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Prayer Of Salvation

How do I ask Jesus into my life?

Here is a prayer to help you! Please call me if you pray or have any questions. I'll be glad to talk to you.

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Father sometimes I offend you.

I know Jesus died because we have all offended you.

I believe God You raised Jesus from the dead.

Save me from my desires that offend you.

Jesus of Nazareth

I confess that you are Savior & Lord.

Forgive me for offending you in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Here is your job description from now on!

Do no more evil

Tell about Jesus

Be baptized, Learn about Him in your Bible.

DOES GOD LOVE GAY PEOPLE?

The gay community is vilified or glorified, Love 'em or hate 'em, the fact remains: with all the rhetoric from both sides of the isle, neither minister to the needs of these people. In all my years listening to this debate I have never heard a sound argument from either camp as to why being gay is right or wrong in God's eyes. What's worse is no-one even cares as to what can be done to help them through all the confusion. "I will have mercy not sacrifice!" Those are the words of God!

People come in two general flavors: those who are not interested in pleasing God and those who are! From time to time these two groups suffer a fierce dynamic of intolerance toward each other. So much so, that both sides are blind to the needs of the very people caught seeking a decisive action from them to live a meaningful life. In this debate it's the gays. Here's how I see it! The side not interested in pleasing God says: God loves everyone regardless of what you do! They say this because they truly have no idea of the sacrifice needed to please God because frankly they're not interested! Furthermore, they don't try to research or understand what God wants from us, and that's okay! On the other hand there are those like myself very interested in pleasing God. The problem with our side is: we research the scripture and try to understand what God wants from us and our tendency is to condemn those that are not doing it (shame on us)! Our people should show mercy, love and educate those in error of God's

will, otherwise the outcome is devastating, as we now see. First I want to address my group. If we lived in Israel of the Old Testament there is little doubt that the gay community would suffer judgment by way of stoning. However, **we don't!** We live in **America** under a body of laws that are not based upon the will of God. They're based on the endowment of freedom by a creator. Furthermore, each has the right to worship anything as God; A choice that even God accepts. Simply put, it's their right. Christians may not agree with it but we must abide by it! Therefore, what gays do is between them and God. Paul said: "Don't judge another's servant!" I will never agree with the gay life style. They don't believe what I believe, But condemnation is not in the Christian's job description! That's God's job. God tells me love my neighbor as myself and that is what God expects of me! I'm not interested in the political machinery. I'm interested in saving souls. I don't care if those souls are gays deciding to repent or men in adulterous relationships deciding to repent. According to God's word both life styles are displeasing.

If you're a gay a person reading this article, try to understand: I don't condemn you. I'm afraid for you. I see a danger that perhaps you don't see. My hope is, that my explanation will help you understand a trap that you may fall into. I see people who are sensually and physically attracted to people of the same gender. You're confident, that this type of sexuality is right

because your body desires it. Finally, in God's eyes it must be right because He made you to feel this way. The error is this: If scripture is our guide to God, and it is, because scripture is where today's monotheistic God came from; then God did not create you this way. God originally created man to desire the opposite sex. However, when Adam ate the **Fruit of the knowledge of Good and Evil** his body genetically changed from desiring the woman to anything that his eyes could behold. Therefore, a new weakness was introduced into Adams life that did not exist before. This weakness is emotional & physical lust! Now, what may be pleasing to Adam may not be pleasing to God. So, while your emotions may be telling you, what you're feeling is good; your understanding and logic using God's laws are there to help guide you through and make the decision that will please God. Now, does God love gay people? Yes! He died for gay people too.

Everyone including Gays must understand, humanity chooses God. God already chose us when He was born of a virgin, lived, performing miracles, died by crucifixion, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven giving all the ability to be children of God. Now it is up to us. We choose God by: showing our love when we ask Him to forgive us of our sin condition through Christ: by accepting the work that Jesus did through the crucifixion onto the assentation: by living our lives in a way that pleases Him. Only then do we become acceptable to God by accepting this truth. That God gave His only begotten son so that the world **might** be saved. **Might!**



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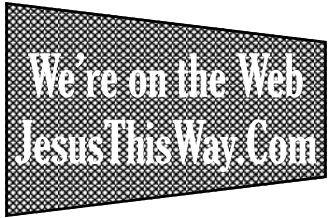
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