

Is Homosexuality Worse Than Any Other Sin?

When discussing sins such as homosexuality, some leaders in the body of Christ today are saying things like, "It doesn't really matter what your sin is. Sin is sin. All of us are sinners, and all of us need forgiveness."

It's true that we all need forgiveness, but it's not true that all sins are equally sinful.

One reason the enemy wants us to believe this lie is because he wants us to trivialize sin. He wants people who are bound in great darkness to think lightly of their sin. He doesn't want them alerted to how destructive some sinful behaviors can be to themselves and others.

When Jesus said, *"Therefore the one who handed Me over to you has the greater sin"* (John 19:11, MEV), He was acknowledging that some sins are greater than others.

In the Bible, greater sins incurred greater punishment (Deut. 17:8; Matt. 26:24; Heb. 10:29; 2 Kin. 23:26; 24:3). Similarly, our legal systems recognize that it would be wrong to assign the same punishment to every kind of legal infraction. Our courts properly acknowledge that not all sins are created equal.

Just as some sins are greater than others, some demons are more wicked than others (Luke 11:26). One of the negative consequences of greater sins is that they attract the attention of more wicked demons. Demons are attracted to darkness. When they see us giving place to darkness, they fan the flames of temptation and seek to lead us into even greater darkness and condemnation.

Now it's true, any sin will send you to hell if you're not

saved. If you break just one command of God's law, James 2:10-11 tells us that you are guilty of all God's law. Once you're in hell, I suppose in one sense it hardly matters what got you there. However, Jesus made clear that some sins incur more terrifying judgment in hell (Matt. 18:6).

When participating in today's debate regarding homosexuality, we must be faithful to speak the truth: Sexual sins are worse than many other kinds of sin. And among sexual sins, some are worse than others.

One reason sexual sins are greater than many others is because of how they adversely affect other people. Fornication defiles not just you but another person as well. Adultery is a sin both against the other person and the spouses involved. Molestation and incest are such evil sins because of their power to traumatize the victims. Some people suffer emotionally from these kinds of sins for years and years.

Paul showed that sexual sins are often worse than others when he wrote:

"Escape from sexual immorality. Every sin that a man commits is outside the body. But he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18, MEV).

The construction of the Greek is emphatic, "Every sin whatsoever," pointing to the unique ability of sexual immorality to defile the body. Some sins defile only a part of your being, such as your mind or your spirit. But sexual sins defile your entire person—spirit, soul, and body.

When we understand how destructive certain kinds of sin can be, the hope of the gospel shines even brighter. Jesus came to save sinners! He commands us to repent, receive forgiveness, turn from our sin, and dedicate our lives to obeying Him.

What great news!

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