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Romans 1:26-27 -- (Paul speaks of people who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and because of their lust, they dishonour their bodies changing the truth of God into a lie, worshiping the creature (self) more than the Creator) -- For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 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 -- as they did not retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient

Homosexuality was not the only sin that required the death penalty. Adultery, murder, abortion, kidnapping, blaspheming the name of the Lord etc. were all capital offenses requiring the death penalty. Homosexuality is unrighteousness and rebellion against God. Some will say, "Don't we all sin?" Yes, but we are in trouble with God when we call good evil, and evil good (Isaiah 5:20). It is becoming a "good" thing to be homosexual. Taking a public stand for truth and the word of God is beginning to be looked upon as radical and "bad". When our leaders say that sin is no longer sin, but rather an alternate lifestyle, our conscience has become seared (I Tim. 4:2). Paul says when we give ourselves over to lasciviousness (outrageously out of control with no desire to control ourselves -- seeking any fulfillment), then we are past feeling (apathetic - Eph. 4:19). There is little blushing and shame anymore. We cannot take a group of liars (or any other sin) and set them up in our society saying, "These people were born this way, they cannot help themselves - lying is their nature, so therefore, we must learn to tolerate their individuality and legalize lying as an alternate lifestyle, giving them minority status." "All men are liars", Paul says (Rom. 3:4). In like fashion, all men possess the same sinful nature. When men or women say, "We were born this way — we cannot help ourselves", the Bible says, "All men are born this way". Sin is the nature of every man (Psalms 39:5). In contradiction to popular belief, man is not good by nature. Paul said, "There is none good - There is none that seeketh after God (Rom. 3:10.12)." There is no alternative lifeatile to seeketh after God (Rom. 3:10-12)". There is no alternative lifestyle to righteousness. Homosexuals do not need to repent, merely, of homosexuality. They must repent of sin, and so must we all, if we are to know Christ (Luke 13:3). God does not respect their sin and he does not respect mine. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God (Psalms 9:17)." America will fall because of wickedness.

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