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**Comments for Public Posting:** START WITH WHY. Who is going to pay you property tax, utility bill, mortgage interest ,LAHD fees (SCEP and RSO fees),Office of Finance fees, registration fees. How are you uneducated terrible humans are going to survive if your disappointing policies make small business owner and housing providers to move out of the terrible state of California . The FAKE city of Angeles with all terrible lies and hallucinations . you irresponsible people in government won't have a penny if you loose us, you are NO ONE without small business owners ,your economy system is capitalism. YOU ARE A THREAD TO THE NEXT GENERATION YOU ARE A DISASTER TO THIS CORRUPTED ECONOMY YOU WONT SURVIVE A DAY WITHOUT INVESTORS. YOU WONT MAKE ANY MONEY,WHOS PAYING FOR YOUR PAYCHECK!!!!!!!!!!TAXPAYERS IN CA,TAXPEYERS IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE TAX LAWS OF THE WORD. YOUR POLICIES ARE GOING TO FAIL WHEN ALL THIS PEOPLE WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME,MONEY AND EFFORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THIS SOCIETY IN THEIR OWN WAY.THEY WILL leave YOU ALONE. they will leave this horrible state aND YOU WONT MAKE A PEnNY ,YOUR CORRUPTED ECONOMY AND UNREASONABLE INFLATION YOUR FAKE STOCK MARKET WILL FAIL AS ITS ALMOST GETTING THERES, ITS CLOSER THAT YOU THINK.ITS VERY VERY VERY CLOSE,WAIT FOR IT. injustiuce and war and drama on your land between your people has consequences ,the TIME WILL COME. YOU will be held reposable for all these manipulative concepts you distracted the general pubic with. you all be held accountable for the horrifying inhumane mistakes you have made in this government and made people believe its called democracy .Its a lie, politics is LIE. GOOGLE CAPITALISM ECONOMY,GET EDUCATION,BUY A DICTIONARY . LEARN YOUR COUNTRYS LAWS THAT YOU WANTED IN OLD DAYS. EVERYTHING IN THiS WORLD HAS A PRICE,NOTHING IS FREE.NOTHING !!!!!theres so much more than you could ever imagine in REAL SUCCESS. you have no idea cause your perspective and opinion is so limited

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get grocery's or its better that they steal from the business owners at their expense instead of using this hefty taxes you get from Us. who are you to tell us how to run a business when you don't have the education and knowledge of owning a home, owning a small business about being responsible to pay Bills and taxes. you are no one without small business owners and you are insecure uneducated people who we didn't vote for .

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council, First, to introduce myself, I am a dual citizenship of America and Mexico. I was born in the city of Van Nuys. I am currently 36 years old. I have education from Harvest Bible University, which is located within the Pico Union area. I worked as a caseworker with the Asian Youth Center and as a driver with Uber. Moreover, I lived and worked as a Christian missionary in Mexico, served with local "churches" called Bright Mission Chapel and Reality LA. And I have missional experience in a number of other countries. This public posting is to ask for the prohibition of homosexuality in Los Angeles City to be established as an ordinance. There is an article series mainly titled "Christianity and Reason" that I created. In the meantime, it can be found in English using this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p5L3sNU6HitKkOoE8-Oy4vXQeHf6XYZz/view>. It can also be found in Spanish using this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eHGG5dINKCypPUdo27HDZBg0px0UH-UQ/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eHGG5dINKCypPUdo27HDZBg0px0UH-UQ/view?usp=share_link). With that, the article series offers biblical education to help prohibit homosexuality, apart from the help it gives the Christian to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. Prohibition of homosexuality is a healthy concern from a Christian perspective because of the need for preservation and advancement of Christianity, protection and flourishing of human potential, and for safekeeping and growing a civilization. It is imperative overall that America prohibit homosexuality. It's even a topic that I've communicated to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris using the White House website, to President Andrés Manuel López Obrador in a paper letter, and to Mayor Karen Bass of Los Angeles City by email - digital letter. According to the Central Intelligence Agency website, Nigeria, a country that prohibits homosexuality as it pertains to an online article by the British Broadcasting Cooperation, has the highest birth rate in the world. Gaza Strip, within the same list by the C.I.A., another country that prohibits homosexuality and is smaller in size by area than Los Angeles City, is ranked at 39th. Mexico is ranked at 125th. But the United States is ranked at 149th. Prohibition of homosexuality for me is a light topic, which I am confident towards in vision and in effectiveness. The vision for prohibiting homosexuality is by the manner of Christian ministry. The manner for prohibiting homosexuality, its confidently effective, to promote life can be conducted by the following steps of action in a society with the help of the government: (1) see signs of homosexuality in another, (2) see evidences of homosexuality in another, (3) report homosexuals to local authority, (4) report matters of emergency of homosexuals to local authority, (5) imprison criminalized homosexuals with liberty conditioned to an opportunity, (6) opportune in prison for converted convicts to commit to a program of discipleship, (7) two additional years of imprisonment post completion of the discipleship program, (8) conditional liberty for five years with monthly accountability by the government - assigned minister, (9) violation of conditional liberty consequential to imprisonment again, and (10) ultimately two time convicts automatically lose their citizenship (i.e., prohibiting homosexuality in Los Angeles City can be altered to losing any occupancy within city limits, including issuing a restraining order - disallowing city presence). Although, there is a complication such as the city of Beverly Hills, an incorporated city of Los Angeles County, would need to be dealt with because it is surrounded by Los Angeles City. Furthermore, the steps of action in general, designed for prohibiting homosexuality in a country, are found in article 9 of the article series. Note, it is codependent of an idea: a government department about Christianity - assigned ministers work in it. There are ten individual articles in total to the article series. That article series also suggests eight ways to practice self-care as a Christian. What I ask is that city occupants read the entire article series, then pray, if you're a Christian, and then decide about prohibiting homosexuality. Truly, the greater goal is to prohibit homosexuality in the entire United States of America. May God help Los Angeles City to value Christianity, embody its richness and intelligence, and to prohibit homosexuality. Respectfully, Hugo Ivan Colmenero Corona

## Christianity and Reason: Article 1

First, what is a tiger T-Rex? A tiger T-Rex is a combination of that specific dinosaur called the Tyrannosaurus rex and the animal that is the tiger. The tiger T-Rex in reality is fictional, an imagined creature, and to prove a point it doesn't exist. Just as a homosexual Christian doesn't exist, so it is with a tiger T-Rex. The homosexual Christian is fictional, an imagined human creature, that was not and nor is it created by the Christian God of the Holy Bible, that is the inspired books or words of God, and instead it is a bad idea and false belief that you can practice homosexuality and be a Christian.

As humans with the God given capability to create, creativity is a gift in itself, like the automobile, the airplane, an application for ride hailing, the lightbulb, and the computer. We are responsible to use this gift of creativity for good and as a right service to others. To give a few examples of using your creativity as a good and right service to others, first, Carl Benz, a German engineer, invented the first automobile, which is a good invention and right service to humanity. It is a good invention and right service because it is an engine powered machine that helps a person or people travel from one destination to another like from your home to your workplace. The first successful airplane by the American aviation pioneers named Orville and Wilbur Wright is another good invention and right service that offers a similar service as the automobile: one is an invention of transportation for land and the other is an invention of transportation for air. Then there is the first ride hailing application based company called Uber Technologies Incorporated founded by the Canadian entrepreneur named Garrett Camp. This Uber application offers a good invention and right service, for it is an opportunity for a driver like a taxi driver to transport with an automobile a passenger from one destination to another or to more than one. In the case of a homosexual Christian, a pair of sexual and religious self-identification, something that doesn't exist like the tiger T-Rex, it is a bad idea and false belief because it isn't in accordance with what the Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Galatians. Note, the book of Galatians is a letter written to one particular city church or city Christians. In reality, the idea of a homosexual Christian is in conflict with and contradicts what he wrote when he said this, "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality," and the itemized list of the works of the flesh, a category of sins, continues. What the apostle does in that verse is start to explain what the works, functions, are of the flesh. The word flesh refers to the sinful nature of humanity. It is explained as a list of sins. How can you tell or detect the works of the flesh? Well, they're evident in part by the following: sexual immorality, impurity, and sensuality. What is sexual immorality? Sexual immorality is committing an act that isn't morally right in a sexual way such as sex between two people outside of marriage (i.e., what is fornication), sex between one married person and someone else who isn't their spouse (i.e., what is adultery), watching pornography, and homosexuality. If you do not have a biblical concept of what sin is this list written by the Apostle Paul, who wrote most of the collection of books in the New Testament, that second half of the Bible, gives an understanding of what sin is. In spite of the harm, self-infliction, that sin causes to your soul and your flesh it is eternally consequential. The eternal consequence is not inheriting the kingdom of God. To not inherit the kingdom of God means after death one is eternally in separation from God. This is essentially a matter of

salvation: an eternal relationship with God. What is the solution then to the sinful human nature that can produce sins like homosexuality and others? It is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are four narrative accounts in the New Testament of this gospel of Jesus Christ and they are named by their authors who are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Simply put, in the account of John the gospel of Jesus Christ is this, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” Fundamentally then salvation is depended on believing or faith in the person of Jesus Christ. So, when you believe in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, that is the birth of being a Christian (i.e., a follower of Jesus). To be a Christian is a good and right service to humanity like the automobile, the airplane and an application for ride hailing. It is a responsibility though just as it is in driving an automobile, flying an airplane and using an application for ride hailing.

Humanity is like God’s creation of dinosaurs and animals, or specifically like the Tyrannosaurus rex and the tiger in the sense that if you are irresponsible with yourself or life there are consequences. Humanity, an invention by God, just as with those man-made inventions mentioned earlier have responsibilities for your well-being. If you are responsible with driving a car you will arrive safely to your destination, but if you are irresponsible with driving a car you can crash the car, a consequence that can be fatal. In the case with homosexuality, a sin, that is being irresponsible with your humanity and the consequence is not inheriting the kingdom of God. That is eternally fatal. The end of the itemized list written by the Apostle Paul regarding the works of the flesh, what are human sinful functions, says this, “envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” As the apostle completes, not closes definitely, an explanation of the evidences of the works of the flesh he clearly stated, “and things like these...” What is meant by that is anything else similar to those sins such as homosexuality is to sexual immorality. To say more on that verse, he gives a direct warning, so it isn’t a kind of warning or like a warning because he says, “I warn you...” The warning is actually a repetition to a warning he had given already to these certain city Christians called Galatians as if a preacher today referred to the Christians of the County of San Diego as San Diegans. How he warns these Galatians is by way of saying, “that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” For clarity, when you don’t inherit you don’t receive something, and to not inherit the kingdom of God is to not receive it. The works of the flesh like with homosexuality and other sins isn’t the means by which you can receive the kingdom of God, yet the gospel of Jesus Christ is the means to receive what could be understood as being equivalent to salvation.

To conclude the beginning to this article series, Christianity, reasonably, is a human and religious responsibility to believe and to live what you believe. The belief of Christianity starts with the gospel of Jesus Christ and continues with that same gospel throughout your life to eternity. That is salvation in Jesus. The Apostle Paul said this in the letter to the Philippians, “Therefore, my beloved, as you always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...” In short, to work out your salvation means to bring about by soulful effort and action your eternal security of living forever. Christians are to do this with an attitude of fear and trembling, a fear of God and

apprehension in their faith. It is reasonable to work out your salvation as a Christian - that is taking ownership of your faith. May God help us as humans to be responsible and reasonable with the Christian faith.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 2

Christianity is a biblical based faith concentrated in the person of Jesus Christ. So, it is reasonable to say that Christianity is a religion like others in the world. What is religion? One definition of religion is this: the belief in a god or in a group of gods. Christianity then is a religion because it believes in the one God of the Bible. Note, the Bible is a compilation of sixty six books in total in which thirty nine of them are collected as the first section of the Bible called the Old Testament, and the other collection of books in the Bible, twenty seven of them, are the second section called the New Testament. To better understand Christianity compared to other world religions like Judaism, Islam and Hinduism it is a monotheistic religion. What is monotheistic or monotheism? Monotheism is specifically the belief in one deity or god. Interestingly, each religion that is Christianity, Judaism and Islam are monotheistic religions that believe in one deity or god that is God the Father. God the Father as in God the Creator of humanity. In the case of Christianity though, what significantly differentiates Christianity from Judaism and Islam is the fact that Jesus is accepted as both the Messiah (i.e., that Old Testament prophetic promise of a future leader and liberator) and the Son of God. That is the introduction, and the premise for this article, again, is Christianity is a biblical based faith concentrated in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Christian faith and religion centered on the person of Jesus Christ is reasonable because of the following: (1) the bodily resurrection of Jesus, (2) over five hundred eyewitnesses of the resurrected Jesus, and (3) the radical acts of the apostles after the ascension of Jesus. Those threefold points or statements of reason are supported in part by the following scriptures in the first letter or book to the Corinthians, Christians of the city of Corinth, when it says this, "that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." The Apostle Paul wrote the first letter to the Corinthians. In those few verses quoted what he is doing is proving the factuality for the resurrection of Jesus who Christians believe to be both the Messiah and the Son of God. Here is a brief summary of thoughts, findings, to those few verses focused on Jesus: mention of his burial, timing of his resurrection, the timing of his resurrection was prophetic or foretold by the scriptures (i.e., Jesus himself in the gospels of Matthew and Mark prophesied of the timing of his resurrection), and then chronologically eyewitnesses of the resurrected Jesus by specific persons, groups, and even by the Apostle Paul. There are even a list of four basic facts discovered by the American Christian theologian named William Lane Craig of the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus. These facts are considered as so, historically authentic, by a majority of New Testament critics that comprises of evangelicals or conservative scholars and people who teach at secular universities and non- evangelical seminaries. One of those four facts is this: on multiple occasions and under various circumstances, different individuals and groups of people experienced appearances of Jesus alive from the dead. Thus far, three points of reasons for Christianity being centered on the person of Jesus Christ were shared

and then supportive scriptures and further information was given as credibility for two of the three points.

Reason three for Christianity being centered on the person of Jesus Christ is this, again: the radical acts of the apostles after the ascension of Jesus. The book of Acts in the New Testament has recorded the ascension of Jesus when it says this, “And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Also, it is in the book of Acts written by Luke, a physician and a missionary, that offers validity for that third point of reason. In the meantime, what does the word radical mean? One definition is to be an advocate, a person publicly supporting a particular cause, for thorough or complete social change. In respect to the apostles performing radical acts the book of Acts proves that *adjective* of their activities, and the following is a list of those radical acts including some results in that book for the cause of Christ: the apostles prayed together in one place and as a result they were filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter the apostle gives a speech and as a result about three thousand souls were converted, many signs and wonders were being done through the apostles, Peter the apostle heals a lame man in the name of Jesus Christ, Peter the apostle gives a second speech, Peter and John the apostles are jailed for teaching people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead, as a result of that second speech by the Apostle Peter about five thousand men were converted, Peter the apostle gives an account in the name of Jesus Christ for the healing of the lame man to rulers and elders, Peter and John the apostles refused to not stop speaking or teaching in the name of Jesus after being commanded to, the apostles gave testimony to the resurrection of Jesus with great power, by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders occurred among people, the apostles were healing people that were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, the apostles entered into a temple to teach after being jailed, the Apostle Peter and the other apostles insist in front of a Jewish high priest to continue teaching in the name of Jesus, the apostles continued to teach and preach Jesus as the Christ on a daily basis in a temple and in houses, the apostles prayed for seven men who were selected as deacons, the apostles Peter and John traveled outside the city of Jerusalem to pray for people in the Samaria region who had received the preaching of a deacon, and then Peter and John the apostles were preaching the gospel of Jesus to many villages of the Samaritans. That is only a review and a summarized list of nine out of twenty eight chapters about the acts of the apostles with some results included. The radical acts of these apostles, who were eleven of the first disciples of Jesus with a twelfth replacement after Jesus’ ascension, testifies of the reasonableness for Christianity being centered on the person of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, the heart of Christianity, a biblical based faith and monotheistic religion, concentrated in the person of Jesus Christ, is the gospel of Jesus. What is the gospel of Jesus? The gospel of Jesus is the good news that if you believe or have faith in the person of Jesus Christ, he whose earthly life and ministry is recorded in four biblical narrative accounts, then you will receive salvation (i.e., eternal life in relationship with God). What is a biblical and right response to the gospel of Jesus? When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Christians, he said this, “... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” To *be saved* is the shorten way of saying receiving

salvation. Whether the issues and sins around the world are the works of sexual immorality like homosexuality, impurity like dishonesty and or others it is the gospel of Jesus that is the power of God for salvation. May God help us in being individuals of the Christian faith who are adults in mind and children at heart.

### Christianity and Reason: Article 3

The central theme of Christianity is the crucifixion of Jesus. Why is the crucifixion of Jesus the central theme of Christianity? The reason the crucifixion of Jesus is that is because the gospel of Jesus depends on the crucifixion, and salvation, what is the gift of eternal life, is found in the gospel of Jesus. In simple terms, when Jesus died on the cross with having been nailed to it what he did was decide to sacrifice himself on behalf of humanity. For that reason, the central theme of Christianity, that one religion based on the entire Bible, is the crucifixion of Jesus. To elaborate the Old Testament is the background to the event of the crucifixion. The New Testament is the occurrence and consequence of that crucifixion. That is the introduction to this article.

Another question that could be asked to give further explanation about the crucifixion is what importance does Jesus dying on the cross for humanity have? When you owe money, are in debt, then it is your responsibility to pay what you owe or else there are consequences. What happened is Adam and Eve in a sense owed money or were in debt with God. They were the first humans, married couple and heterosexuals. God is responsible for Adam and Eve being the first of those three significant subjects: God created them, married them and caused them to function in that way. Those significant subjects are found in the first three chapters of the Bible book called Genesis. In spite of their *nature* (i.e., heterosexuality) and those three *truths* expressed they decided to disobey God, commit sin, and as a result God punished them – there were consequences set against them. To add, for the disobedience of Adam and Eve humanity inherited two particular consequences, unfortunately, that are severe and permanent. Those consequences are a disobedient or sinful human nature, and the inevitability of death. Ever since the beginning of humanity with Adam and Eve no person can afford to pay that money they owed, which was a problem. The *exception* though was Jesus, the Son of God, paying that money owed, which was the answer. Note, figurative language is being used with money being owed to make the point of the first line to this article that is: the central theme of Christianity is the crucifixion of Jesus. A modern day example to help understand this *problem* and *answer* is this: imagine there was the problem of parents who owed money on a house and they couldn't afford to pay it. Once the parents pass away the children inherit their problem of not being able to afford to pay that house. However, someone unrelated, not an inheritor of that problem and who is able to pay that house debt visits these children and decides to pay the debt. That is what Jesus did for humanity. It is biblically evident that he never committed sin. So, he was able to pay for that debt owed to God with his life. Why did Jesus do that or why did he make that decision of being crucified for humanity? He did it because of love. There is a Bible verse found in the letter of first John that explains that in one verse, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." In case the meaning of this term propitiation isn't known what it means in short is the action of propitiating a person. When you propitiate a person what you are doing is winning or regaining their favor by doing something pleasing. Therefore, the love of God was seen in his Son at the cross; additionally, propitiation happened in the crucifixion of Jesus. An act between Jesus the Son of God toward God the Father. This is part of the body to this article.

There are three prime events about Jesus in the New Testament that were emphasized in these three articles of “Christianity and Reason” and they are: (1) the gospel of Jesus, (2) the resurrection of Jesus, and (3) the crucifixion of Jesus. For this second body reasonably what I want to do is emphasize again on the resurrection of Jesus. An American Christian who was once an atheist and who is the author of forty three books said this, “The Resurrection is the supreme vindication of Jesus’ divine identity and his inspired teaching. It’s the proof of his triumph over sin and death. It’s the foreshadowing of the resurrection of his followers. It’s the basis of Christian hope. It’s the miracle of all miracles.” The name of that author is Lee Strobel. To compliment that quote a little by a fellow Christian the miraculous and triumphant event that is the resurrection of Jesus vindicated, proving the truthfulness, of who he is. He claimed to be the Son of God. He proved he was that by rising from the dead. It is reasonable that his death considering death was a consequence against humanity wasn’t deserved, or simply put his humanity didn’t deserve it. Once he did die, how can God the Father permit his beloved Son to remain dead if Jesus in his divine humanity gave God perfect obedience to the point of death? God cannot permit such a thing. One Bible verse found in the letter to the Philippians in harmony with that question says this, “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” As a consequence, Jesus, for his perfect obedience in his human form, resurrected and his followers are promised resurrection as well. Another Bible verse found in the letter of first Corinthians says this, “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” Adam was the first human, in reality, and then God created Eve. Take into account Eve disobeyed God first in the garden scene in Genesis chapter three, or the disobedience that caused the consequence of death was committed first by Eve. In that recent verse shared to be in Adam is the *reason* that a human dies. In Adam is to say you are part of him as the human nature is concerned. For the second half of the verse to be in Christ is the other *reason* that a human will be made alive (i.e., they receive resurrection life – resurrected to life). To say you are in Christ is to say you are part of him as his divinity is concerned. In other words, to be in Christ means you are a Christian. For clarity, when you are a Christian, you share in the nature or in the divinity of Christ. Note, it is biblical to name a few references that the will of God is that a person be like Christ. Those biblical verses are found in these books: Romans, Galatians, and first John. Harmony is seen between those three books on the point of being like Christ, and the third body of this article will show more of the harmony that exist in the Bible. In the meantime, to lead into the third body I want to communicate that there are two reasons to trust the Bible. Just as it was written in the introduction to this article: Christianity is the one religion that is based on the entire Bible. Those two reasons are these: (1) Jesus quoted the Old Testament, and (2) Jesus validated the trustworthiness of his words in the New Testament. With those two reasons I can personally testify of having had a vision of Jesus in my bedroom. The following is a piece extracted from my testimony shared on my personal website that shares that experience of having had a vision of Jesus in my bedroom. The piece is this:

At the age of 19 I had committed my life to Jesus after experiencing repentance for not taking God seriously. With my mouth I had voiced this commitment to him when I was in my bedroom. What had happened is I had woken up from a bad dream. Then, once I woke up, I had

an open eye vision of Jesus with the lights off. To be clear, my eyes were open and the lights to my bedroom were off when I saw the vision of Jesus just a few feet from me. Soon after I expressed thankfulness, felt the presence of God consciously for the first time and I wept. It was in that scene of having had that vision of Jesus that I had made that life commitment to him.

The best credibility of trusting the Bible is Jesus himself. He who was crucified for humanity. He who resurrected from the dead. And he whose gospel gives eternal life. And he is sufficient reason to trust the Bible in view of the vision I had of him. This is the second body to this article.

So far, the crucifixion of Jesus was emphasized as the central theme of Christianity. Then the resurrection of Jesus was emphasized again to present the subject of biblical harmonization. First, on having said that, what does the word harmony mean in light of its derivative that is harmonization? Harmony can mean two things that are in agreement with one another like the harmony between Adam and Eve was that they were heterosexuals. Biblical harmonization is when two verses or more are in harmony with one another like I mentioned earlier: harmony is seen between three different biblical books (i.e., Romans, Galatians, and first John) on the point of being like Christ. Biblical harmonization is also seen on the subject of homosexuality, that which was categorized in “Christianity and Reason: Article 1” as sexual immorality. In the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?* the author Kevin Deyoung says this, “The biblical teaching is consistent and unambiguous: homosexual activity is not God’s will for his people. Silence in the face of such clarity is not prudence, and hesitation in light of such frequency is not patience. The Bible says more than enough about homosexual practice for us to say something too.” For your information, the motivation to write this article series focused on Christianity and being reasonable was to help the church, in general, against homosexuality, so these articles are me saying something about homosexuality knowing there exist harmony between the Old and New Testament on the subject. There is consistency, another word to help understand what is harmony, between books of the Bible on the subject matter. Consequently, here is a list of books that show biblical harmonization on the subject of homosexuality: Genesis, Leviticus, Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 1 Timothy. The biblical harmonization between these five books on the subject of homosexuality begins with the book of Genesis having recorded it as a problem in the city of Sodom – a city God destroyed. With the book of Leviticus, it is written as an unlawful sexual relation that is referred as an abomination. The word abomination is a thing that causes disgust or hatred. In the same book it is written again as an abomination that is consequentially fatal. With the book of Romans it is characterized as this: suppressing truth, not honoring God, not giving thanks to God, futile in thinking, foolish hearts darkened, fools, exchanging the glory of the immortal God, impurity – dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, exchanging the truth about God for a lie, and worshipping and serving the creature instead of their Creator who is God. With the book of 1 Corinthians it is mentioned as a person of unrighteousness that will not inherit the kingdom of God. And with the book of 1 Timothy it is clear that the law is established for that which is homosexuality. All that is biblical harmonization on the subject of homosexuality. This is the third body of the article.

As final words, Christianity is the answer to this problem that is homosexuality just as the crucifixion of Jesus, what is the central theme of Christianity, was the answer to the problem of sin and death. No one can afford or is able to be the propitiation that God accepts to override the consequences of sin and death, but the *gospel of Jesus* is that one exception, depended on his crucifixion, that will override the problem of sin and death for humanity. This is that gospel of Jesus, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” The keyword to note is whoever and the conditional action by whomever is believe in him. When a human, man or woman, believes in Jesus they become part of Jesus and will be made alive. May God help the church against homosexuality.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 4

As Christianity is concerned, every Christian is responsible in practicing self-care. It is reasonable that a Christian practice self-care. Christianity is that biblical faith and monotheistic religion that a person believes in. Reason in the case of this article series on Christianity is the cause for that belief and the beliefs that are inspired by that one belief. For the Christian that one belief is faith in Jesus: the gospel of Jesus Christ is in three words – faith in Jesus. Thus, what you do in order to practice self-care as a Christian is you walk in the Spirit (ref., Galatians chapter 5) at whatever cost because the cost of discipleship (ref., Luke chapter 14), essentially that means to be like Christ, is the highest price – it costs your entire life. The goal for this article is to give a biblical education as to how you can be responsible by practicing that self-care as a Christian in response to the great problem and sin that is homosexuality.

Ideally a Christian is supposed to delineate what it means to be like Christ. One way a Christian then is responsible by doing that, you can view it as a practice of self-care, is by standing against homosexuality. When you stand against homosexuality you're standing in accordance with your biblical faith and monotheistic religion that is Christianity. Specifically, what you can do as a response and as a stance against homosexuality is simply relocate – choose to live somewhere else. It is biblically evident with the aid of angels that one man and his family chose to relocate to save their lives. The biblical evidence for that is a story in the book of Genesis, which is the first book of the Old Testament. What had happened is in chapter 18 of Genesis God informed Abraham about how he intended to *respond* to a *problem*. God in speaking to Abraham decided to check on two cities named Sodom and Gomorrah: the cause for that action (i.e., deciding to check on two cities) was because the outcry against them was great and very grave was their sin. In other words, what could be said, certain noise was being made against these cities at an extent that was above normal and their sin was alarming. Once God informed Abraham of what he intended to do Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom. In fact, *intercession* as the point is an additional manner in which a Christian can respond and stand against homosexuality. If the Lord wills, I will live and do an article in the future using that point on intercession. On account of Abraham having interceded for the city of Sodom God then decided to send two angels to aid the nephew of Abraham who is that one man named Lot and his family to escape, an act of relocating, from Sodom. The escape story is found in Genesis chapter 19. When Lot had invited these angels into his house and had fed them the men of the city surrounded his house and said this to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” That the men of the city wanted to know them as in the angels in reality means that they wanted to have sex with them. They expressed sex language and a desire that indicates what is the sin of homosexuality. This sex language is also seen in the book of Genesis between Adam and Eve who were the first humans, heterosexuals and married couple. These two individuals, one male and one female, were how humanity started: Adam and Eve had sex a number of times and as a result they produced a number of humans. The biblical accounts in Genesis showing that sex language between Adam and Eve are these, “Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain...” and then when the text says, “And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth...”.

There are other biblical accounts both in the books of Genesis and Judges that express that sex language. Further biblical evidence shows that Sodom was guilty of sexual immorality – homosexuality in particular when the New Testament book that is Jude says this, “just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example of undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.” Their pursuit of unnatural desires means that they continued or proceeded along what was an unnatural desire – homosexuality. Even in conversation with the men of Sodom the man Lot responded to their unnatural desire of wanting to know the male angels by saying this, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man.” Lot recognized their unnatural desire to commit homosexuality as wicked, and in offering his two daughters he referred to his children by using the same sex language. Once the conversation resulted with the men of Sodom behaving violently to the angels intervening and causing them to become blind the angels warned Lot about the destruction of Sodom. They mentioned in that warning an escape plan that considered the family of Lot, to leave the city and the reason for the escape. In the same chapter the escape story concludes with the aid of the angels the man Lot and only his two daughters escaped and were saved from God destroying Sodom. Lot and his daughters had relocated from the city of Sodom to another city called Zoar. They chose to live somewhere else to save their lives. When you are responsible as a Christian you practice self-care by walking in the Spirit; therefore, you must factor in where you live, be aware of your city and its culture, to determine how to take care of yourself as a Christian. When you do that, you respond and stand against homosexuality still if it costs relocating to another city or country.

In spite of that biblical education as to how you can be responsible by practicing that self-care as a Christian in response to homosexuality there are numerous issues connected to it. The following is a list of those *reasonable* issues that shows the progression and a pattern of homosexuality from being a sin to destroying a nation: (1) it is a sin, (2) it is contrary to human nature, (3) it is devastating to the human soul, (4) it is an interference to two types of biblical headship, (5) it is destructive to traditional marriage and the family unit, and (6) it is destructive to a country. As a brief explanation to these reasons, first, it is a sin because biblically it is unacceptable to God. Secondly, it is unacceptable to God because it is contrary to the human nature that is heterosexual. Thirdly, as a contradiction to human nature that is devastating to the soul it causes the mind to be degrading and the heart to be darkened. Fourthly, with it being degrading to the mind and darkening to the heart it also interferes with the two types of biblical headship that are Jesus is the head to every man or the church worldwide and every husband is the head to their wife. Fifthly, in identifying those interferences of two types of biblical headship it is destructive to traditional marriage and the family unit because it replaces marriage with same-sex marriage and that cannot produce the family unit. And sixth, it is destructive to a country because the society of every nation depends on traditional marriage and the family unit, yet once you replace traditional marriage with same-sex marriage you stop the production of a family unit. Comparably, an interesting fact was discovered based on a study from having reviewed the data that the United States Census Bureau gave, and having found that same-sex marriage was first legalized in the state of Massachusetts in the year 2004. The American population increased by approximately 27 million since the years 2000 to 2010. Same-sex

marriage in the United States became federally legal in all 50 states in the year 2015. The same data resource mentioned before shows that the American population increased by approximately 23 million since the years 2010 to 2020. This statistic tells that in the last twenty years from the years 2000 to 2020 considering the legalization of same-sex marriage that the American population has slowed down by approximately 4 million in growth. Again, aside from the biblical fact that God destroyed the city of Sodom it is reasonable to conclude with the progression and pattern of homosexuality and the study shared about same-sex marriage and the American population that homosexuality is self-destructing to a country. In actuality, homosexuality is a great problem and a sin across the world in many countries, but ultimately the answer continues to be the *gospel of Jesus Christ*.

To finish, there is a biblical proverb that reads, “The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” To choose then to relocate as suggested earlier in this article for the sake of living the gospel of Jesus Christ is that prudence mentioned in the proverb, for when a Christian is responsible as being a prudent person, he practices self-care and secures their living. Understandably, homosexuality is like a dangerous wolf, just as seen in their violent behavior against Lot, that we ought to hide from. With that, we as Christians are few and needed. So, may God bless us Christians to be as wise as serpents and as gentle as doves in this world.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 5

Christianity is a Christ centered faith in the person of Jesus Christ. Any idea or thought a person can possibly have about what Christianity is must be in accordance with the foundational truth that Christ is the center of it. The reasons Christianity is a Christ centered faith in the person of Jesus Christ is depended on the following three statements of faith: (1) *I believe the messianic prophecy and promise of the Old Testament was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ,* (2) *I believe in the person of Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, he who both was crucified for the sins of all humanity and who is the first to resurrect from the dead,* and (3) *I believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ, that is faith in Jesus, is the only means to receive salvation.* Those biblical believes combined clearly state what Christianity is with the key subject being Jesus Christ. With that it is the responsibility of the catholic, as in universal – not denomination, church or the church as a whole throughout the world to educate others biblically, aforementioned, about what Christianity is and particularly about how to stand against problems and sins like that of homosexuality. The goal for this article is to further educate the Christian, who is a believer in Christ, about being responsible by practicing self-care as a response against homosexuality.

First, here is a summary of reason between Christianity and homosexuality:

In the sense of direction, you tell someone to make a right turn, but they choose to make a left turn instead. In the sense of mathematics, you tell someone that the number one plus the number zero equals one, but someone else says it equals the number four. And in the sense of heterosexuality, when having sex with the opposite gender is how you produce children, but someone else prefers not to have sex with their opposite gender to produce children. This is reason, Christianity tells you to make a right turn because it is what you ought to do, but homosexuality chooses to make a left turn instead. Christianity tells you that the number one plus the number zero equals one, but homosexuality tells you it equals four. And Christianity tells you to have sex with the opposite gender to produce children, but homosexuality tells you they don't want that because they prefer their sin. I prefer and believe in Christianity instead of homosexuality because it is reasonable: it is the right choice, it equals salvation, and it is good for humanity.

To that summary of reason between Christianity and homosexuality, it is to inculcate the purpose of this article series: biblical based messages written with the motivation to help the universal church against homosexuality. It is also a useful frame of mind to assist and resolve the Christian to have a reasonable stance for Christianity and in opposition to homosexuality such as by the biblical practice of intercession. Other than relocating, choosing to live somewhere else, which is what was suggested in the previous article, you can choose to intercede. Note, the word intercede is a variant of the word intercession. What does it mean to intercede? To intercede is to pray for another as it is intended to mean in this article. Google Translate, a translation service, defines the word intercede as to intervene on behalf of another, and that is precisely what praying for another is. Two reasons for the biblical practice of intercession are these: (1) intercession is a biblical practice evident in a number of accounts found both in the Old and New Testament of

the Bible, and (2) intercession is instructed by the Apostle Paul to be practiced for all people that includes kings and those in high positions (i.e., government authorities). These reasons are to prompt a Christian to stand for Christianity and in opposition to homosexuality by praying for the church universally, humanity in general, and specifically for homosexuals.

For explanation the first reason about biblical proof of the practice of intercession is seen in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Paul. Abraham is biblically recognized as the father of faith, and his life is recorded in the book of Genesis. Moses is biblically recognized as a prophet and a leader, and his life is recorded in the book of Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Numbers. Jesus is biblically recognized as the Son of God and the Messiah (i.e., the biblically prophesied hero and liberator) to name only a couple of titles, and his life is recorded in the gospel books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. And Paul is biblically recognized as an apostle, and his life is recorded in the book of Acts considering the several biblical epistles he wrote. The following are shortened and proven biblical accounts of their practice of intercession: Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom, Moses interceded for the Israelites, Jesus interceded for his disciples and for future disciples, and Paul interceded for the Israelites. Those four accounts of biblical characters practicing intercession, especially with Jesus as an example, is sufficient proof to brazenly intercede on behalf of another/others. For further explanation to support the second reason about intercession being instructed by the Apostle Paul is found in the biblical epistle of 1 Timothy when the text reads, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." This biblical portion is so significant concerning the subject of prayer. It is instruction for the discipline of prayer. It is instruction to pray for all people, *reasonably* the living, not the dead, and that includes kings and all those in high positions; therefore, what the twentieth first century Christian is supposed to do is pray regarding every living person, rulers and government leaders like presidents and everyone else functioning in a government office like a mayor and a governor. Also, that biblical portion is so significant about the different types of prayers with who to pray for because of these *reasons* for the church universally: (1) to lead a peaceful life, (2) to lead a quiet life, (3) to lead a godly life in every way, and (4) to lead a dignified life in every way. This inspired instruction applies to practicing intercession for homosexuals as well, and it is wise in standing for Christianity and in opposition to homosexuality to also intercede for the church universally and humanity in general.

Consequently, taking into account the essential content in this article to intercede. I am referring to the summary of reason shared and the two reasons to practice intercession with explanations given. Here is a relevant quote and a biblical related definition of intercessory (i.e., another variant of the word intercede) prayer, "Intercessory prayer is an extension of the ministry of Jesus through His body, the Church, whereby we mediate between God and humanity for the purpose of reconciling the world to Him, or between Satan and humanity for the purpose of enforcing the victory of Calvary." That quote and definition is by Dutch Sheets who is the author of a book called *Intercessory Prayer*. What is important moving forward is to be mindful, again, of the essential content to intercede and the content to that recent quote with the point to this article is to intercede: for Christianity and against homosexuality. So, in consideration to

partaking of the ministry of Jesus as is seen in his example of practicing intercession (ref., John chapter 17) the Christian can practice intercession in favor of Christianity and against homosexuality in these ways: (1) pray for the universal church to be responsible in taking care of themselves concerning standing for Christianity and against homosexuality, (2) pray for humanity in general to function as heterosexuals and to believe in the gospel of Jesus, and (3) pray for homosexuals to repent, discontinue their perfidious lifestyle of homosexuality, and to believe in the gospel of Jesus. Those are three simple ways that correspond with the ministry of Jesus by mediating between God and humanity, prayerfully, to unite humanity to God, and by mediating between Satan and humanity, prayerfully, to disunite humanity from Satan. The practice of intercession is truly a work of ministry that every Christian is responsible to act on, more so, when it is a matter of self-care and ensuring that is reason (e.g., to lead a peaceful and quiet life, dignified and godly in every way) for which the Christian is instructed to pray.

Personally, I know the discipline of prayer with the emphasis of intercession given in the case of this article, so much so, that I have completed eighteen Bible studies in Spanish concentrated on the topic of prayer. Those Bible studies have been shared, in general, with my family members, an immigrant hostel with a “church”, an orphanage and others. *Reasonably*, as the character of Satan is mentioned in the previous paragraph in a quote, spiritual warfare is a component that must be factored in with respect to being for Christianity and against homosexuality. Having said that, the following is edited and translated content extracted from one of those Bible studies on prayer to offer understanding the reality of spiritual warfare with intercession in mind:

Prayer, in the figurative sense, is a spiritual tool in itself to practice or use considering the spiritual warfare that can be faced. It is in prayer, in part and in the midst of the spiritual warfare, that we like Christians depend on God the Father to win battles that are essential against, to condense it in one word, evil. Nevertheless, for more clarity, knowing that evil can be a sin committed like spiritual impurities, such as seeing pornography, fornication – sex outside of marriage and homosexuality. The evil of the spiritual warfare is basically that, spiritual. It is not a fight or a battle or a problem against humanity, but what it is, it's a spiritual evil like wicked spirits. So then prayer is a tool, so to speak, to help to face the evil that isn't seen like the demon or the devil himself. This is a theme in itself, spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare throughout the Holy Scriptures is seen both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. For example, it is seen in the start of humanity and in the life of Job, and it is seen with the temptation of Jesus and with his ministry of deliverance against the demonic.

Meanwhile, the following is what the Apostle Paul said close to the end of a passage about, in the figurative sense again, what is the armor of God and about the theme of spiritual warfare, and it says this, “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.”. The Apostle Paul mentioned as instruction that one should pray at all times in the Spirit. When you pray at all times, that signifies that there is a constancy to it. Pray in the Spirit is prayer in the Holy Spirit. There is a practicality in that and it's just that, pray in the Spirit. Also, one should pray with all

prayer and supplication. When you pray, you ask and when you supplicate, it is to ask for something humbly. Finally, the end of that verse is about to be watching or alert, that is to be awake spiritually, persevering and asking for every saint. The point of all this is that spiritual warfare is a biblical theme, and prayer, in part, is a tool to help you to combat it.

In conclusion, the Christian cannot be reluctant about intercession for the sake of standing for Christianity and in opposition to homosexuality. Whether the Christian chooses to relocate or not as a response to homosexuality, they are certainly instructed to intercede and should in response to homosexuality. May God bless us Christians to follow biblical instructions.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 6

Christianity is a lifelong commitment. Although there may be other commitments such as marriage, family, and career, the Christian commitment is so permanent that it extends into eternity. It is a commitment that biblically does not give exceptions to discontinue it. For greater perspective, the marriage commitment in Jesus' terms has the exception for divorce if a spouse commits sexual immorality (ref., Matthew 6). Family commitment in Jesus' terms has the exception of unfamiliarity if Jesus is not the primary priority (ref., Matthew 10). And career commitment in Jesus' terms has the exception of being secondary to serve God as your master (ref., Matthew 5). These threefold points are in harmony with each other, are reasonable points derived from Jesus, and are all based on the truth about Christian commitment. The goal for this article is to continue to educate the Christian toward being responsible by practicing self-care as a response against homosexuality. For the five articles, previously published, on the theme "Christianity and Reason" either highlighted truths or suggested ways to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality, such as these: (1) Christianity is a human and religious responsibility, (2) Christianity is centered on the person of Jesus Christ, (3) Christianity is the answer to homosexuality, (4) relocate, and (5) intercession. The suggestion for this sixth article is to disassociate.

The different ways that one can and should disassociate is by practicing the responsibility of self-care as a Christian. Disassociate as a word means to disconnect or separate. Biblically it is evident that one should not associate with an angry person when King Solomon in the book of Proverbs says, "Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare." In short, the word wrathful is about extreme anger, and entangle means to be in a bonded state. The two independent clauses to one proverb concerning an angry man and a wrathful man is *wise counsel* toward what not to do. Then the two other independent clauses to another proverb concerning learning his ways and being entangled is the *reason* why you shouldn't do what was advised before. So, early on this is my *wise counsel* as a Christian missioner towards others, particularly towards Christians, and it is if you have a friendship with any homosexual person disassociate yourself from that person because, what is the *reason*, the consequence is learning their ways and entangling yourself in a snare – trap.

To reinforce that personal advice by giving more biblical ground on disassociating from a homosexual: the Apostle Paul, who was a Christian missioner also, wrote in the New Testament book that is 1 Corinthians this, "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.'" The word moral means good behavior, biblically acceptable acts, as the ten commandments were a guideline for the Hebrews morally. And the word corrupt means to contaminate, to change badly, like a homosexual man badly influencing a young man to have sex. To contextualize a little, in the passage of that shared verse the subject is resurrection from the dead. What happens is a defense for the resurrection of Christ with the belief of the resurrection of Christians. Then the Apostle Paul makes a number of points about dying every day (i.e., referring to the sinful nature – dying of that old man), his efforts in a certain city using figurative language, and having

a human attitude toward life with noting its pleasures. After those points, he writes with giving *wise counsel* to Christians that he doesn't want them to be deceived by the *reason* that bad company, like the angry man and the homosexual, corrupts good morals. The key to his personal advice is essentially the same as mine: to be responsible as a Christian by practicing self-care – you will benefit morally.

Still, to further strengthen the personal advice that is disassociation from a homosexual, I want to share another verse from the Bible, particularly from the book of James, which says, “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” The word adultery means, as explained in the first article, sex between a married person and someone who is not married. Adulterous is a variant of the word adultery meaning a person guilty of committing adultery. Ultimately, the soul is corrupted when you commit adultery - “You adulterous people!” Understandably, the accusation of adultery is figurative, rather than literal such as sexual immorality, because before in the text the author made literal accusations of murder and coveting; interestingly, on account of the figurative accusation the relationship between God and his children, who are Christians, is like a marriage. Then the Christian servant and writer who is James explains himself in spite of that accusation by clarifying that a Christian should not have friendship with the world, as with the angry man, as with the homosexual, and basically as with anyone who is not a Christian. Friendship with the world means enmity against God, or in other words “makes himself an enemy of God.” This confrontation is relevant to the *wise counsel* and *reasoning* given in the previous two paragraphs that included the authors King Solomon and the Apostle Paul, which is again: you cannot have a friendship with a homosexual, so if you have a friendship with any homosexual disassociate yourself from that person.

To say more, I want to concentrate specifically on the church in the sense of local “churches” and their services like Sunday meetings. Personally, in the midst of my commitments to Christian congregations, missional experiences, and biblical education from a university, I completed a sermon series as a Christian missioner on the doctrine that is ecclesiology – what is the church. The teachings that I collected from my studies on the church to give some essential points were these: encouraging between Christians and congregating between them, communion between Christians, the great commission between Christians, the event of Pentecost between Christians, an illustration of what is the church, the goals of the church, and the gifts and offices of the church. With that, considering the personal advice given to disassociate from a homosexual, I want to specifically advise local “churches” with their services in mind to meet exclusively between Christians. That advice is extending the advice already given to disassociate from a homosexual as from the angry man, and it is assuring not having friendship with the world. This extended advice is amplifying a focus in the size of a congregation, from an individual to a group, and it enlarges the reflection of the Christian responsibility to practice self-care. It is very serious taking care of yourself as it is taking care of a congregation. The congregation or the local church is actually the family of God, its pastors are the leadership that are responsible to take care of it, so it is important that it meet exclusively between Christians.

Meeting exclusively between Christians is in part a leadership responsibility. If someone wants to evangelize the world, that is another subject.

With final words, six suggestions overall have been given in three articles. Those were articles four to six. Articles one to three were establishing a Christian foundation as credentials to be reasonable in giving suggestions to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. May God bless you in being responsible as a Christian by practicing self-care.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 7

Christianity metaphorically is a marriage between Jesus Christ and the Christian church. Reasonably that is the case because it is an exclusive and solemn relational commitment between Christ, who is the head, and the church, who are the members of his body. The Apostle Paul in a letter to the Corinthian Christians (ref., 1 Corinthians 12) uses a different metaphor to illustrate what the church is, which is as mentioned members of his body or of the body of Christ. Automatically, the idea of marriage such as between Christ and the church must factor in a responsibility to one another to uphold the commitment that is obliged. Actually, the metaphor in the thesis statement about Christianity, the first line of this introduction, is referenced also by the Apostle Paul in the letter to the Ephesian Christians (ref., Ephesians 5). For this article the goal is to proceed with equipping the church to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality by issuing two new suggestions.

The first suggestion is to engage in a traditional marriage: *an exclusive and solemn relational commitment between two heterosexuals who are one male and one female*. Christians are responsible in practicing self-care, apart from the previous three suggestions to relocate, to intercede and to disassociate, and the fourth suggestion is to marry. Marriage is an additional action to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. Traditionally, long-established, marriage was the first institution founded by God the Creator between the first man and the first woman. Their names are Adam and Eve. Biblically marriage is good, just as the earth and the seas were when God created them. The vegetation of the earth, plants that yield seed and the trees that bear fruit were good as well when God created them. When he created the greater light, that is the sun, for the day and the lesser light, that is the moon, for the night, he referred to them as good. Even when God created the creatures of the sea, the air and of the land he referred to them as good. Everything that he made in six days including humans as heterosexuals he referred to as very good. That is a summary of the creation story, the creative works of God the Creator, that is written in the book of Genesis. There was an issue though, and the problem was that when God saw the man by himself, he referred to it as *not good*. The following is a verse extracted from that book mentioned, listed as the first book of the Bible, and it reads, “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’” It is clear in the biblical text shared that: (1) God judged that it isn't good that man be alone, and (2) God decided to make a helper fit for the man. In other words, God judged man being alone as a *problem*, and the *answer* was making a helper fit for him. An account of the answer to this problem is written in the same passage as the text shared when it reads, “And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.” The helper fit for the man was part of him, literally, and created and provided for and to him. By the way, the woman was created to be a helper for the man. Evidently, according to the creation story, the first two humans were one man and one woman. Marriage regarding Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, is even described with *profound language* when the biblical text in Genesis reads, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” There are three lessons that can be learned in that one verse that describes the institution of marriage and they are: (1) for the sake of marriage a man leaves

his parents, (2) for the sake of marriage a man holds fast to his wife, and (3) for the sake of marriage the man and the woman become one flesh. Those three lessons can be understood in the position of the heterosexual man and for the sake of marriage as independence, attachment and oneness. The first man, heterosexual, to engage in traditional marriage *should* become independent of his parents. This man *should* also have an attachment to his wife. And the man in marriage should have oneness with his wife. The concept of the traditional institution of marriage particularly for the man is an independence from your parents, an attachment to your wife, and a oneness with your wife. Note, marriage described with profound language in the recent biblical text is seen with the phrase *one flesh*; specifically, the act of sex is how a man and a woman become one flesh. Importantly, such profound language with the phrase one flesh concerning marriage is applied as should or correct to no other relationship biblically. Traditional marriage is essential to having a biblical education as a Christian, and with knowing what it is to engage in it is how a Christian can stand for Christianity and against homosexuality.

The second new suggestion in this article to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality is in traditional marriage to produce children – make a family. When Christians are responsible in practicing self-care as married with the significant act of *sex*, they contribute to the birth of children, and a husband and a wife, marriage language, with children means they are a family. In retrospect, Adam and Eve, first two heterosexual humans, with their first two children meant the first human family. The creation story in the book of Genesis has written a particular *should*, what ought to be, towards the first two heterosexual humans indicating having sex and it reads, “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” This phrase that is *be fruitful and multiply* means to produce children. To be reasonable, the terms fill and subdue are results of engaging in traditional marriage and producing children, making families, in order for the earth to really be filled and subdued or under control: heterosexual humanity is to have dominion over all living creatures in the air, in the sea and on land. Humanity depends on traditional marriage to produce children – make a family for social and racial preservation and growth. Civilizations depend on heterosexual humans for social and cultural developments and advancements. Christianity is the greatest support and the strongest truth for human life and the creation of humanity. Therefore, as a Christian missionary I am suggesting two ways to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality is by engaging in traditional marriage and *with that* by producing children – making a family.

Furthermore, there are numerous *reasons* positively for marriage and negatively against marriage just as reasons can be discovered for *Christianity* and against Christianity. The following are four reasons positively for marriage: (1) to have a helper, (2) to have sex, (3) to have character, and (4) to have a family. In standing for Christianity and against homosexuality when you are for marriage you have a wife to help you in life, to enjoy sex with, to better your character, and to make a family with. And the following reasons negatively against marriage are: (1) to hook-up instead, (2) to date instead, (3) to not commit instead, and (4) to have other plans instead. In simply being negative about traditional marriage you rather hook-up than engage in

marriage, date than engage in marriage, not commit to engaging in marriage, and use other plans to not engage in marriage. To be for Christianity is to have reasons positively for marriage.

To close this article, Christianity is reason for engaging in traditional marriage and to produce children – make a family. Those are ways to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. May God bless Christians nowadays to personally experience those suggestions.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 8

Christianity is the *simple* and *profound biblical intelligence* centered on Jesus Christ. The simplicity of Christianity is the truthfulness that faith in Jesus Christ gives you salvation, and the profound biblical intelligence of Christianity is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ answered the problem of sin and death. Consequently, Christians are the people who see the simple and profound biblical intelligence explained and who pertain to Jesus Christ. In other words, for what Christianity gives and answers people are converted into Christians: they are promised eternal life and their sinful nature transitions into a Christlike nature. One perspective of what Christian means is *to be Christlike*. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Christians in a letter what it means to be a Christian when it reads, “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.” Christianity is a matter of *sanctification* and *eternal life* once a person puts faith in Jesus Christ for his work of the crucifixion. This eighth article for Christianity, with the work of reason, and against homosexuality will offer a fifth suggestion to practice self-care as a Christian.

In spite of the freedom from the sinful nature and the commitment to be a slave to God the sanctification process to eternal life is a great responsibility in itself. The suggestions given in this article series are meant to help the Christian with that responsibility. For this article the fifth suggestion to help the Christian specifically to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality is conditional and concerning confronting homosexuality within their household. For example, if you are a Christian parent and you discover that your child is a homosexual, I am suggesting as a Christian missioner that you respond by practicing these action words: (1) persevere, (2) pray, (3) preach, and (4) be patient. Those four verbs about confronting homosexuality in the household are inspired and extracted from a book on Christian literature called *The Gay Invasion* by William D. Rodgers. In the eleventh chapter of the book the author wrote, “Thus, there are four things a parent can do when faced with a son or daughter who announces their homosexuality. Persevere. Pray. Preach. Endure with patience.” In the case of confronting homosexuality in the household a Christian parent persevering means they persevere in standing for Christianity and against homosexuality. When confronting homosexuality in the household a Christian parent praying means they pray for themselves, their family, and for the family member guilty of the sin of homosexuality. The Christian parent confronting homosexuality in their household preaching means they preach truth in favor of Christianity and against homosexuality. And when homosexuality is confronted in the household by a Christian parent with patience that means they deal patiently with the problem of homosexuality with the answer being Christianity even if the cost is “losing a family member.” Those four actions explained as one suggestion is how the Christian can confront homosexuality within their household.

Whatever difficulty the Christian parent in particular may encounter in confronting the problem of homosexuality in the household there is biblical support about the *cost of discipleship* (i.e., being a student and a supporter of Jesus - you stand for Christianity and against sin like that of homosexuality) communicated by Jesus himself when he said, “For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-

in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” The biblical passage to those quoted verses is found in the book of Matthew. Jesus clearly communicated division within the household for the sake of Christianity. He also communicated a condition to being *his disciple*, that is another meaning to being a Christian, is an undivided love toward him. It is reasonable and wise to be mindful of that passage mentioned if a Christian has the responsibility to practice self-care, considering other family members within their household, by following through with this article's suggestion about confronting homosexuality within their household. Even more, if the Christian confronting homosexuality within their household is not the parent then they can take into account the two suggestions given in previous articles which are relocate and disassociate. Every Christian has the responsibility to practice self-care: the cost of being a Christian either by “losing a family member” in your household, they discontinue living in the same household as you, or by disassociating yourself and relocating from your household, you discontinue living in the same household as with your family member guilty of homosexuality, is worth it for Jesus. Even though one household scenario can be complicated mentally on this topic of confronting homosexuality within the household, the simple and intelligent point is to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality with the new suggestion listed in four action words: (1) persevere, (2) pray, (3) preach, and (4) patience.

Positively, in standing for Christianity and against homosexuality within the household by *reproaching* it, if a Christian discovers that their family member is guilty of homosexuality, the goal, apart from practicing self-care as a Christian, is to convert them into Christian. The Christian can ask God our heavenly Father for wisdom to meet that goal. There is a biblical proverb that reads, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.” Just as there is the fruit or result in having converted to Christian that is sanctification to eternal life, there is the fruit of preaching truth in favor of Christianity and against homosexuality. If a family member once guilty of homosexuality converts to Christian they become a *tree of life* - another meaning of being a Christian. When a Christian asks for wisdom in prayer it is asking for the possibility to save the soul of a family member who is guilty of homosexuality. The *soul saved* is further meaning to being a Christian. God can save the soul of a homosexual through the work of a Christian (i.e., evangelism).

To conclude, the fifth suggestion once more to this article series for Christianity and against homosexuality concerning confronting homosexuality within the household is to persevere, pray, preach, and to be patient. An outcome can either be the family member guilty of homosexuality moves out of the household or their Christian family member moves out. At any rate, the Christian is responsible to practice self-care with the goal in mind to convert their guilty family member to Christian. Biblically, it is evident that homosexuality is devastating to the soul and similarly to a city, and the Christian is responsible to survive in this world: practice self-care and love Jesus more than their family members. These articles are meant to give suggestions for Christian survival despite the increased deception of homosexuality such as in America. May God help Christians throughout the world to survive responsibly and intelligently.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 9

Christianity is biblical education. It is foundational for Christian living. This thought of Christian living is all-encompassing as these essential biblical lessons are concerned: church, law, government, marriage, family, friendships, labor, and finances. Other matters about Christian living written in the biblical text are about the poor and the rich, right and wrong, wisdom for life, and about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ - who is the leader and liberator for Christians. The biblical text in terms of literature, compiling of sixty six books in one book called the *Bible*, is law, historical narrative, poetic, prophetic, biographical narrative, and letters. For certain then, Christianity as a biblical education is imperative psychologically, socially and spiritually. To give biblical support to the point of Christianity is biblical education, the Apostle Paul wrote to a Christian named Timothy in a second letter about the value and benefits of the Bible, it says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." For this ninth article the thesis to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality for the Christian to practice self-care is to prohibit homosexuality.

As a Christian missioner I am suggesting, considering past suggestions in this article series to intercede, relocate, disassociate, marry, produce children - make a family, and to confront homosexuality within the household, to prohibit homosexuality. To enunciate the prohibition of homosexuality it requires recognizing the psychological, social and spiritual necessities of the Christian in the context of a country. Simply put, with the imperativeness of *Christian education*, psychologically, it is the responsibility of the Christian to have a *biblical worldview*. One reference to having a biblical worldview is found in the book of Romans, it says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Socially, it is the responsibility of the Christian to be *obedient to the biblical text*. One reference to being obedient to the biblical text is found in the book of James, it says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." And spiritually, it is the responsibility of the Christian to *worship God*. One reference to worshipping God is also found in the book of Romans, it says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." In order for the Christian to be healthy and secure as God meant it, functioning as an individual and a citizen in any country, it is necessary to prohibit homosexuality. Therefore, with recognizing the Christian need to have a biblical worldview, to be obedient to the biblical text, and to worship God, the purpose in prohibiting homosexuality must be conducted in a manner that is Christian ministry and which promotes life.

A mission statement for prohibiting homosexuality can be written in this way:

The purpose to prohibit homosexuality by establishing the "Law of Adam" is for promoting life. This is an action for the health of the human, the preservation of a civilization, and the necessity to both the traditional marriage and the family. Still, this action of prohibition

has the heart of redemption for the homosexual to enjoy a transition from an unhealthy and insecure state to a healthy and secure state. That in itself points to the responsibility of the human as in society with the help of the government to prohibit homosexuality, for the health and the security of one.

The manner for prohibiting homosexuality by way of Christian ministry and which promotes life can be conducted by the following steps of action in a society with the help of the government: (1) noticing signs of the homosexual, (2) noticing evidences of the homosexual, (3) reporting the homosexual, (4) reporting matters of emergency, (5) imprisoning the homosexual, (6) program of discipleship, (7) two additional years, (8) conditional liberty, (9) violation of the conditional liberty, and (10) lost of the citizenship. Christian ministry that prohibits homosexuality has the heart of redemption: that is Christian work with the action of saving a person from sin/s. Thus, it is important that the Christian minister working with the *imprisoned criminalized homosexual*, what prohibiting homosexuality is about in part, act in saving that person particularly from the sin of homosexuality. In other words, the program of discipleship is the plan of Christianity to promote life by giving a person convicted of the crime of homosexuality a Christian education. Meanwhile, to walk through explaining briefly the steps of action listed above, first, to notice signs of the homosexual means having suspicion that a person is guilty of homosexuality. Secondly, to notice evidences of the homosexual means to have proof that a person is guilty of homosexuality. Thirdly, to report the homosexual means to inform the local authority such as the police of a person being guilty of homosexuality. Fourthly, to report matters of emergency means to inform the local authority of matters of emergency such as being in danger or threaten by a homosexual. Fifthly, to imprison the homosexual means to place in prison the person guilty of homosexuality. Sixthly, to have a program of discipleship means to disciple, educate in Christianity, a prisoner once guilty of homosexuality for three years. Seventhly, to have two additional years means the prisoner once guilty of homosexuality completes the discipleship program and proves he or she is a Christian in prison for two additional years. Eighthly, to have conditional liberty means the person who completed two additional years in prison as a Christian is free in society and is supervised monthly by the government for five years. Ninthly, to violate conditional liberty means a person assigned to conditional liberty violates by being guilty again of homosexuality. And tenthly, to lose citizenship means a person who violates conditional liberty loses their citizenship and must undergo abroad this process for restoration of citizenship and reentry to the country: conditioned to traditional marriage, completing extended biblical education from an institution, pastoral recommendation of trust, and ten years. Furthermore, it is wise to have biblical and constitutional content on this topic of prohibiting homosexuality, as well as to be mindful of its benefits, which are for *traditional marriage, birth of children, establishment of the family, and health of the human*. Those are practical benefits from a Christian perspective in being reasonable with the prohibition of homosexuality.

Honestly, to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality the prohibition of homosexuality involves the community of Christians being *honest with themselves, honest with others, and honest with God*. For example, honesty with yourself, “I cannot live in America: the

American society is extremely homosexual and homosexuality is a sin.” Another example, honesty with others, you write several articles to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. And another example, honesty with God, “Father, help me to be the president of Mexico to help the Mexican people to prohibit homosexuality, and to help the Mexican people to be intelligent, independent and ready for the second coming of Christ.” In the spirit of honesty, if you find yourself wrestling with a local government concerning this articles topic there is a Christian man named Dietrich Bonhoeffer who wrote a book called *The Cost of Discipleship*. It is Christian literature that is supplemental to collect a Christian education. In the book there is a memoir written by a Gerhard Leibholz who wrote this, “Bonhoeffer was firmly and rightly convinced that it is not only a Christian right but a Christian duty towards God to oppose tyranny, that is, a government which is no longer based on natural law and the law of God.” When a government is guilty of tyranny it has abused its authority. Any government supporting homosexuality isn’t basing their acceptance of homosexuality on Christian ethics, moral biblical principals, nor on the Torah, first five books of the Bible. In that case, the church, Christian community, is responsible in relation to God to be in opposition to such a government authority. For that reason, I rightfully and dutifully suggest the prohibition of homosexuality: it is reasonably right and responsible to prohibit homosexuality.

Christianity as a biblical education was supported biblically by the Apostle Paul in a letter to a Timothy as covered in this articles introduction. The Bible is said to have value and benefits. Value of the biblical text is seen with the apostle having written “breathed out by God” or to say that differently the biblical text is inspired by God. What is meant by that is God inspired by his breath the words of the Bible. Benefits of the biblical text with short explanations are these: (1) for teaching: when you instruct, educate someone, give knowledge, (2) for reproof: when you rebuke, disapprove something, critical feedback, (3) for correction: to change a wrong to a right, point out errors to set truth, and (4) for training: to discipline, develop a person by something for something. This concept of the value and benefits of the biblical text supported by apostolic authority - divine inspiration are helpful for the idea of a program of discipleship to promote life with the prohibition of homosexuality because the problem that is homosexuality is answered by Christianity - what is based on the Bible. Instead of criminalizing the homosexual to death or without an answer, *discipleship educates in Christianity towards the goal of life - righteousness; accordingly, the man of God disciplined to be a student and supporter of Jesus will be complete, equipped for every good work*. This article is good work for humanity, especially for the church.

To end this article, seven suggestions in total have been given to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. Those suggestions are these: intercede, relocate, disassociate, marry, produce children - make a family, confront homosexuality within the household, and prohibit homosexuality. Every Christian is responsible to take care of him or herself, so following through with these suggestions is ensuring the Christian is healthy and secure. Specifically, with the prohibition of homosexuality, the Christian can function in society healthily and securely as God meant them to be with a trusted government and a citizenship that is highly appreciated. God meant humanity to experience his kingdom on earth. Intellectually that is freedom. Emotionally that is purity. And relationally that is well being. What does his kingdom mean? “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” The Apostle Paul wrote that biblical text to Roman Christians. May

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God bless Christians to experience his kingdom on earth, and to prohibit homosexuality in a Christin ministry manner to promote life.

## Christianity and Reason: Article 10

Christianity is Christ. Even though Christianity can be explained as the one true religion, as a relationship between God and man, and as the message the church preaches on Sundays, it is simply Christ. Christianity then can be defined in that one word: *Christ*. To elaborate this one true religion accessing man to be in relationship with God, preached as a church message on Sundays, it is essentially about the character, crucifixion, church and the second coming of Christ. He lived and ministered in his character. He established his church through his disciples. He was crucified to expiate the sins of the world. And he promised his second coming from heaven to earth. Christianity reasonably is conditioned to *belief in him* and commanded by him to *love one another*. In the letter of first John in the New Testament of the Bible it is written, “And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.” Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Christ: the prophetic biblical fulfillment of a future leader and liberator. Jesus is also the beloved Son of God. When John baptized Jesus with water, God the Father confirmed with a voice from heaven that Jesus is his Son. This is Christian perspective, God commanded to be apart of Christianity is conditioned to belief in Jesus, and Jesus himself commanded to his disciples to love one another. With having communicated all that about what is Christianity, this is the final article of this series to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality; hence, this written mission work will suggest an eighth way to practice self-care as a Christian.

Throughout this article series Christianity was first communicated as foundational to then giving suggestions about standing for it and against homosexuality. The following seven suggestions were shared in the last six articles: (1) to intercede, (2) to relocate, (3) to disassociate, (4) to marry, (5) to produce children - make a family, (6) to confront homosexuality within the household, and (7) to prohibit homosexuality. For this tenth article I am suggesting as a Christian missioner to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality by guarding your heart by using modesty in appearance considering face covering. Just as Christians who are disciples of Christ (i.e., students and supporters of Christ) have the responsibility commanded by him to love one another, they also have the responsibility to take care of themselves as their character is concerned: *to be Christlike*. The topic of guarding your heart in itself is significant in Christianity because for one, belief in someone or something proceeds from the heart, and two, there are numerous matters concerning the heart throughout the biblical text. For example, when the Hebrew male who is David was anointed - elected to be the king of Israel the biblical text in the historical narrative that is the book first Samuel, the Lord who is God is recorded saying, “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’” Another example, when Jesus the Christ was tested by a lawyer in the biographic narrative that is the book of Matthew he is recorded saying, “And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’” Other matters of the heart, aside from God looking at the heart and the first greatest commandment of the Bible requiring that he be loved with the whole heart, are about keeping the heart with all vigilance and blessed are the pure hearted. The poetic book that is

Proverbs says this, “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” Note, the springs of life can mean the words spoken and written by a person, as well as the decisions made by people. Then the book of Matthew again says this, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” These biblical texts as examples regarding matters of the heart are helpful to see the significance of the heart in Christianity with taking into account the suggestion in this article in part to guard your heart. To be clear, it is the responsibility of every Christian to love God with all their heart, so they should guard their heart with *carefulness and seriousness* to love him with all their heart. Guarding the heart with an *awareness of the sinful world around you* and with *diligent action particularly for Christianity and against homosexuality* will help the Christian to have a pure heart. It is then of utmost importance to guard the heart as a Christian in this life.

The specific ways to guard your heart as suggested by using modesty in appearance considering face covering can partially be referenced for Christian wives in the letter that is first Peter when it says, “Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.” Christian wives are instructed by the Apostle Peter to not occupy themselves in adorning their physical appearance considering the need to cloth oneself, instead to occupy themselves in *adorning their heart* for their inner person to be *gentle and quiet*. This is clearly a matter of the heart for Christian wives. They are doing themselves a favor occupying themselves in adorning their hearts, ensuring it is guarded, for a pure heart is precious in the sight God; moreover, the apostles instruction for Christian wives will help them to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality. For perspective on modesty, appropriateness in appearance is the point for both Christian males and females. Meditating on matters of the heart will help you to understand the importance in having modesty as a Christian: it is how you practice self-care as a Christian because how you guard your appearance such as private areas and even your face can reflect how you guard your heart. In the book of Proverbs again it says, “Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.” That proverb teaches to guard your heart knowing the sinful man can expose their eyes - mind to pornography and women who are dressed inappropriately. Think about though living in a society that is extremely homosexual or tolerates that sin, and whether a man/woman sees a Christians face causes a stimulation to lust. Honestly, the Christian will find living in that society like in America to be disturbing and distracting. The idea of comfort will be a commodity, yet the feeling of discomfort will be constant. However, covering the face as a Christian to guard the heart is helpful against lustful homosexuals. Consequently, I am suggesting that Christians guard their heart by using modesty in appearance considering face covering to stand for Christianity and against homosexuality.

In conclusion, in completing this article series about Christianity with reason to stand for it and against homosexuality, the seven suggestions for Christian self-care are these: (1) to intercede, (2) to relocate, (3) to disassociate, (4) to marry, (5) to produce children - make a family, (6) to confront homosexuality within the household, (7) to prohibit homosexuality, and (8) to guard the heart by using modesty in appearance considering face covering. May the Lord

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God help Christians throughout the world to take care of themselves by standing for Christianity and against homosexuality.