

INTRODUCTION

- A. SYNOD PAPER** (*Contemporary Perspectives on Sexual Orientation: A Theological and Pastoral Analysis*)
- B. STATE LEGISLATION** (homosexual “marriage” law, 6/24/11; see Is.5:20; Amos 5:7)
- C. LOT IN SODOM** (2Pt.2:1f,6f,13f; see Ps.11:3; 2Chr.36:16)
- D. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN ITS FOURFOLD STATE** (see Eph.2:1-10;1:21)

I. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN CREATION (Gen.1,2; see Rom.1:25-27; *Creator–natural*; i.e., creational)

- A. MAN: MALE & FEMALE IN DOMINION** (Gen.1:26f)
- B. MARRIAGE: MALE & FEMALE IN COVENANT** (Gen.2:18f,22f; see Mk.10:6)
- C. PROVISION OF GOOD** (Gen.1:31; 2:22f)

II. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN THE FALL (Gen.3,etc!)

- A. CREATION WAS BROKEN** (Gen.3:14f, Rom.8:20f)
- B. SEXUALITY WAS BROKEN**
 - 1. intimate disaffection between God and man (Rom.1:23-27; see Jdgs.3:7; 1Cor.6:9; 10:6f)
 - 2. sexual disaffection between male and female (Gen.3:16f; see Mk.10:6; 1Cor.7:3f)
 - 3. sexual affection without/against covenant (Gen.34:1f; Ex.20:14; Mt.15:19)
 - 4. sexual affection between man and man, woman and woman, human and animal (Gen.19:1f(Jude7; 2Pt.2:6f); Lev.18:22f; 20:13,15f; Rom.1:26,27; 1Cor.6:9)
- C. PROSCRIPTIVE OF EVIL** (Ex.20:14; Mal.2:14f; Lev.18,20; Rom.1:23f; 1Cor.6:9)

III. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN REDEMPTION (Ex.20:1f; Col.1:13,etc.)

- A. CREATION BEING RESTORED** (Rom.6:4; 8:23; 2Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15; Rev.21:5; see Col.2:12; 3:9,10)
- B. SEXUALITY BEING RESTORED** (1Cor.6:9-11; 7:1f/Eph.5:22f; Col.3:10,18f; 1Tm3:2; Tt1:6 /Jn4:17f; 8:11; Lk7:37f)
 - 1. miraculously (see Eph.2:1f,5f; Col.2:12; 3:9f,5f)
 - 2. progressively (Eph.4:12f; Phil.1:9; 1Th.4:1f,10f; 1Pt.2:2)
 - 3. militantly (Rom.7:14f,24; 8:1f,13f; Col.3:5f; Mk.9:43f)
 - 4. Spirit through means of grace (Acts 2:42; see 1Pt.2:2)
- C. PROVISION FOR GOOD** (Eph.2:1f,10; 4:22f; 5:22f; see Mt.5:17; Phil.2:8; Heb.7:26; Jn.8:27)

IV. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN GLORY

- A. RESURRECTION OF THE BODY** (1Cor.15:35f)
- B. NO MARRIAGE IN THE RESURRECTION** (Mt.22:28f)
- C. BETTER THAN SEX** (Eph.5:21f; Rev.19:9f; see Song of Songs; see Mt.22:1f; 25:1f; contra Rom.1:23f)

V. CONCLUSIONS FOR FAITH AND LIFE

- A. WE WERE CREATED HETEROSEXUAL** (Gen.1,2; gender identity)
- B. WE MAY BE BORN HOMOSEXUAL** (Eph.2:1f; see Ps.51:5; mistaken identity)
- C. REDEMPTION BEGINS TO RESTORE HETEROSEXUALITY** (1Cor.6:9-11; see Eph.4:28,17f)
- D. GLORIFICATION PERFECTS HETEROSEXUALITY** (Rom.8:23; Eph.4:16; 1Jn.3:2; Rev.21:4; see 1Cor.15:35f)
- E. SUMMARY: ANOTHER CASE OF SIN & SALVATION** (Eph.2:1-10; 1Cor.6:9-11)

VI. LESSONS FOR LOVING GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF (Mt.22:37f)

- A. LOVE GOD AND YOURSELF IN YOUR SEXUALITY** (see 1Cor.10:31,6f)
 - 1. chaste singleness (1Cor.7:1; 6,7; 17f,25f)
 - 2. faithful marriage: human, heterosexual, monogamous, covenanted (Gen.1,2; Mk.10:6; Eph.5:22f)
- B. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS IN YOUR SEXUALITY**
 - 1. picture the Gospel in your sexual faithfulness
 - a. marriage: good sex (Eph.5:22f.32; see Prov.5:1f,15f; Song of Songs; see Heb.3:13; 11:25; Gen.3:1f)
 - b. singleness: better than sex (1Cor.7:1f; see Rom.1:23f)
 - 2. speak the truth in love (Eph.4:15; 1Cor.6:9-11; see outline above)
 - a. humbly & courageously speak creational truth to fallen falsehood (1C6:9,10; Rom1:23f; 2Pt2:1f,7f/Dt31:6f)
 - b. compassionately speak saving truth to hopeless falsehood (1Cor.6:11 /Col.3:10,5f; Jn.4:17f; Lk7:37f)

3. befriend the despised, heal the lepers wisely (Mt.8:2f; 26:6; Lk.7:22,34; see Gal.6:1)