

Why 'Gay' Christians are Wrong

Tragically, Inter Varsity Press, which published my books **Strength in Weakness** and **Naked Surrender**, is now celebrating 'gay' Christianity with a new book that shall remain nameless because it deserves no attention. Suffice to say it is written by a young man who claims to be 'gay', 'Christian', and 'celibate': whether he sexually acts out or not is beside the point--his legacy will be to promote an identity based on disordered desires which is divisive, dangerous for any young Christian seeking Jesus as the basis for his or her identity, and deceptive. The author claims to be a serious Biblicist while in truth he promotes a false anthropology based on the shifting sand of LGBT+ culture. The only sexual 'ethnos' that Scripture and Church tradition recognizes is male and female.

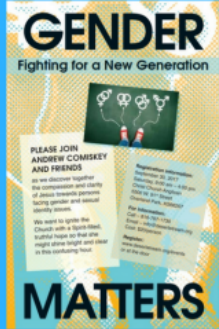
Why Inter Varsity Press would take seriously this travesty is beyond me. Reading the promotional materials that IVP and this young man put out made me laugh; the book sounds like a pre-teen girl sharing secrets from her diary. I quote: 'Let's make promises to each other....I'll [the author] tell you how I lay in my bed in the middle of the night and whispered to myself words I'd whispered a thousand times since: "I'm gay." Ugh. I think I saw the Lifetime movie.

Can't we do better for a generation drunk on rainbow punch? How about the stern and splendid call of the Father upon sons and daughters whom He loves too much to let them slop around in identities that render them narcissistic and non-creative, dulled to the very purpose of their gendered selves? Please: I spent my university days listening to 'gay' Christians bemoan how misunderstood they were, and on the basis of their injury create a new people group founded on their desires, not Jesus Christ. I could not stomach it then and I certainly will not now.

Jesus died on the Cross to extinguish the power of sin in all of its forms, including the creature forging a 'self' out of disordered desires. And He lives to grant us new selves founded on that Cross and the new creation that issues from His reunion with the Father. St. Paul upheld the power of 'the new creature' to correct early church divides caused by persons holding onto old distinctions that leached the light from the Cross. 'May I never boast except in the Cross through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world...what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule' (Gal. 6: 14-16).

In his excellent new book [Hope for the Same-Sex Attracted](#), Reformed Pastor Ron Citlau writes: 'There are many areas where Scripture is silent but identity is not one of them.' Catholic Dan Mattson deepens this thought in his new book which majors on sexual identity from a Christian perspective--[Why I Don't Call Myself Gay](#). 'I'm not a gay man nor is any man. As Christians, called to be emissaries of His Word, we must say what things are again, and to give them the right names again, the names given them by God at the foundation of the world, reiterated by Jesus while He walked among us, incarnate as a man: 'Have you not heard that He made them from the beginning as male and female?' (Matt. 19:4)

Yes and amen. For the sake of a generation being tossed around by inane offerings from 'gay' Christians (and the stupid moves of publishers to platform them), let us hold fast to the truth of who people actually are, made in His image as male and female.



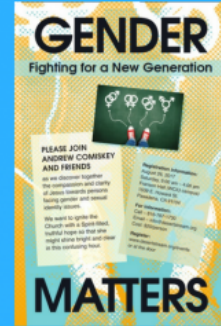
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