

## Romans 1:26-27

***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 receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.***

Now those are a few verses that no one ever thought of putting on a coffee cup or tee-shirt. And when you think about that, it probably made to smile and laugh a little bit because we wouldn't do that. And why? Well, simply we don't want to offend anyone, and we want to be known as loving, so we only post those types of scriptures that make others feel good, like,

† **Philippians 4:13** *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

And we should be posting on social media, and sharing scripture to encourage others, because scripture should be an encouragement. Even when Paul wrote today's verses, I bet he never thought of posting it outside his house for all to see, or write it across the back of his chariot, but rather it was included in a letter that he wrote to teach others. But we also know that Paul not only taught the scriptures, but he lived them, just as we should be doing.

Yet, I have to wonder if we sometimes get so much into those make you feel good scriptures, that we skim over or even ignore others portions of scripture, like today's which calls sin for what it is, sin. But, now a days, if we were to say the same things that Paul is saying in today's scripture, we would be labeled as haters, judgmental and unloving. And because of that, we remain silent, yet in our silence, we are not really being loving, but rather unloving as we continue to watch the USA and the rest of the world spiraling down further and further away from God, and deeper and deeper into sin.

Now before we get to far, just one note of caution, I am not talking about judging others who are non-believers, because God will judge (Read Romans chapter 2). But as you read these words from Paul, He is telling the truth, and if we post this same scripture, like on social media, or teach it to others, we are doing the same thing, posting the truth of God's word. Once again, not judging others, but rather we are calling sin, sin, and not trying to sugarcoat it.

Just like the bible says, ***"Thou shalt not commit adultery"*** Ex 20:14 Because it's a fact that adultery is sin, because God says it's sin, regardless of what the world thinks or says. Just as murder is sin because God also says so, ***"You shall not murder"*** Ex 20:13 We could add covetousness, stealing, lying (Bearing false witness) and so on. All because God says so, and if God says it, then it is truth.

† **John 17:17** *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

But think about that for a moment. The father of lies (satan) hates the truth, and he wants to distort the truth, or even cause us as believers not to proclaim the truth, therefore, he wants us to sugarcoat it by telling us we will offend others or be labeled as haters or unloving, all to get us to not proclaim the truth of God's word, by calling sin, sin.

Think of it this way; You have two bottles on a counter. One has a label "Liquid multi vitamins", the other has a label "Poison" Yet some do not know the difference by looking at the bottles, therefore they need to be labeled. Think of sin that way. The world has taught that sin is good and ok to do, therefore many do not realize that sin is sin.

They think LBGTRQSV (Or however it's labeled) is ok.

They think that their gender is wrong so it's ok to change it to what they want to be, or to change the gender of their children.

They think it's ok to live with someone outside of marriage.

They think watching porn and movies with sex and vulgarity are all ok.

They think it's ok to walk over others to get ahead in life.

We could go on and on, but as believers we know these are sins. Even Paul in several of his letters gives a list of sins, yet no one labeled him as a hater because he did. So then, why are we as Christians being accepting of sin, and not speaking out against it? It doesn't mean we walk down the street with picket signs speaking against sin, but rather live a life separate from sin, and when others bring it up, telling the truth of what God's word says about sin.

The world will put a label on us for doing so, yet they put labels on our Savior, Jesus, even saying that He had a demon because He spoke the truth, and they could not handle it.

† **John 8:48-49** *Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me."*

So stand up, speak up and speak out against sin. And don't be afraid to call sin for what it is, sin. But also doing it without judgement and doing it in love. simply because you don't want others to drink that poison anymore that the enemy has been telling them that it's for them to drink.

† **Romans 7:7-9 (NLT2)** *Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life,*

† **Romans 12:9** *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*