6:37)

Scripture Reference Concerning:

### **MALE AND FEMALE:**

- Then God said, And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26-28)
- And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

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Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:22-25)

- But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (Mark 10:6-9)

#### **GOD'S LAW**

- 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. (Leviticus 20:13)
- For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (Romans 1:26-27)
- 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 extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
- But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for [the] lawless and insubordinate, for [the] ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, (1 Timothy 1:8-10)
- But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (Galatians 3:22-25)

#### **GOD'S MERCY**

- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

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- for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (Romans 3:23-24)
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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