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**“ARE CHRISTIANS HATERS?: HOMOSEXUALITY”**

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Sadly, Christians in America have become better known for what they are against than what they are for. Our society often labels Christians as bigots, intolerant, and “haters.” A lightning rod issue in these days is homosexuality. How should we view sin and sinners?

*“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23, NIV).

*“All the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes”* (Judges 17:6, NLT).

<b>How did we reach this point as a society?</b>
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**1. We lack understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:22-27).**

**2. Our culture has an obsession \_\_\_\_\_(1 Thessalonians 4:3).**

**3. We live in a day of extreme, out-of-control \_\_\_\_\_  
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*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8, NIV).

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**1. We lack understanding of the Bible** (Romans 1:22-27).

*“teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16, NIV).

*“Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion”* (Romans 1:22-27, NIV).

**2. Our culture has an obsession with sex** (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

*“God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin”*  
(1 Thessalonians 4:3, NLT).

*“He answered, ‘Haven't you read in your Bible that the Creator originally made man and woman for each other, male and female?’ And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh--no longer two bodies but one”*  
(Matthew 19:4-5, The Message).

**3. We live in a day of extreme, out-of-control individualism** (Judges 17:6).

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