

*"The simple truth is that Christ died for all of us or He died for none of us." Alan Chambers, **God's Grace and the Homosexual Next Door***

(I) AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER:

If anyone truly loves God they would know that you're supposed to treat your neighbor as _____ (1).

The true answer to our question, "Does God love you, if you're gay, is _____ (2)." But if you are like most people, you probably need more than [Jonathan Ervin's] word for it . . .

(II) LOOKING DEEPER:

(A) If you don't believe in God, here's big question you have to answer: "How did everything, including us, _____ (3)?"

(B) Now, certainly, there are many views regarding life's origin . . . consider something we can all relate to our _____ (4), a ball in the sky, spinning at a thousand miles an hour. The movement of this huge mass is so _____ (5) that we set our watches by it. All this is beyond remarkable and beyond _____ (6).

(1) "If the universe is simply an _____ (7), the odds against it containing any appreciable order are ludicrously _____ (8)." *Dr Gerald Schroeder*

(C) It is also important to note that just as God created and ordered the _____ (9) universe, He created the human body as well. Your body is composed of tens of trillions of cells with incomprehensible _____ (10) yet it works with miraculous efficiency.

(D) One popular world-view, _____ (11), says that your body came into existence from _____ (12) and by chance. However, this unrealistic theory ignores the fact that nothing can't produce _____ (13).

(E) You also have an inner need for purpose and a desire to live _____ (14) and be something great. Atheism offers no explanation for these inner desires.

(F) Atheists would say that there is no ultimate _____ (15) and would there-

fore also have to say that there's no true moral _____ (16). In the atheist world-view, there's no basis for right and wrong.

(G) Nothing else makes logical sense except to believe that God created [us] and that we _____ (17) to Him.

(H) If there is a God, then wouldn't that God . . . naturally seek to _____ (18) with us, His creation, and have the ability to do so?

(III) EVIDENCE OF GOD'S COMMUNICATION:

(A) His _____ (19) communicated in the world around

(B) His _____ (20) in the rising and the setting of the sun each day

(C) His steadfastness in the new buds that bloom each Spring

(D) [We] hear His _____ (21) in the songs that the birds and crickets

(E) His magnitude through the rush of wind through the trees

(F) [We] feel His _____ (22) through the people He puts in [our lives]

But even beyond all this, God has clearly communicated what is best for us.

(G) God desires to communicate _____ (23) to us and through us. Despite its _____ (24) authors the Bible, as a unified whole, shares _____ (25) complete story, backed by archaeology, hundreds of fulfilled prophecies, supportive secular testimony . . . and it is, by far, the most preserved record of all-time, describing humanity and the human _____ (26) perfectly.

(H) Since God created us, He knows what is _____ (27) for us.

(I) "Just because you are _____ (28) to do something doesn't mean that's what is _____ (29) for you."

(J) One of the areas that is very important to both God and us is our _____ (30). Sex is a supremely powerful force in human experience. The power of sex can be used for both the greatest _____ (31) in the human experience, or when misused for the greatest evil.

(K) We would all agree that while sex and _____ (32) cannot be equated, human beings are designed to experience love and sex together.

(L) God establishes boundaries for us, both because he loves us, including very clear boundaries on the expression of _____ (33). God knows that fallen sexual activities are not going to truly fulfill us and do not enable us to have and maintain loving and stable _____ (34).

(M) Homosexuality is one of many distortions of sex as God intended it for His human creation.

(N) Jesus refers back to _____ (35) where God clearly established that a male and female as husband and wife would join in _____ (36) union. Jesus upholds sexual relations only between and man and a woman, and only in marriage.

(O) The boundaries for sex that God gives in the Bible . . . are established to _____ (37) us from painful consequences. Study after study has shown many serious health risks associated with homosexual activity.

(1) These risks include:

(a) A _____ (38) increase in anal cancer (_____ (39) that for those who are HIV Positive)

(b) AIDS . . . majority of cases being contracted by men who have sex with _____ (40)

(c) Life expectancy lowed by _____ (41) years

(P) Augustine once said of God: "You have made us for _____ (42) and our hearts are restless until they _____ (43) in You."

(Q) If you are honest with yourself . . . sex has neither fulfilled your innermost _____ (44), nor your deepest hurts. . . as long as your pursue sex, money, status, or anything else instead of the God who made you, you will continue to experience, at best, _____ (45) in life, and at worst . . . destructive _____ (46).

(IV) WHAT GOD OFFERS US

(A) . . . a way out of Hell both here and now, and for eternity.

(B) He is the _____ (47) that you need. Jesus never lied, never cheated, . . . never stole . . . Jesus never sinned.

(C) The _____ (48) you need to live for Christ will come to you through the Holy Spirit

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 1 & 2; Leviticus 18:6-16; Matthew 19: 4-6; Isaiah 53:5

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

God's Grace and the Homosexual Next Door: Reaching the Heart of the Gay Men and Women in Your Word, *Alan Chambers*

Leaving Homosexuality: A Practical Guide for Men and Women Looking for a Way Out, *Alan Chambers*

Restoring Sexual Identity: Hope for Women Who Struggle with Same-Sex Attraction, *Anne Paulk*

The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality: A Biblical and Compassionate Response to Same-Sex Attraction, *Joe Dallas; Nancy Heche*

Shame and Attachment Loss: The Practical Work of Reparative Therapy, *Joseph Nicolosi*

The Broken Image: Restoring Personal Wholeness Through Healing Prayer, *Leanne Payne*

Setting Love in Order: Hope and Healing for the Homosexual, *Mario Bergner*

1. yourself
2. yes
3. get here
4. Earth
5. precise
6. chance
7. accident
8. small
9. physical
10. complexity
11. atheism
12. nothing
13. something
14. forever
15. law-giver
16. law
17. belong
18. communicate
19. order
20. constancy
21. creativity
22. love
23. directly
24. 40
25. one
26. condition
27. best
28. tempted
29. best
30. sexuality
31. good
31. good
33. sexuality
34. families
35. Genesis
36. sexual union
37. protect
38. 4000%
39. double
40. men
41. 10-30
42. yourself
43. rest
44. needs
45. emptiness
46. consequences
47. Perfection
48. strength