

EXODUS POLICY STATEMENT

EXODUS INTERNATIONAL is a Christian organization dedicated to equipping and uniting agencies and individuals to effectively communicate the message of liberation from homosexuality¹, as well as how to effectively convey support and understanding to individuals facing the reality of a homosexual loved one.

EXODUS upholds heterosexuality as God's creative intent for humanity², and subsequently views homosexual expression as outside of God's will. EXODUS cites homosexual tendencies as one of many disorders that beset fallen humanity. Choosing to resolve these tendencies through homosexual behavior³, taking on a homosexual identity⁴, and involvement in the homosexual lifestyle⁵ is considered destructive, as it distorts God's intent for the individual and is thus sinful.

Instead, Christ offers a healing alternative to those with homosexual tendencies. EXODUS upholds redemption for the homosexual person as the process whereby sin's power is broken⁶, and the individual is freed to know and experience true identity as discovered in Christ and His Church.⁷ That process entails the freedom to grow into heterosexuality.⁸

Central to this redemption is EXODUS' desire to unite and equip the church to carry out this healing process. EXODUS bridges the gap between Christians who respond to homosexual men and women with ignorance and fear, and those who uphold homosexuality as a valid, Christ-centered lifestyle. To EXODUS, both extremes fail to convey to the homosexual the fullness of redemption found in Christ--He who embodies grace and truth, and invites us to partake of Him.

FOOTNOTES

1. The adult condition of having a preferential, emotional and erotic attraction to members of one's own sex.

2. Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25; Matthew 19:1-6; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 7; Hebrews 13:4.

3. Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:16-32; 1 Timothy 1:9,10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

4. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. A parallel to defining oneself as a homosexual following conversion is described in the book of Galatians, when Paul addresses the folly of defining oneself as distinctly Jew or Greek in light of Christ having made them one (Galatians 6:15). This is also addressed in the book of Ephesians, where Christ is described as having "rent the veil" of secondary characteristics which divide Christians (Ephesians 2:8-22).

5. Ephesians 4:17-24; Colossians 3:1-11

6. Romans 6, 7, 8.

7. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.

8. The freedom to encounter the opposite sex as a needed counterpart, with interest, not fear or distaste, and to relate intimately, but non-erotically, with one's own sex.