

# **While You Were Out**

Rhema Christian Center  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Pastor James E. White  
February 11, 2015, 7pm

## *“The Homosexual and Homosexuality (and how the Church deals with it lovingly)”*

### **I. The distinction between the homosexual and homosexuality**

**A. The Church’s stance concerning homosexuality is clear because God’s Word is clear – homosexuality is a sin.**

1. Romans 1: 26-28 – Homosexuality undermines the 1) basis of God creating man for woman 2) the family
2. Leviticus 18:22
3. Leviticus 20:13
4. I Corinthians 6:9-10 (effeminate – having feminine qualities; abusers of themselves with mankind – homosexuals)

**B. The Church’s protest is against homosexuality, NOT the homosexual**

1. I Peter 3:15 (give an answer to every man that asks LOVINGLY). Giving information is not judging. We are against the practice, not the individual.
2. Homosexual (metaphysical) – who I am
3. Homosexuality (ethics) what I do, my morals, what is ethically right
4. We cannot establish a different law for the homosexual than the thief, liar, murderer, adulterer, etc. There is no difference.
  - a) *Romans 1: 26-27 (gave them up – gave them over to degrading passions; man/woman exchanged the natural function of their body for that which is unnatural. As a result, they can no longer see the error of their ways.)*
  - b) *We cannot treat the homosexual different than we treat others and their sin. We have to deal with them lovingly.*
  - c) *You can be delivered, but you have to walk, practice your deliverance. (I Timothy 1:6) Stir up the gift, the gift is already there. Deliverance can be there, but it is your job to stir it up and bring it to life.*
  - d) *In order to walk in your deliverance, you need instruction (the Word).*

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### 5. Temptation vs. Sin

*a) It is not sin for temptation to come. Sin does not occur until it goes from the metaphysical and we carry out what the enemy brought to mind.*

*b) We have to understand that the enemy will tempt us with something that we really want to do. To tempt you with something that you do not want to do is not temptation.*

*c) Ephesians 6:11 (wiles – strategically and methodically trying to defeat you systematically within the confines of the law, in your mind and comfort zone)*

*d) The homosexual experiences temptation just like we experience temptation.*

### C. Self-Control – This is a life-long practice!

1. God will not take your desire from you. He puts His Spirit in you and gives you the power to overcome and practice godliness. Our “keeping power” is God given. We often want God to do it for us, but He has empowered us to do it in Him.

2. Conduct eventually produces character. Character also determines action. What we repeatedly do, we eventually become. What we are without God, we will do. We are to take on His character.

3. Romans 10:9 (heart – emotion, passions, intellect)

4. Your unruly part (flesh) will always want to have its way. It opposes God!!

5. The same God, who gives a desire for righteousness, also recreates a hate for evil. One has to have a desire for: Philippians 3:10 (that I may know Him, i.e. progressively become more intimately acquainted with Him)

6. Philippians 3:12 – It is our job to make every effort to be holy

7. I Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 5:14- Train ourselves – watch the places we go, people we hang around, practice new habits, and develop self-control.

8. We are growing in character every day! The question is in which direction; Like Christ – bare His image in the earth. Antichrist – defying His grace/His Word

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9. We teach the power of the Cross. Christ died for our deliverance. God loved us as a sinner, when He died for us we were sinners. He loved us the way we were, but died that He might save us and deliver us.

10. Same Sex Marriage says I want you to accept me as I am; I know the law of God, but I want to change the law of God (instead of letting the Word of God change them, they want to change the Word of God – calling the darkness light). We cannot circumvent or bend the Word of God for certain individuals. We lovingly advise them and impart into them, but we do not let them come into the Church and change the Word.

*\*I hope that this will be “lovingly” received as information and not condemnation.\**