

**Current Events :: Beginning Jan 1 in California it will be AGAINST THE LAW to try to turn minors away from****Beginning Jan 1 in California it will be AGAINST THE LAW to try to turn minors away from sodomy ... - posted by Lordo**

Under the new law, which will take effect Jan. 1, no mental health provider will be able to provide therapy that seeks "to change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex."

Mental health professionals who violate the law, which applies to therapy for patients younger than 18, will be subject to discipline by whatever group licenses them.

The therapy often starts from the premise that a person's childhood and parental upbringing has somehow left that person deficient and thus has led him or her to same-sex attractions. Practitioners often are religious, and gay rights groups have derisively characterized the therapy as an attempt to "pray away the gay."

Read more: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/State-bans-gay-repair-therapy-for-minors-3906032.php#ixzz280uZ5OKD>

**Re: Beginning Jan 1 in California it will be AGAINST THE LAW to try to turn minors aw - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/9**

First thing I that came to mind...

Matthew 10:16-23, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

**Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2012/10/1 0:06**

Lordoitagain- thank you for posting.  
AMEN, Miccah!

As I read the news I felt defeated and fearful, but being reminded of what God has said and that our weapons are not carnal and our war is not with flesh and blood helps me to keep my eyes of what I see all around, and to set them on the eternal.

Satan has been defeated on the cross and if the LORD is for us who can be against us?

**Re: Beginning Jan 1 in California it will be AGAINST THE LAW to try to turn minors aw, on: 2012/10/1 0:21**

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For me the best therapy is God. He works with the individual through the ups and downs of life. The in's and out's. God gets at the root of the problem. And MOST importantly, tells me how much He loves me, THAT alone is enough for me to walk the rest of life with my Saviour. That is what homosexuals yearn for the most, to be loved.

I agree with this law only in that therapy just doesn't work, it may for a micro few, but for the majority it fails big time.

**Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2012/10/1 0:48**

Approved wrote:

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Jesus likened himself to a therapist: Mar 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

I am sure (as usual) that the court used extreme and abusive cases of therapy in order to persuade the courts to pass this law.

Jesus came to call all with same sex attraction to repentance. He came to HEAL people with same sex attraction. Thousands of us have experienced His healing in same sex attraction disorder, but it only comes with an utter awareness that one is deadly, deathly sick.

Jesus loves us enough to bring us to genuine total repentance ... total forsaking of the wickedness. His blood has the POWER to completely cleanse ALL sin whether it is same-sex-attraction, pornography, child molestation ... he can even convert those assassins in Mexico who are murdering innocent people DAILY and cutting their bodies up into little pieces and spreading them on sidewalks. Saul had a habit of helping to murder Christians. Can you picture him saying: "It will be with me for the rest of my life."

Jesus washed and cleansed Saul and changed him to Paul who later wrote:

1Co 6:9 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 abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

"were" is past tense, brother! Don't swallow the lie that you will be bound to that evil for the rest of your life! BELIEVE in His power to wash, sanctify and justify you, and when the devil tries to turn that old channel on ... well just unhook the cable ... the old man is dead, and the new man lives:

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2012/10/1 1:48**

This video gives some good therapy on dealing with the issue: <http://youtu.be/13RtFyjwtM>

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 2:01**

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I would love to know about these "thousands" you speak of Brother. The people that I know of they either are resisting, struggling or gone back into the sin. I have never met (save yourself) a person who has been actually delivered completely.

Your deliverance and my deliverance are not the same. God did in you a wonderful work and what God is doing in me is the same, but mine has been gradual, and I know why. If I was delivered from this years ago, it would be my character to forget all that God had done and I would have followed my own way, I know myself to be that way. Little at a time is His healing for me. I know homosexuals that have gone through therapy searching for answers, searching for a way out only to fall headlong back into the sin because they don't know how to get out of it. If it wasn't for God's hand upon me right now, I would be back in that as well. The 'feelings' are overwhelming and if there is no outlet, sin is at the door. I understand this overwhelming 'feeling'. As a Christian I have an edge, I have the power of God, but for the millions of homosexuals out there that are trying to understand themselves, it's hell for them. I know of Christian brothers who have fought this for years, got married, settled down only to end up back in this thing. They genuinely fought it, sought help, it's an awful terrible twisting of a man, just terrible.

The thing about talking about this on this forum is that you're marked. I regret speaking about my past on this forum, as much as people will say they understand and love etc., you're still marked as a homosexual, even if you're delivered.

I will not speak of this matter on here again. God Bless and thank you for your words and for sharing your heart.

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 4:25**

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This law is about the continued incremental criminalizing of the proclamation of the Gospel.

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**Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2012/10/1 8:07**

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If you remember earlier posts of mine on this subject, you should remember that my deliverance was gradual also ... but the main reason that deliverance from ANY sin is gradual is because we FINALLY come to the place where we COMPLETELY believe that deliverance in Christ exists. We finally take Romans 6:6 to heart and totally believe that our old man is and was (past and present) crucified with Christ.

I've never drunk alcohol, nor had the need to be delivered from it, but they tell me that in AA meetings they teach them to say (regardless of how many years they are set free) "I am an alcoholic ...". If we take the world's view of "recovery" from sin and not Christ's view of divine deliverance from sin we will never know what I Cor. 5:17 even means.

A friend of mine was delivered two months ago from alcohol and cigarettes. He was heavily addicted to cigarettes, but now he says that the odor makes him nauseated. Does that mean that he is above being tempted? Of course not! If he is

s tempted for a split second, should he crumble and say to himself "I'm still bound" ... and give in to following the line of smoke? No! He should immediately resist and rebuke the tempter, and go on considering himself DEAD to that sin ... Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If we elevate ANY particular sin to "undeliverable" status, we are throwing the gospel in the dirt! We are making the Lion of the tribe of Judah a powerless kitty cat up against "great" power of a particular sin. I choose to believe that I John 1:9 is true for me too. My chains were big, and my filth was deep (for me), but the power of the blood of Christ was and is triumphant in my life, and I refuse to enter again into bondage.

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Totally agreed ... and for that reason I brought it to the forum. We discuss such news topics with the intent of alarming our hearts to more desperate prayer and action.

OH HOW WE NEED REVIVAL IN OUR LAND! The state that had the famed "Azusa Street Revival" is now closing the doors on freedom to proclaim the gospel.

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 11:28**

Quote:

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Agreed!

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 11:32**

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Who is saying that?

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 11:46**

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Some people, in their zeal to say something profound, put words in people's mouths. I agree, Approved... no one has even suggested that.

The fact is... someone may never be totally delivered from a particular besetting sin. Or the temptation of a particular sin. And none of us will ever be completely delivered from sin in general until we arrive in heaven.

That's why the gospel is called "the gospel of grace"! Isn't God merciful and loving? Yes... He is.

I don't know what it's like to struggle with homosexuality, but I do know what it is like to struggle with sin. That's part of the human experience.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2012/10/1 12:13**

Approved,

Consider, Rehab, the Harlot. The one who let down the red string and who hid the spies of Israel. I believe she was no longer a harlot but a believer in God, although she will always be 'marked' as a harlot.

However, the Mark I see on her is from the hand of God and not of her making.

No judgment here.

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**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/10/1 12:44**

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QUOTE:

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I have a question based on an observation.

Usually when an idea is made into a law, others will in time interpret it to mean some other than the framers of it originally intended.

Is it not possible that in time people who will even suggest to a homo that there is deliverance/redemption in Christ Jesus that he/she will be in violation of this law and therefore be prosecuted for it?

This would be my concern....

**Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2012/10/1 12:51**

Quote:

----- Approved... no one has even suggested that.

Suggested??? The state of California has not only suggested, but passed it as law. In this cultural clash we either take sides with the majority or with Christ.

When we are discussing this newly passed law, and some give personal experience examples that tend to support the popular belief:

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Then, it could lead one to believe that perhaps the State of California is right and the gospel of Jesus Christ is wrong.

I thank God for His powerful gospel that delivers from ALL sin regardless of society trends and beliefs about certain sins.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2012/10/1 13:53

Hi Approved,

The problem with this law is in the applications for which it can be used. What happens if a teenager goes to a Church summer camp and is converted to Christ? What if a teen goes to a summer camp, youth group or Church meeting and is told the Biblical perspective about homosexuality? This law could be theoretically used against individuals and even churches.

When I was in college, a student spoke with me about his apparent attraction to guys. He told me that he "thought" that he was "gay." He knew that I was a Christian and involved in a campus ministry and respected me for it.

I knew that something was just not "right" with the silly "but I was born this way" claims used by some. Why? People are born asexual and don't develop sexual attraction until adolescence (whether normal or prematurely). Sadly, society is increasingly nurturing -- and even enticing -- individuals into sexual activity that is contrary to the nature that God created in this world. However, I am also aware that individuals are born with a sinful nature and that the sinful nature can crave a variety of pleasures that are contrary to the Word of God.

For most men, they must discipline their minds/bodies or else they would give into the craving to be with a woman (or woman) other than their wives -- even if they were "born" with such desires. I know guys who have struggled with lust who confided that they "desired" nearly every beautiful woman who walked by them. They are attracted and given to pornography on the internet, movies and magazines that have them spiritually, emotionally and physically bound by such things.

The guy in college eventually confided that he had been molested multiple times by a man prior to and during puberty while living in an apartment complex while he was a kid. He said that he "enjoyed" the experiences. I prayed for the wisdom to share with this young man. I explained that there is a difference between "confusion" and "nature" and that the lines can often become blurred.

I flat out told him that he didn't desire men...but the pleasure that he experienced that just so happened to come from a man. I told him that I thought that this confused him at a young age; and, I explained that the confusion had continued all the way to the point where he was now a young man and had come to associate "sexual pleasure" with men because of a dirty man who molested him while he was a child.

I explained how God had designed mankind and nature and how we have to accept and commit to His design. I also described how many commit to God's design even though they are given many opportunities to give in to the "lust of the flesh," "lust of the eyes" and the "pride of life." A man with many qualities that are attractive to women can still say "no" to women who almost throw themselves at him IF that man has committed his life to God.

We spoke about other things and it seemed to make an impact into this young man's mind. I was able to pray with him and encourage him for some time after this meeting. It had an impact on his outlook. He started attending our campus ministry's weekly meeting. He started fellowship with a church. He even stopped sounding effeminate. This young man eventually met and married a girl who worked in the university's cafeteria. They now have a child. Ever-so-often, he still corresponds via email.

Now, what would have happened if this had happened under this new California law? Potentially, it could have been deemed "unlawful." Although it wasn't "therapy" in a medical sense, it could be "deemed" as "conversion" simply because I wanted to tell him the truth.

The most hypocritical part of this law is that "conversion" therapy is perfectly acceptable in California when some parents want to "deprogram" their children away from what they consider to be "religious indoctrination." Also, therapy is viable in other instances...such as drug and alcohol addiction, sex addiction, anger management, and other issues. Some of these individuals are LITERALLY "born this way" (e.g. a child whose mother was addicted to drugs while pregnant).

Yet, Liberal California politicians have embraced a "new morality" in which it is legally and legislatively "taboo" -- and now illegal -- to consider homosexuality "abnormal" or "depravity." You can't "convert" a child away from perceived homosexual tendencies yet the state can allow a school counselor indoctrinate a child to a pro-abortion stand and even take them -- without their parents' knowledge -- to an abortion clinic.

I strongly disagree with this law because it allows the legislature to pick and choose which ideologies that they want to protect. It doesn't protect children. It simply takes away more rights from parents and gives it to the state. Moreover, it represents a conflict with the "free speech" of parents and churches.

Sadly, I think that it is a sign of things to come.

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2012/10/1 16:16**

Quote:

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Just a few years ago we were told that "you can't legislate morality." Now it seems that is all they do legislate.

**Re: , on: 2012/10/1 20:30**

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When I said that I agree with the law somewhat, I wasn't agreeing with the designers, I was merely in agreement that therapy sometimes does more harm than good. I am in no way in favour of this law.

This law and any other law that goes against the law of God continually reminds me of Daniel and his political colleagues ganging up on him by creating new laws or perverting existing ones.

Brethren I am in full knowledge of what is taking place. I know that there is an agenda right now in government and in the principalities and powers that be that are doing everything they can to eradicate the name of Jesus, to bring a reproach against Him and His people. The homosexual agenda is the pawn that is being used to do this. There is nothing, absolutely nothing that justifies the courts to use the constitution in favour of same sex marriages and the freedoms and the like, this is all propaganda to corner the believer, to shut him up from speaking. Not that we are rats but the application still applies, when you chase a rat into a corner and it has no way out, it will lunge out in the direction of the pursuer. There will come a point in being run down, run over, pushed and shoved, kicked and spat on that the Church of Jesus Christ will become violent in her faith and lunge out through acts of mercy faith and judgement. Right now, we are just taking it. We are putting up with it. When the Kingdom of God comes near, for we are in the season, for another demonstration of the power of God that will shake the very foundations of all earthly powers.

Thank you for that proxy testimony. The word of God changes people.

I know of a person who had paranoid schizophrenia which begged money from a young minister. The minister got smart one day and told him that he would grant him his few cents if he gave ear to the scriptures. He agreed. For sometime he came in to get his daily fare and intake of scripture until one day the young preacher had no money to give him. By this time, a remarkable change had been working in this man's life and he told the preacher, I am not here for the money, I stopped wanting the money sometime ago, I just want to hear the word. I knew this man from way back. He was very violent and committed arson on several occasions and he was deeply troubled, in and out of every half way house and special care homes and the reports were coming in from those that knew him that something had changed in him. It wasn't long after that he died. The word of God penetrated that man and the man that you ministered to. It got down into him that changed his life for the better.

Thank you for sharing that.



**Re: - posted by stevet83, on: 2012/10/4 2:25**

Really though, what else is to be expected? When ungodly people are the majority (and they will be till Christ comes back) and they cast their vote, ungodly law passes. I'm not the one to tell Christians to vote, hold signs, or to organize a rally. Personally because I believe Christians aren't called to be political activists. We are called to preach the Gospel, not to reform ungodly men. Some how Christians believe that we are obligated to change society and its culture to be more Biblical, where does this come from? Yes men in the Bible preached against the sins of the land and of people, not to change the laws, or for reform, but to pronounce God's judgement on ungodliness. Did things change? Not everytime. The messenger was not responsible for the response, he was responsible for preaching. If a law passes where I can't preach the Gospel in my State, how is that supposed to bother me? It ain't, because Christ said these things would happen and it ain't supposed to stop me. I'm certainly not gonna be cryin' bout how Christians are always getting the short end of the stick in America (as if this is a Christian nation, There is only one land God promised to His people and it ain't here.) There has been a fog and Christians need to wake up. The world ain't gonna get better no matter how many laws we can get passed, and God has appointed one name by which man can be saved, Jesus Christ. You're sick of what's going on? Well, go preach the gospel. Where should you start? On your front lawn. Every minute that passes people are dying and going to hell. Instead of counting how many said a prayer, maybe you should count how many you didn't bother to tell, that might sober you up.

The Gospel is the power of God.