

“Jesus Never Mentioned...”

- It is not audacious, that is bold, to speak the truth when you understand that the opposite will condemn folks to Hell. The only reason we are so “*fixated*” on the homosexual agenda, as a recent editorial accused certain Christians of being (*she was actually referencing my last editorial in her comments*), is because we are not going to just sit idly by and allow those who are for same-sex matrimony to covertly get away with making it the law of the land in Pennsylvania. If they want to be in our faces over this subject we need to give it right back to them. And when we do, that’s when they begin to use name-calling as their weapon of last resort. How childish! They try to gloss over this, and other sins, with their “*in the world there are so many **real** problems*” speech attempting to refocus our attention away from their un-Godly agendas. They use terms such as “*brainwashed*” and “*superstitious*” or “*misguided*” while attempting to make themselves out to be the only **real** enlightened ones of all humanity. Sin is sin. So yes, homosexuality is akin to “*bestiality*”, “*child molestation*” “and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (*Gal 5:12*)
- And trying to humiliate a Christian into being ashamed for only speaking as the Bible tells us to speak only displays their lack of intelligence. Have they not read Romans 1:16? We understand the consequences of going against Satan and his minions.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For **therein** is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

- And where do they get the idea that the federal government is supposed to dictate to the church what is to be considered moral? I thought they were all about the separation of church and state (*only when it fits their agenda*)! So what if they think it’s **un-American** to not accept sinful behavior! Who do they think they are anyway? Do they feel they know better than God? “*If someone is going to believe in God, shouldn’t it be a loving, awe inspiring God...rather than one who condemns all but the spoon-fed flock to eternal hellfire?*” That’s a quote by the way. And no, we are not “*spoon fed*” because as a matter of fact we prefer to voluntarily consume the word of God. If they are going to critique the Bible without even dining on the word, they are likening themselves to the food critique who criticizes food he’s never tasted! As though God is supposed to fit **our** understanding of what **we** think He should be. Well, we know they don’t even believe in God for the most part. But yes, we do believe in a loving God Who **is** awe-inspiring. But He is also a very jealous God and **that** they try to overlook by blaming such as only an interpretation by those they term as “zealots”.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

- Then they go into their tired old “*civil rights*” argument to justify the “rights” of these individuals to continue in their sinful behavior. They already have “rights” but are

looking for more rights than the average citizen on the basis of their “lifestyle”. They try to attach the “gay rights” agenda to the really **horrid** issue of slavery and the blemish **that** time in history was, and continues to be, to this nation. That issue just won’t go away no matter how many strides we have made to correct it. There will always be those who just won’t let it rest (*from either side of the issue*). And equating the righteous opponents of same-sex marriage with the misguided oppositionists of interracial marriage is comparing apples to oranges. One man and one woman, no matter **what** their races, is not the same as one man and one man or one woman and one woman! I for one am not of the mind “*to deny interracial marriage*”. Jesus broke down the wall that separated the Jew and the Gentile (*Eph 2:14*) so couldn’t it be said that He has also broken down the wall of separation between **all** races? The “unequally yoked” statement of 2 Cor 6:14 only pertains to Christians mingling with “unbelievers”. Any Christian who thinks it pertains to interracial marriage needs to have his heart examined!

Of course if that wasn’t enough, they bring up the “*Salem witch trials*” and equate it to the supposed “*religious persecution*” they think exists today (*homosexuals being the witches*). Those who held those trials were a bunch of ignorant zealots who were not basing their realities on the word of God. The reason this country was settled in the first place by the Puritans was because of the persecution that **they** suffered at the hand of the Church of England. (*It was in 1640 when the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth and I wonder whose side these folks would be on if that were the case today.*) And we are not force feeding **anyone, anything!** If people aren’t willing to hear what we have to say we just “shake off the very dust from our feet as a testimony against them” (*Lk 9:5*). I was told as a kid “the truth hurts”. They **must** have a conscience if it’s so easily pricked. The truth is anathema to them.

Then they try to throw in “*statistics*” without even revealing their sources. Funny thing about statistics though. You can find any given statistic to fit any given agenda. But for every statistic that proves something there are others that disprove it. They are just chasing rabbits. But the media allows them a free pass without ever checking them on it because it fits the media’s agenda. It sells! And the media has sold its soul for a profit.

Next, they try to make the point that the “*Bible contains many inconsistencies*”. That comment might influence the gullible unbelieving public but it won’t impress a true believer in Christ. Did they ever really take the time to read it?! It’s at that point where they **should** awaken the righteous indignation within every Christian. At that point they’ve crossed the line and are open season to a response. How can they make such a statement if they’ve **never spent the time to understand** the many restrictions the Bible promotes? And why make comments on something that they have no real understanding of? The Bible isn’t a book about **equal** rights, **women’s** rights, **animal** rights, “**gay**” rights because it is **the** book about **LOVE!** Loving our neighbor puts **all** these things in a proper perspective. But love has with it certain **parameters**. Going outside those parameters one finds himself involved in what the Bible refers to as lust (*of the flesh, eyes- 1 Jn 2:16*). And there is **no** such thing as “homosexual love”. Not according to the Bible! But that’s considered “hate speech”. And someday preachers will go to jail for preaching it from the pulpit, which is **the one place** that **should** be **constitutionally protected** by the **real** civil right known as the **first amendment freedom of speech!**

Lastly, the reason for this sermon, they attempt to flex their puny Biblical knowledge muscles by stating that Jesus (*quote*) “*never mentioned homosexuality*”. Follow with

me, if you will, as we see the reasoning, laid out in the Bible, to refute such rubbish. You may need this information if/when you are ever faced with such sacrilege.

Jesus to His disciples, soon apostles.

- Before returning to Heaven, Jesus instructed His apostles to wait for the Comforter (*Acts 1:4,8*) because He would aid them in remembering **everything** they were taught while in Jesus' presence during His earthly ministry.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you **all** things, and **bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever (*that's everything*) I have said unto you.** (*Emp. Added*)

- At this point one might say "*well maybe the things He taught them didn't include homosexuality as being a sin*". Really? Okay, but I'm not finished yet.

Joh 21:24 This is the disciple (*John*) which testifies of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that His testimony is true. 25 And there are also **many other things** which Jesus did, the which, **if they should be written every one**, I suppose that even **the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.** Amen. (*Emp. Added*)

- What more would they need to be convinced that yes, Jesus did mention homosexuality? Would this not convince the naysayers that Jesus wasn't Who **they** felt He **should** be? Do they not just want to hand Him a ukulele and point Him in the direction of the nearest tulip patch? They become very uncomfortable once they understand that Jesus doesn't fit the 1960s hippie pot head guru type they feel He was, when everything was about love, love, love (*actually lust, lust, lust*). The 60s were also about the epidemic of STDs, overdosing, shacking up and children out of wedlock. Which, statistically, and there are statistics that **attempt** to argue otherwise, children are better able to handle society's ills when brought up in a **structured** household where there exists **both** a father and a mother. Statistically or not, that **should** be **common sense**. But that not being enough they still think they understand God Himself.

1Co 2:16 For **who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him?** But **we have the mind of Christ.** (*Emp. Added*)

- Only a Godly Christian has a Godly mindset! The following is a passage from Isa 40:13 that Paul used, as we do the Bible today, to show where the "natural man" cannot understand the Spirit.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world**, but the spirit (*Gk.4151- vital principal, **mental disposition***) which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** 14 But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.** 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (*Emp. Added*)

- Sadly, the religious world around us attempts to compare the spiritual with the secular. No wonder there are so many that say the Bible is so inconsistent. Which is why there are

so many who **claim** to be Christians but who still accept the homosexual agenda as just another form of God's love. The world thinks we're a bunch of prehistoric ignoramuses when we speak the true "wisdom that is from above" (*James 3:17*). Trying to advance truth to a worldly stick in the mud is like trying to put a square peg in a round hole.

*"Because the spiritual person has accepted and obeyed the facts of the gospel, he or she is qualified to pass judgment on "all things". This does not mean a Christian is qualified to make every decision in life. Rather, it means because a Christian is guided by the right source (God's revelation), he or she is in the best position to make choices. God wants us to use His word in this way on a regular basis because **judgeth** is a present tense verb. While the world struggles to really know what is right and wrong, what is truth and error, what should be punished and what should not, God's people have a guide for what is right and wrong and this source has come from an authority higher than any man, nation, or group of nations."*
Brad Price

But what about Paul? He wasn't one of the original 12.

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. 11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on Thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: **for he is a chosen vessel unto Me**, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake. (*Emp. Added*)

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that **which I also received**, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all **He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time**. (*Emp. Added*)

- Paul understood that he was called while dead in his sin, during the time of his persecution against the very individuals he would later die for. He so appreciated as a Jew, being chosen as the "apostle to the Gentiles" (*Rom 11:13*) because at one time he would have shunned even the very thought of going into a Gentile community. But because he was so appreciative of Christ's grace, he toiled at it all the more. He also understood the removal of the wall that once separated them. But the fact stands that he was still an apostle of Christ and like the others, all the teachings of Jesus were revealed to him by Jesus Himself. So anytime someone might say that Paul didn't speak for Christ on whatever subject, they aren't speaking with wisdom **or** understanding. Apostle translated means "a commissioner of Christ" (*Gk.652*).

Gal 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is **not** after man. 12 For I **neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ**. (*Emp. Added*)

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by His grace, 16 To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to **them which were apostles before me**; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. 20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: 23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. 24 And they glorified God in me. *(Emp. Added)*

- If Jesus and His Father are One, then They are in agreement on this issue.

Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Joh 10:30 I and *My* Father are one.

- So yes, Jesus actually did promote the idea, even if not recorded that He did, that homosexuality was then, and is today, an abomination. When all the facts are brought together, we can infer that He did just that. Forget the fact that His argument for marriage was to be between **one man** and **one woman**, which only adds to the inference here.

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made *them* at the beginning made them **male** and **female**, *(Speaking of the marital relationship.) (Emp. Added)*

- But then you'll have some who will say "*yeah, but that was then and this is now. We've evolved since then and God only wants us all to love each other*". That's the "natural man" speaking things that he can't understand spiritually. He's thinking with his heart and **not** from a time tested standard that never changes, or ever has, the Bible.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the **thoughts** and **intentions of the heart**. *(Emp. Added)*

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

- So to rely on it as a moral compass for any given subject is fruitless. Notice what the Spirit led apostle wrote on this subject.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile (*Gk.819- disgrace*) affections (*Gk.3806- passion*): for even their women did change the natural (*Gk.5446- instinctive*) use into that which is against nature (*Gk.5449- growth [by germination or expansion] that is, [by implication] natural production*): 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural (*Gk.5446- instinctive*) use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly (*Gk.808- an indecency*), and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet (*Gk.1163- necessary*).

- So many people who espouse homosexuality are not aware of, or do not consider, the fact that it is “unnatural”. Most are guided by “*feeling*” and disregard the intellect. The inspired apostle Paul specifically warned against this practice as the mouthpiece of Jesus Who had already gone back to Heaven. How sad it is when we go about “speaking the truth in love” (*Eph 4:15*) when there are those who call it “hate speech” trying to intimidate us into backing down and submitting to error. **They** are the ones who are **really** filled with hatred for truth, and all those who promote it, because their evil deeds are exposed by the word of God. Even during the time Jesus walked the earth He spoke of these things.

Joh 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

- So is it wrong to warn children not to play in the street? **No.** Is it wrong to warn people about other behaviors, such as smoking, that are detrimental to their physical health? **No.** So why is it wrong then to warn people of their ill spiritual health? The body is temporal but the spirit is eternal.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- I do not apologize for the word of God. It should never be “God said it, I believe it and that settles it!” It should always be “God said it, that settles it!” Whether I believe it or not. But God has also said in His word what we must do to be saved.

#1. Have you heard?

Romans 10:14 ... "how shall they believe in Him **Whom they have not heard?**"

#2. Do you believe?

Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God **must believe that He is...**"

#3. Have you repented?

Act 3:19 ... "**Repent** ... be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

#4. Have you acknowledged Christ as the Son of God, Who alone can save you?

Joh 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

#5. Have your sins been washed away?

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

#6. If you've done all these things, have you remained faithful?

Romans 6:4 "...we also should walk in newness of life."

#7. And are you growing?

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

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