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CHRISTMAS VIDEO - "IT'S CALLED CHRISTMAS"

I've added a link at the top of the Navigation Links to this video, and will leave it there until Christmas in case you want to share it with friends and family.

<http://christiangays.com/christmas.shtml>

Enjoy!

(Thanks Scev!)

EXCELLENT ARTICLE - "CROSSING LINES – ONE PERSON'S THOUGHTS ABOUT SAME-SEX BLESSINGS"

This is an article that I posted back in 2003 but I'm updating the website and had the chance to read it again. It inspired me, and I think it will inspire you too, especially if you have family who does not accept that you are gay.

Excerpt:

We all grow up being taught the conventional wisdom of our surroundings. I never knew anyone whom I could identify as being a homosexual until I was in college -- nice people didn't talk about that. On the other hand, early on I learned the language of ridicule.

There was a boy in our neighborhood named Tony. He was a bit younger than my buddies, but large for his age -- bigger than me. But Tony never played with us. We invited him, but he didn't want to. He preferred to play house. He had dolls and a playhouse. He got along great with the girls next door. We didn't get too close to all of that. There was something about it that made the rest of us guys nervous. So we made fun of Tony and called him sissy. One kid called him a "queer", so the rest of us did too, even though we didn't know what that meant.

We didn't know any better. Or did we? Somewhere inside, it felt wrong to tease him. Mostly we ignored him. That was easy. He was different.

Read this excellent article at http://christiangays.com/marriage/marble_line.shtml

ANOTHER ARTICLE - "THE STATE'S ROLE IN MARRIAGE"

Excerpt:

. . . marriage laws in most jurisdictions still require that women can only marry men and men can only marry women.

It's a peculiar law, when you think about it.

As Professor Les Green of York University pointed out in a recent lecture, most current marriage laws appear to discriminate on grounds of sexual orientation, but in fact they really discriminate on grounds of sex.

Although these laws prevent lesbians and gay men from marrying a person of the same sex, they do not prevent gays and lesbians from marrying altogether. After all, a lesbian can marry a man; a gay man can marry a woman. I know of a case where, for practical reasons, a lesbian married a gay man.

So gays and lesbians are already able to marry. Religious scruples and state surveillance have not prevented it. There is not - and should not be - a test of sexual orientation before marriage.

Again, this is an excellent article, written pre-legalized marriage in Canada, but still relevant to all countries that do not have legalized gay marriage yet. You can read the whole thing at <http://christiangays.com/marriage/overall1.shtml>

POWERFUL ARTICLE - "ADDRESS TO THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES"

Excerpt:

So, now that blacks and women can vote, and now that blacks and women have equal rights - you turn your hatred to homosexuals - and you still use your misguided reading of the Bible to justify your hatred.

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I realize that gay rights are not the same as civil rights - but I can guarantee you we are going in the wrong direction. I can not hide my skin color. In fact, in most of the South, people as pink as Rep. Wayne Smith were still Black by law if they had a great grandparent who was African. I was unable to attend an integrated and equally funded school until I got my Master of Laws degree. There were separate and unequal facilities for nearly everything.

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I got second-hand textbooks even worse than the kind you're trying to pass off on every public school student next year. I had to ride to school on the back of the bus. I had to quench my thirst from filthy coloreds-only drinking fountains. I had to enter restaurants from the kitchen door. I was banned from entering most public accommodations, even from serving on a jury.

I had to live with the fear that getting too uppity could get you killed - or worse. I know what third-class citizenship feels like. In my first term, one of my colleagues walked up and down this aisle muttering about how 'Nigras should be back in the field picking cotton' instead of picking out committees.

This is a POWERFUL message by a powerful woman. Read it at <http://www.christiangays.com/marriage/senfronia.shtml>

RESEARCH – PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY ON SAME-SEX PARENTING

The University of Memphis' GLBT Research Team is conducting a GLBT-affirmative study on Same-Sex Parenting, and we are looking for participants. The purpose of this study is to learn about the experiences of same-sex parents in relationship to legal parenting rights. We believe this research is important in advocating for parents to be fully recognized in their family role and to not be discriminated against in family concerns.

Participants must be 18 years or older, currently be in a relationship with the same-sex partner with whom they have planned and created a family, and have at least one child under the age of 18 living in their home. The study should take approximately 20 minutes to complete online and meets human subjects approval by our university Institutional Review Board.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jVp53YOXI6tNs1dgubIk_2bg_3d_3d

If you wish to see our past work, please read about our research on the effects of anti-GLBT amendments on GLBT individuals and their families, which is available on the American Psychological Association's website at <http://www.apa.org/releases/glbst-stress-1108.html>.

An overview of our research areas can be found on our school webpage at <http://www.memphis.edu/cepr/glbst-research.htm>.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our advocacy for same-sex parents and their families.

Sincerely,

Sharon Horne, Ph.D. & Heidi Levitt, Ph.D., Directors
GLBT Research Team, The University of Memphis

BANNER AD - "CALLING THE RAINBOW NATION HOME"

Many of you are familiar with the "**Directory of Welcoming Churches**" which has been compiled over the years by Rev Elaine Sundby. Now you can read Elaine's own story.

Am I going to hell because I am gay? Is homosexuality a sin? Should I remain celibate my entire life?

If you or someone you love is struggling with these issues, this book is for you. Follow Reverend Elaine Sundby's journey as she takes us on her personal quest for truth and self-acceptance - a path that eventually led her to enter the ministry. Reverend Sundby was determined to discover God's plan for her, and equally determined to do what was right in the eyes of God, without taking "the easy way out."

Simple to understand, yet rooted in spiritual truth, *Calling the Rainbow Nation Home* has the potential to heal - to heal the battered soul of the Christians who are struggling to reconcile their homosexuality with their faith, and to heal their relationships with those who love them and want to understand.

A new era is just beginning in the gay Christian community, as thousands begin to realize that God loves us all just as we are.

*Please click on the banner ad under the Navigation Links for "**Calling The Rainbow Nation Home**". <http://christiangays.com/>*

CHRISTIAN GAYS STORE - SPECIALS FOR CHRISTMAS

I'm clearing out some stock. Once it goes I won't be re-ordering these items, so now is your chance to pick up some great deals, just in time for Christmas. The Specials include baseball hats with embroidered pride fish or rainbow arch, rainbow pet leashes and collars (a subtle way to meet "family") while you're walking the dog, an old VHS video of Marsha Stevens in Concert (\$5), all her cassettes at \$3 each, t-shirts with embroidered rainbow "wave" for \$5, a few (mainly) size small "pride fish" embroidered t-shirts, and lots of music for \$5 and \$10.

Go to the main website at <http://christiangays.com/> On the right side of the page there is a green banner ad with Christmas lights that will take you to the "**Specials**" page when you click on it. If you decide that you'd like to buy something, please read the "**Store Home Page**" (link near the top of the page) at <http://christiangays.com/store/> for details of shipping costs, warning to AOL

users, etc.

FROM OUR TIDBITS PAGE

The word "homosexual" did not appear in the Bible until 1958.

It is strange that in our praying we seldom ask for a change in character, but always a change in circumstances.

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

*There are lots more on the **Tidbits** page at <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

God bless,
Mary

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