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FROM THE DEPTHS OF DECEPTION,
TO THE TRIUMPHS OF TRUTH

HOW TO RESPOND TO THOSE WHO IDENTIFY AS GAY CHRISTIANS

We need to remember that those who identify as gay Christians sincerely believe in God. Many have been Christians since childhood and know what the bible says. They have prayed fervently for God to remove their same-sex attractions, but as the years pass and the attractions are still there, some come to believe that either God doesn't hear them, God doesn't care about them, God isn't real, or maybe God is simply okay with these attractions. Since they don't want to walk away from God because they know He is real, nor do they want to lose their relationship with Him, the only option left is to believe that God is okay with it. That is when they often turn to popular authors, churches and ministries that affirm gay Christian ideology. Once they are around others who agree, their belief becomes more solid and they begin to identify as gay Christians.



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So, how are we to respond? We should simply start with what we have in common. The best place to **begin** is in the love of Christ. As Christians we would agree that Jesus loves us and that salvation comes through Him alone. If we **begin** by arguing over the scriptures that talk about the sin of homosexuality, we will build walls instead of bridges. If we want to build a bridge, the only way to do that is to ask the Lord. He knows what that particular bridge looks like for the individual we are speaking to at the moment. This is a spiritual battle and without God's help we will not be able to lead them across the divide. If we allow ourselves to get caught in the emotions of disagreement they will not hear anything we say.

Once a relationship has been established, they will be more open to discussing the areas in which we don't agree. It's okay to have these discussions and walk away disagreeing. Seeds of truth have been planted into their hearts and you can pray that God will send others to water those seeds. It's God's doing. We can't save people or fix people, but we can build relationships with them and give them His truth.

One thing we want to remember in all our dealings with others is that Jesus came to seek those who were lost. Sinners were drawn to Jesus - He was a friend of sinners (Luke 15:1). The Pharisees criticized Jesus for this (Luke 15:2). They had no compassion or desire to help people who were lost in sin. If we want to see people changed, we need to spend time getting to know them and sharing the truth with them, like Jesus did. Jesus never compromised compassion and He never compromised truth. If that is how He lived, we ought to live that way too. He has given us everything we need in the Holy Spirit to do that.

If you had the opportunity, would you be willing to build a relationship with someone who identifies as a gay Christian? I would hope so, because Jesus calls us to be His light in this dark world.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

— Matthew 5:14-16

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

— Isaiah 60:1-3

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in praying that those who lead gay Christian ministries and churches would come to the knowledge of the truth and be vocal about how the enemy has deceived them into thinking that God actually blesses monogamous same-sex relationships. They are leading so many astray.

Here are a few names of prominent gay Christian leaders:

- Justin Lee, founder of Q Christian Fellowship (formerly called The Gay Christian Network).
- Matthew Vines - author and speaker, Executive Director at The Reformation Project
- Brandon Robertson - Senior/Lead Pastor at Missiongathering San Diego

Patti has had the opportunity to have lunch with Matthew Vines and Brandon Robertson, who are both gay Christians. The biggest argument each man expressed was that they didn't believe God intended them to live their lives alone. Please pray that the Father would show them that Jesus spent three days alone in the grave, so that they would never have to be alone again.



I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.



Leviticus 26:13

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As much as financial support is a much-needed blessing, prayer support is our greatest need. Prayer is the BIGGEST part of this ministry. Without the Lord's leading, and the prayers of the saints, this ministry would be fruitless. I believe there are many who are on the verge of letting go of their partner's hand and grabbing onto the Lords instead. Please join us in praying that many who identify as gay will come to the saving knowledge of Christ and find their true identity in Him. Please also pray for the church to continue to learn to love the way Jesus does ...with grace AND truth.

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver*

—2 Corinthians 9:7

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