

ECF Position on Homosexuality

Introduction:

As we are now living in the second state in the nation to legalize homosexual marriages, we as a church, now more than ever, need stand on the foundation of God's Word. In a culture where homosexuality is becoming more and more accepted as a way of life, we cannot waver, compromise or tolerate this evil that the enemy is perpetrating upon the human race. Whereas homosexuality as viewed by God is a sin and God hates sin, not the people who sin, we need declare our position plainly and unequivocally that we stand where God stands and do not condone or approve the lifestyle of homosexuality as good and acceptable, but that it is sin before God and is an abomination of man.

What is Homosexuality?

ho•mo•sex•u•al•i•ty = the quality or state of being homosexual; erotic activity with another of the same sex.

ho•mo•sex•u•al = of, relating to, or characterized by a tendency to direct sexual desire toward another of the same sex; of, relating to, or involving sexual intercourse between persons of the same sex.

In the Greek the word is: “ἀρσενικοίτης” [*arsenokoites*

/ar-sen-ok-oy-tace/] AV translates as “abuser of (one's) self with mankind”, and “defile (one's) self with mankind”. Also means one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual.

What does the Bible say about Homosexuality?

The Bible is clear on its position about the homosexual lifestyle and its practices. For the sake of brevity we will not completely print out all the references but will instead list a few of them for your knowledge, and thus encourage you to look them up in your Bible and read them, that you may understand them in their context. The references are as follows;

Old Testament:

Gen. 19:4–13;

Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.” But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof.”

But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door. But the

men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. They struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves trying* to find the doorway.

Then the *two* men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring *them* out of the place; for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

Lev. 18:22

“You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.”

Lev.20:13

“If *there is* a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.”

Ex. 22:19; Lev.20:15, 16; Deut. 23:17; 27:21; Judg. 19:22; 1 Kin. 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Kin. 23:7.

New Testament:

Rom. 1:22-27:

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Amen.

For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.”

1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.

What is ECF Position on Homosexuality?

Though obvious, even in this case, we need to be state our position. Because there are many, even in the church, who would question, even in spite of the Biblical evidence, where we should stand and where we shouldn't.

Therefore for the sake of clarity and to avoid any misunderstandings, Ecclesia Christian Fellowship upholds the word of God and its posture regarding the sin of homosexuality. We believe it to sin, a lifestyle not sanctioned or condoned by God, and truly no one that someone is born into. For truly if one born into homosexuality, then God would have to repent for Sodom and Gomorrah and if God needs to repent, then he is not God and we are not saved and we are taking a stand for nothing.

But, because our God cannot lie and does not need to repent, we believe homosexuality to be an abominable act that reaps severe social and moral consequences. Yet, like the God we serve who is loving and compassionate, we hate the sin, yet we love the people enslaved, deceived and trapped by the sin.