

**Application: Modern Lies, Biblical Truth**

1Cor 6<sup>9</sup> *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,*  
<sup>10</sup> *nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. ...*

<sup>18</sup> *Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

► Recap

► Nutshell of this text: Jesus saves \_\_\_\_\_ sinners, and Jesus really \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

► Jesus doesn't save \_\_\_\_\_ sinners (9-11).

► Jesus pick sinners up right where they are, but he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ them there (11).

2Cor 3<sup>18</sup> *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Rom 8<sup>29</sup> *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

► Modern Lie #1: “\_\_\_\_\_ this way.” In other words, “I am my \_\_\_\_\_.” This was used especially of sexual desires and attractions to argue that they are like skin \_\_\_\_\_ – genetically determined, morally neutral, and constitutionally protected.

► The supporting argument, cited repeatedly, was that \_\_\_\_\_ % of identical twins studied were gay when their twin was gay (Bailey & Pillard, 1990). Actually, the conclusion only applied to 14 of 41 of the twin pairs studied, which is \_\_\_\_\_ %. The bigger problem was that the twins were largely recruited thru advertising in gay & lesbian publications, which creates “ascertainment bias.”

Baily, Dunne, & Martin (2000) recruited a much larger sample set from the Australian Twin Registry, and determined that only 11% of male pairs and 14% of female pairs were homosexual. They concluded that the Bailey & Pillard results were likely inflated due to “ascertainment bias.” They did not find “statistically significant support for the importance of genetic factors for [homosexuality].”

Bearman & Bruckner (2002) of Columbia & Yale, respectively, researched 289 pairs of identical twins, 495 pairs of fraternal twins, 1251 pairs of full siblings, 442 pairs of half siblings, and and 662 pairs of non-related siblings obtained from a US nationwide representative study of 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade adolescents, and they checked not only for homosexuality, but also same-sex romantic attraction. Only 6.7% of identical twins pairs, 7.2% of fraternal twin pairs, and 5.5% of full siblings were concordant. Conclusion: “Clearly, the observed concordant rates do not correspond to degrees of genetic similarity ... If same-sex romantic attraction has a genetic component, it is massively overwhelmed by other factors” (1197-98).

► Modern Lie #2: “\_\_\_\_\_ women are women.”

In other words, “I am my \_\_\_\_\_.”

► Biblical truth: God’s commands reach the thoughts, intentions, and desires of the \_\_\_\_\_. They are not morally neutral.

*Mark 7* <sup>21</sup> “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

*James 1* <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

*Mat 5* <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

*Prov 6* <sup>25</sup> Do not lust after [the seductress’s] beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

*Rom 2* <sup>16</sup> God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ

*Heb 4* <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, ... piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup> ... all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Every one of us struggles with sinful impulses that run deep within us, go back as far as we can remember, and are extremely difficult to change. There is a sense in which we all can say, “I was \_\_\_\_\_ this way.” Properly understood, this is an admission of the depth of our need for God’s transforming love & power, not an \_\_\_\_\_ to remain as we are.

*Rom 6* <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

*Romans 8* <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

*Rom 13* <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

*Gal 5* <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

► The answer is coming \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*Rom 8* <sup>15</sup> For ... you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. ... <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.