

Franklin Graham to LGBTs: God's Enemies Are Deceiving You

Franklin Graham penned a letter to “all lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transgenders” on his Facebook page this week. And he’s not mincing words. In a nutshell, he tells them in no uncertain terms that God’s enemies are deceiving them. The following is the text of the letter.

There are many people who will tell you what you want to hear in this life. I hope you will give me an opportunity to tell you the truth here.

Every person on earth shares one thing in common—we are all sinners according to the God who made us. God created us, and He loves us—even more than we can imagine. But we—all of mankind—have a problem, and the Bible calls it sin. Sin is disobedience to God’s laws, and it has infected the entire human race. It is a disease of the soul. The Bible, which is the Word of God and the standard by which we should live, says “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The Bible is also very clear that the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Mankind is under a death sentence because of sin—but because of God’s great love for us, He sent His Son Jesus Christ from Heaven to this earth on a rescue mission to save you, and me, and everyone from sin.

Jesus Christ took our sins to the cross where He shed His blood and died for our sins, took our sins to the grave, was buried, and on the third day God raised him to life. He’s not dead—He is alive, and He can come into your heart and your life today if you will let Him. The Bible tells us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting

life" (John 3:16).

Sin includes anything that runs counter to God's Word—His standard for our lives. This includes pride, dishonesty, lack of love for our neighbors, using God's Name in vain, and loving anything more than Him.

There is also sin involving the misuse of sex. God created sex and gave it to us to enjoy, but tells us in His Holy Word that it is to be reserved for a marriage relationship between a man and a woman. Any kind of sexual activity or sexual relationship outside of that is sin. The world would like to redefine marriage and other boundaries for sex, but it's not up to us to define. Almighty God, the Creator, set the standard at the beginning of time. The enemies of God would like for you to be deceived, but God wants the best for your life; He wants us to know the truth. God wants all of us to be with Him in heaven in eternity—but our sins block the way.

I love you enough to tell you the truth. I'm a sinner too, and my sins are not any "cleaner" than anyone else's—they're just forgiven. When I was 22 years old, I repented of my sins and asked God to forgive me and save me. That night I asked Jesus Christ to come into my life and take control of my life. I'm so thankful for His salvation and to be able to live my life knowing that God has forgiven me of my sins.

The Bible teaches, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What a promise! I want people everywhere to know that we can be forgiven, cleansed, and set free from the power of sin's control by believing on Jesus Christ and trusting Him as our Savior and Lord! "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

If you've never invited Christ into your heart, you can do it right now by praying this prayer from your heart:

"Dear God I am a sinner, I am sorry for my sins. I want to

turn from my sins and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son who died for me on the cross and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

I hope you prayed that prayer today. God bless you, and remember God loves you and so do I. Share this with a friend.