

A fine display of end times Christianity!

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Just got disgusted by another so called pastor and his lack of conviction and truth as biblically defined. Just caught the last 10 or so minutes of the Ted Haggard interview on Oprah (you know Oprah, the church universalist believer that thinks Christ isn't the only way to heaven). What a fine display of end times Christianity & justification of a behavioral problem. 22 years he pastored and grew his Colorado church into the mega reality that it is and in all of that time never came across the following scriptures:

- * Genesis 2:24-25
- * Hebrews 13:4
- * Leviticus 18:22, and 20:13
- * Romans 1:26-27
- * 1 Corinthians 6:9

The Greek word from which the King James Bible gets the word "effeminate" is malakos, which literally means something soft to the touch, but is used as a negative metaphor to refer to a boy kept for homosexual relations with a man. The "abusers of themselves with mankind" are those men who engage in unnatural sexual relations with other men – homosexuals. That is also how the NASB, the NKJV, and the NIV translate that verse. Also in the New Testament is verse 7 from the book of Jude, defining exactly why Sodom and Gomorrah were punished – homosexuality.

There are other verses as well Mr. Haggard and for you to sit on Oprah's couch and say that your homosexual thoughts are not demonic in nature is a clear reflection of your lack of biblical knowledge and / or your steadfast rejection of what God's "natural" plan is for humanity and your unwillingness to surrender to the God breathed words that make up the 66 books of the Bible.

We are all born into a sinful rebellion against God. Is it easier to go along with popular culture and just say that a person is genetically "born that way". The "this is who I am" moniker that gets carried about on the lips of both the unchurched as well as those who call themselves Christians is false doctrine.

The only correct thing you did say Mr. Haggard is that Christ accepts homosexuals. He does... BUT ONLY AFTER CONFESSING THAT SIN in order to be delivered from it in Christ. Jesus does not (according to His word) justify that abnormal behavior anymore than He justifies my occasional swearing and other sinful areas of my life that I routinely pray for deliverance and strength to overcome. You mentioned that Christ can deliver you from these thoughts or tendencies but you were kind of wishy washy about it.

Like Christ we are to love the sinner but hate the sin. We are not called to justify sin or give it a level of tolerance and acceptance that keeps the TRUTH of God's word at bay within our congregations or the world at large.

God created Adam and Eve pal not Adam and Steve.

I will pray that the light of truth that only comes from the mouth of God through His word be delivered to you in its fullness so that your Christian walk can eventually become 100% authentic.

With all of the above being said, we must not be afraid to stand up and champion the cause of morality. Some will call us bigots and homophobes for our belief that homosexuality is a sin, but we cannot let name-calling soften our beliefs in God's moral code. The pro-homosexual movement can only marginalize us if we allow ourselves to be marginalized. There are only two ways that can happen: The first being if we exhibit hatred toward homosexuals rather than love or if we remain silent. We must proudly champion God's love toward the homosexual without condoning his or her behavior. Let His love shine through us, and may we all be examples of the morality God desires.