

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Nothing new under the sun.

Jeremiah 23:1-6, “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the Lord. “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be missing,” says the Lord.

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign wisely, and execute justice and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

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I Timothy 4:1-2, Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron

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II Timothy 3:1-5, But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form

*of godliness but denying its power. **And from such people turn away!***

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II Timothy 4:3-4, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

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II Peter 2:1-22, (excerpts) But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies... And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed... For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked... then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority... They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls... they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption...

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The threat continues today...

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- Advancing the LGBTQ agenda in Bible believing churches

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“Did God really say?”(Genesis 3:1)

- That remains the tempter's question to this day.
- We must know what God did say.
- It was Jesus's response to temptation.
- Knowing what he said protects us from false teachers.

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How do we love LGBTQ people in Christ's behalf?

- That is our question
- Because loving them like Him is our command

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Does Christ's love encourage sin that excludes from God's kingdom?

- Our only answer comes from His Word
- **John 1:1-5 & II Timothy 3:16**
- What does God's Word say about sin & His kingdom?

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Romans 1:18-32, (excerpts) They are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools... **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator... For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.** For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature... Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful... And even **as they did not like to retain God**

in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness... who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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I Corinthians 6:9-11, Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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No one knows how to love sinners, **like those redeemed from it!**

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Galatians 5:19-21, Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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I John 1:6, If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

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Loving sinners is not determined by accepting or rejecting them

- By **condemning** or **condoning** them
- But by encouraging freedom found in **confession, repentance & forgiveness**
- And such were some of you. **But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. (I Cor. 6:11)**

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Our sin defines us by either our practice, or our repentance

- *Sin separates from God & excludes us from His kingdom*

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I John 1:8-10, *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

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What is the point of the LGBTQ assault on the truth of God's Word?

- *It is to **justify sin**...*
- *By **redefining God***

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John 8:1-11, *The woman caught in adultery*

- ***Vs. 7 & 10-11***, *So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."*
- *Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "**Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.**"*

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*The love of Christ **frees us from condemnation & slavery to sin***

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John 8:32 & 36, *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

- *"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."*

Matthew 10:8, *"Freely you have received, freely give."*