

## THE CHRISTIAN AND THE NSW CONVERSION THERAPY LAW

The Australian state of New South Wales recently passed legislation that would ban what is called Conversion Therapy. Here is a portion what this is about. “Conversion practices, which can include so-called “conversion therapy” and suppression practices, are formal or informal practices based on the false ideology that LGBTQ+ people have a ‘disorder’ or require treatment. Evidence shows that conversion practices are dangerous and damaging.

The government made a commitment to banning such practices during the 2023 NSW election campaign, **while committing that expressing a belief through sermon, taking offence at religious teachings, and seeking guidance through prayer would not be banned under the legislation.** (Emphasis added)

This is reflected in the new law, with the legislation carefully designed to protect LGBTQ+ people, while acknowledging and respecting longstanding religious and cultural beliefs and practices.” <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/nsw-government-bans-lgbtq-conversion-practices>

Now, if anyone believes that a minister of the Gospel or any other Bible believing Christian would never be affected by this law, they have been in hiding somewhere else since same sex marriage was legalized.

The entire LGBTQ+ group are sinners as all of us are and need to repent of our sins and turn by faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Since the Bible is a Christian’s rule for faith and practice let us see what the Bible has to say on the matter of LGBTQ+ lifestyle and how a believer should respond.

Genesis 13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. 13 But **the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD** exceedingly.

Genesis 19:1 ¶ And there came two angels to **Sodom** at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may **know them** (sexually). 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. 11 And they smote the men

that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. 12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: 13 For we will **destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD;** and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

Judges 19:22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that **we may know him.** 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so **wickedly**; seeing that this man is come into mine house, **do not this folly.**

1Kings 14:24 And there were also **sodomites** in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

1Kings 15:12 And he took away the **sodomites** out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

1Kings 22:46 And the remnant of the **sodomites**, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

2Kings 23:7 And he brake down the houses of the **sodomites**, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

Isa 1:9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as **Sodom**, and we should have been like unto **Gomorrhah**. 10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of **Sodom**; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of **Gomorrhah**. Spurgeon ‘So wicked were they, that, but for the faithful few, God would have cursed the land as he did the cities of the plain. Oh, wretched plight of a favoured people. **The Lord save our country from the same backsliding!**’ How relevant this is for us today!!

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to **dishonour their own bodies between themselves;** 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: **for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature;** 27 **And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly,** and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, **to do those things which are not convenient;**

1Timothy 1:10 For whoremongers, for **them that defile themselves with mankind,** for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine Robertson’s Word Pictures “**For abusers of themselves with men** (*arsenokoitais*). Late compound for sodomites. In N.T. only here and [1Co 6:9](#).”

2Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrhah** into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should **live ungodly;** 7 ¶ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the **filthy conversation of the wicked;** 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day

with **their unlawful deeds**;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve **the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.**

Jude 1:7 Even as **Sodom and Gomorrha**, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to **fornication**, and **going after strange flesh**, are set forth for an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

All sin is abhorrent to a holy God. However, in this paper we are dealing with the sin of sex between two men and two women. The sin of sexual activity between two men was once called sodomy after the city of Sodom and it was once against the law in most places. Today society has put their stamp of approval on this sin. Not only has this sin received the stamp of approval but those who commit such are allowed to participate in the sacred ritual of marriage.

However, laws may be made to condone such lifestyles but that does not mean the God of Heaven and earth accepts it.

So, now with this law passed by the New South Wales Parliament what does a Bible believing Christian do? Well, first sharing or preaching the Word of God is not therapy. Wiktionary defines conversion therapy as “The use of **psychiatric treatment** to change the **sexual orientation** of a person; used especially as an attempt to **heteronormalize homosexuals.**”

The Bible believing born again Christian is not using psychology but theology from the Creator of mankind. The problem in any sin is the heart. Mark 7:21 *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

Proverbs 23:7 *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..*

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.** Men may pass laws proclaiming sin is no longer sin BUT Bible believing Christians MUST obey God and His Word!

Romans 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** The GOOD NEWS is that God sent Jesus Christ to die for all sinners WHILE they were still sinners!

1Corinthians 6:9 ¶ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,** 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And **such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.** God saves a sinner no matter what that sin may be! That is what God did for those in the church at Corinth and that is still true today!

2Timothy 4:2 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and doctrine. Christians today MUST be faithful in proclaiming God's Word for Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Finally, God through His only begotten Son will save **any sinner** that will repent of their sins and turn by faith to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**