#### The essential Biblical perspective on human <u>homosexuality</u>:

### The Bible, essentially teaches, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, that:

- The practice of homosexuality is a sin against God.
- The practice of homosexuality is detestable, abomination, repulsive, immoral, shameful, unnatural, indecent, vile, against nature and is a sin against God.
- God does not justify homosexual acts. God condemns homosexual acts. The practice of homosexuality, therefore, must be condemned also by the Christian church.

# The Bible, which is God's Word to humanity, also essentially teaches that:

+ Persons who regretfully repent from homosexual sin to a compliant lifestyle with Jesus Christ can receive God's forgiveness.

# The Bible teaches that God created humanity with only two genders: male and female.

- So God created mankind in his own image; in his own image God created them; he created them <u>male and female</u>. (Genesis 1: 27)
- When God created mankind, he made them in his own likeness. Creating them <u>male and female</u>, he blessed them and called them humans when he created them. (Genesis 5: 1-2)

#### This is God's instruction to humanity regarding human sexuality:

- 1. Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is <u>detestable</u>. (Leviticus 18: 22)
- You are not to have sexual relations with a male as you would with a woman. It's detestable. (Leviticus 18: 22)
- 3. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is <u>abomination</u>. (Leviticus 18: 22)

- If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is <u>detestable</u>. (Leviticus 20: 13)
- 5. If a man has sexual relations with another male, as he would with a woman, both have committed a <u>repulsive</u> act. (Leviticus 20:13)
- 6. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an <u>abomination</u>: (Leviticus 20:13)

#### The Bible, in the New Testament, warns humanity of the eternal consequences for sinning by homosexual conduct:

- 7. Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor **homosexual offenders** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
  - (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10)
- You know that wicked people will not inherit the kingdom of God, don't you? Stop deceiving yourselves! Sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, **homosexuals**, thieves, greedy people, drunks, slanderers, and robbers will not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10)
- 9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor <u>abusers of themselves with mankind</u>, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10)

[abusers of themselves with mankind =  $\alpha$  poevokolitoi = arsenokoitoi = inclusive of Sodomites (Romasn 1:27)]

- In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah [Genesis 19:4-5 male homosexuality] and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to <u>sexual immorality</u> and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7)
- 11. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7)
- 12. Because of this, God gave them over to <u>shameful</u> lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for <u>unnatural</u> ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed <u>indecent</u> acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. (Romans 1: 26-28)
- 13. For this cause God gave them up unto <u>vile</u> affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is <u>against nature</u>: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Romans 1: 26-28)