**There Is A Way Which Seemeth Right**

Prov 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

* Not everything that seems right to us religiously is right. The Bible tells us what is right – John 17:17.
* Taking the “seems right” route leads to death – spiritual death.

I had a listener Doug who wrote me this week …

The "Reformation Project" … is run by a really nice young Christian man who happens to be gay. I met him in Portland, Oregon last year when I went to hear him speak at a local church.

So we have gays speaking in many local churches these days. Do they speak where you go to church?

The OT law said in Lev 18:22-23 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

The purpose of the organization is to work for acceptance of gay Christians in the general church body.

Gays are being accepted in the general church body. Are they accepted where you go to church?

Romans 1:24,26-27 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves ... 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: 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 recompense of their error which was meet.

I read all of the information that you sent to me, but I am still in support of same-sex marriage.

Many so called Christians are in support of same-sex marriage.

Matthew 19:4-5 Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

I do not believe it harms society when two people who love each other want to get married and share their lives together especially when they are Christians.

The question to them is whether or not something harms society, not whether or not the Bible condemns or condones the practice.

I Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers. Neither homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKVJ)

Gay marriage “seemeth right” to Doug (I do not believe it harms society), but God says “the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Another practice that evidently seems right to a lot of men, but the end thereof are the way of death is “women preachers.”

Most churches allow women to preach from the pulpit. Do they allow that where you go to church?

I Cor 14:34-35 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

I Tim 2:11-12 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Plain, isn’t it? This is another clear example of men doing what seems right to them, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

It seems right to the Catholic church to practice infant baptism, but when the eunuch asked about being baptized in Acts 8:36, Phillip replied “If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” Infants can’t believe, can they?

It seems right to many churches to practice sprinkling for baptism. They reason – why would it matter to God if we immersed or sprinkled? But Rom 6:4 says “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism,” and we all know what buried means.

Acts 20:7 talks about eating the Lord’s supper on the “first day of the week,” but men reason that if we eat the Lord’s Supper every week, it will become common place. We need to learn to ignore what seems right to us, and just follow God’s word.