
Upcoming Events

PYCD Men's Volleyball Tournament: August 14 (Sat) at the SportxPlex, 8:30 AM

PYCD Annual Conference and Combined Sunday Service, August 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun)
see www.pycd.org for details

Weekly Schedule

Tues - Sat, Aug 10 - 14 (Metro) Vacation Bible School (5:30 PM)

Fri, Aug 13th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Prayer for the Nations: Panama (Latin America)*

- The Panama is at the bottom of a strip of land connecting North and South America.
- Before the First World War the United States built a canal through Panama to provide a strategic route from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific. Gradually over time the US have handed this area and the canal back to Panama.
- In 1989 the USA invaded Panama and arrested its ruler, General Noriega, for drugs smuggling.
- Panama is recovering after the days of Noriega's corruption and drug-running.
- Since 1997 there has been a growing prayer movement among pastors wanting to see God move in Panama!
- Since January 2000, Panama has been in control of the canal and surrounding military bases. Pray that the country's leaders would have wisdom and direction for Panama's future and seek to have integrity.
- Young people are disillusioned by traditional churches and gang culture and drug taking are increasing. Pray that Christians would have a passion to see this generation saved and living for God.
- The Panama border with Colombia is controlled by guerillas and drug cartels. The whole area is extremely dangerous for the people who live there and closed to any missionary activity.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=191



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"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." (Ps 98:4)

Welcome

Since today is Youth Sunday, I thought I would address an issue that seems to be making the news these days. "Alternate or Gay Lifestyle" is something that has become very visible in the western culture. At one time, a lifestyle that went against the word of God made people blush, but now it is slowly part of the norm.

If the scriptures were silent about this issue, then possibly we could keep silent and not take a stand. But the scriptures are very emphatic, even though there are churches out there that twist the scriptures to justify a different lifestyle. Based on a thorough exegesis of the scriptures, it is difficult to justify an alternate lifestyle. In fact, the bible is very explicit about this issue as being wrong.

If we were to think in terms of pure science, in other words, if someone who believes purely in evolution and wants to leave God out of the picture, then this lifestyle in a scientific / evolutionary perspective doesn't make sense. Think about it for a minute; according to the theory of evolution which happened in the time frame of billions and billions of years, it states that certain things which provide progression to the evolution of life is advanced in incremental stages, and those things which take away from the evolution of life disappears (survival of the fittest / natural selection). If this is the case, then why is this alternate lifestyle still prevalent in society today? This lifestyle doesn't help the evolutionary cause...in fact, it destroys it. If everyone followed this lifestyle, then life would cease to exist and human life would end, since there can be no pro-creation. That being said, within "billions of years" this kind of desire or urge to follow this lifestyle would have ceased to exist since it does not contribute to life. So why are people still struggling with this issue? How can we say that this lifestyle is normal, and people are born this way, since scientifically speaking it doesn't help the evolution of man but detracts from it? The only answer we can find is that it is then not an issue of science but an issue of "sin" and an issue of the sin-nature found in man.

I really like what Oswald Chambers states in his book My Utmost for His Highest. He quotes Mt 15:20 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man". Then he goes on to say, "If I will take an honest look at myself, becoming fully aware of my so-called innocence and putting it to the test, I am very likely to have a rude awakening that what Jesus Christ said is true, and I will be appalled at the possibilities of the evil and the wrong within me. The only thing that truly provides protection is the redemption of Jesus Christ. If I will simply hand myself over to Him, I will never have to experience the terrible possibilities that lie within my heart. Purity is something far too deep for me to arrive at naturally. But when the Holy Spirit comes into me, He brings into the center of my personal life the very Spirit that was exhibited in the life of Jesus Christ, namely, the Holy Spirit, which is absolute unblemished purity."

Sermon Notes

Young people, you are being bombarded by various messages telling you what is right and wrong. Society tells you something is right and the scriptures may contradict it. Some people fall into traps because they allow their sin-nature freedom to accept what may seem normal to society and as Chambers state, allow the "terrible possibilities that lie within my heart." It is the cross that breaks this curse of sin and provides true freedom by allowing the Holy Spirit to bring into our lives the "unblemished purity" of Jesus Christ. God gave us His Son to open the doorway to be called His children and put into us a new nature that brings new perspectives, new desires, and holiness "without which no man shall see the Lord". Let us not miss the opportunity for this wonderful gift God gave, but claim what is freely given to you! This is what gives you true freedom, true liberty, and protection, not some ideology stating your right to live or accept another lifestyle.