HOMOSEXUALITY

First it is important to say that it is only out of **LOVE** that I would reach out in such a case. Love is the motivating force that moves any Christian to address any form of sin in the world, just as Almighty God Himself did not introduce concepts of sin until men had already been practicing them. It was then, out of love, that God desiring to save **some** from the penalty of sin, gave the Law in which He identified the things that men were doing that would keep them from entering His presence in Heaven or on Earth. Then out of **Love** for the world that He had created, God sent Jesus to the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that if we come to Him in faith we might be given the right to live with God forever.

To refuse to speak to a sinner of the danger of his ways is to demonstrate <u>hatred</u> for him by allowing him to be faced with the penalty of his error in ignorance. All forms of sin will lead to destruction in the "Lake of Fire" as revealed by the Eternal God Himself. The only way to change the <u>natural destiny</u> is to **repent** of the sin and seek to enter Heaven through *faith* in the saving power of Jesus and His cleansing blood.

The State of Washington has made tremendous strides in an attempt to change God's Laws and to deny that **sin is sin** by calling it natural. However, it is important to know that to God <u>sin is still sin</u> no matter what men call it.

It is not for men to decide what is acceptable to God and what is not. It is God Himself Who has revealed to man what offends Him and how to deal with it.

We must realize that **if** we live pleasing to God in every aspect of our sexual lives and tell lies about something else, we will not enter Heaven. You might read *Revelation 21:27* and *Revelation 22:15* to see what God has said about it.

As far as **homosexuality** being viewed by God as sexual immorality and sin, read *Leviticus 18:6-30* especially focusing on the verses *Leviticus 18:22* You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination. *Eviticus 20:13* If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

Also, it is well to consider the attitude of Almighty God toward wickedness and sin as demonstrated by the flood of the time of Noah *Genesis 6:5-17*, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the sodomy or homosexual behavior of it's

inhabitants leading to its destruction at the time of Abraham and Lot as in *Genesis* 18:16-33 & Genesis 19:1-29, and then later in the Land of Israel when the tribe of Benjamin was destroyed by the other tribes for the same practices as found in Judges 19:1-30 & Judges 20:1-48 paying especial attention to Judges 19:22-27. Also read Romans 1:18-32

The Bible says that *if we do not correct the sinner, we demonstrate hatred for him because we do not call him to turn from the error of his ways to save his soul,* see *Proverbs 13:24*, and *Jeremiah 23:22*. It may help to furthermore read *Jeremiah 23:9-40*, *Ezekiel 18:1-32* and *Ezekiel 33:1-20*.

This letter is not intended to tell anyone that we or the Church holds hatred toward him or toward any other homosexual, but rather we are concerned about their eternal destiny. God said, "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end." *Deuteronomy 32:29.*

It is in love that we say to the Homosexual and to all sinners; It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance and be saved

Be wise, consider where your activity is leading you and what God requires of you. We desire that you be saved from the penalty of sin, which is the second death in the Lake of Fire eternally.

In the love of Christ