

## Homosexuality & Dr. Seat {continued from 290502}

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by Wayne Goff

He effectively argues against homosexual marriage, and *by implication* homosexuality. God does **not** endorse *any* sexual relationship outside of marriage (Heb. 13:4). So it would be impossible to imagine Jesus Christ endorsing homosexuality while upon the earth. Some try to argue that Jesus said **nothing** against homosexuality in the New Testament, but the above truths deny it.

Furthermore, as inspired ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ, the apostles *plainly* condemn the sin (1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:10) as we have seen.

### Martin Luther's Translation

Dr. Seat goes on to say in his article: "...in his translation of the Bible, Martin Luther rendered that Greek word into German as the English equivalent of 'child abusers.' My guess is that is much nearer the original meaning than a term that includes many people who are in a consensual and loving same-sex relationship." This argument really ignores the *obvious*. Greek scholars have already pointed out that the word can have reference to a *catamite*, a young boy used in the homosexual act. So for Martin Luther to translate the Greek word as "child abusers" is pointing us in the direction of homosexuality! We must understand that ancient translators and commentators desired to *treat gently* that subject which was so abhorrent to them. Today we cannot be so *discreet* and *guarded* in our discussion because the desire for wantonness has forced plainness of speech upon us!

It would be interesting to hear Dr. Seat's biblical authorization for any "consensual and loving same-sex relationship." Hebrews 13:4 says the "*marriage bed*" is the sole realm of approved sexual activity, but "*fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*" Does not Dr. Seat understand that "*fornication*" includes all illicit sexual activity? Who made up the language he uses to defend a homosexual relationship? And how long has that phrase been in use among us? Just because two adults lovingly consent does not make it acceptable with God!

### "The" Christian Interpretation

Finally, Dr. Seat writes, "...he (Phil Robertson) certainly is no expert when it comes to the proper interpretation of the Bible or to giving '*the*' Christian interpretation regarding sexual orientation."

If I understand Phil Robertson correctly, he is letting the translators tell him what the Greek words mean. Sufficient scholarship will back up the Bible version Phil used in his interview. Dr. Seat would have us believe that there is **no clear condemnation** of homosexuality and that modern scholarship has relieved us of our outdated understandings. But, in fact, no such thing has been done. The Bible means the same thing for all people, of all generations, and it will judge all mankind in the last day (Jn. 12:48). We must avoid those "*who turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Jude 4).

### "He Preached Right At Me"

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by James Hahn

I have heard this statement made many times by individuals who have just heard a sermon presented which exposed some wrong in their lives. Did you ever wonder why anyone would feel that the preacher had "preached right at" him?

Suppose the preacher has just preached against lying. Who in the audience will feel that he has preached right at him? It could only be one who is guilty of lying. The same would hold true on any other subject.

What we need to do is examine the things taught in the light of God's word. If we find them to be true we should accept them. If they expose some wrong in our life we need to change and thank God that there is someone concerned enough about our soul to teach us what we need to hear.

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