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NEW BOOKLET – "GAY AND CHRISTIAN? YES IT IS POSSIBLE!"

I've written a 20 page booklet suitable for printing to give away free to new subscribers to our Newsletter. It is roughly based on some articles that I've written previously, and constitutes the answers that I found when I was struggling to reconcile my sexuality with my Christianity. It's basically a primer on how it's possible to be both gay and Christian.

Since you are all already subscribed to get the newsletter I don't want you to miss out on it if you want it, so if you want me to send you a copy, please just send me a letter and **put in the subject line "free booklet"**. I'll reply, sending it as an attachment.

NEW – CHANGES TO CHAT ROOMS

For our regular chatters you will know that until recently, when you entered chat you were in the **Main Chat Room**. I have now changed that because of having the Bible Studies going every night of the week except Saturday, and because we are starting up two Youth Rooms. So now, instead of immediately being in the Main Chat Room, you will arrive in the **Lobby** and you will need to select the Room you wish to go into from the choices at the top of the page.

In most cases you will select **Main Chat Room**, but our young people will select **Ages 12 – 18** or **Ages 18 – 24**, and of course if you are coming in for Bible Study you will select the **Bible Study Room**.

The Main Chat Room is for those over 18 yo.

The **Ages 18 – 24 Room** is an optional room for our young people, should they choose not to be in the **Main Chat Room**. This room was created by special request.

NEW - CHAT ROOM FOR OUR YOUTH

Starting tomorrow (Friday), Jan (jayne1943) will be hosting a chat room for our young people aged 12 - 18. We are just getting this started but would like to eventually create a Social Group if we can find enough interested youth to come on a regular basis. In the meantime Jan will be able to give special one on one attention to those who come in.

We are very aware that there are sexual predators who may try to enter a chat room that is set up for Youth. For that reason the room is password protected and monitored by a responsible adult. Chat logs are reviewed and IP's recorded to assure their safety. Private messaging is not available except to moderators.

The Youth Chat Room will be open on **Monday** and **Friday** nights from

8:00 - 9:00 pm Eastern Time
7:00 - 8:00 pm Central Time
6:00 - 7:00 pm Mountain Time
5:00 - 6:00 pm Pacific Time

If you know of any young people who might wish to join us, please have them go to the **GLBTIQ Youth** link at <http://christiangays.com/youth.shtml> for instructions on how to get the password.

UPDATE - OF "DEFINITIONS" ARTICLE

Transman wrote a wonderful article with great information about gender identity, sexual orientation and intersex conditions. He has now updated it to include even more information regarding the words "male", "female", "man", and "woman".

A vital sentence that may seem obvious to many, but for others has not been considered is that "**Gender identity does not determine sexual orientation.**"

This is a very important article that I hope you will all read.

You'll find it at <http://christiangays.com/articles/definitions2.shtml>

(Thank you Transman!)

EXCELLENT ARTICLE - "Sin As The Closet, Grace As Coming Out: Rethinking Sin and Grace for LGBT People Today"

New EDS Faculty Member Writing for Huffington Post

Episcopal Divinity School is pleased to announce that Patrick Cheng, one of the school's recently appointed tenure track faculty members has been invited to be an official contributor to the religion section of the Huffington Post! Here's a link to his first post, from Tuesday, March 23:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-patrick-s-cheng-phd/sin-as-the-closet-grace-a_b_510437.html

Thanks Viator (Derek)!

NEW - FACEBOOK MUSIC VIDEO

Edward Moon has posted a fabulous video of the **Atlanta Gay Men's Choir** featuring **Alan Burrell** singing "**I Know Where I've Been**".

Give it a listen at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oshawa-ON/Christian-Gays/241807094094?v=wall>

Update on Christian Gays Facebook stats. We just started the page about 10 weeks ago and already have 854 Fans. The posts have been excellent with people sharing about their gay and gay-friendly churches, events, new CD's out, videos to watch, and sometimes just comments about what's going on in their lives. I'm so pleased that these are people that we might never have heard from. It's exciting to know that there are so many gay Christians out there!!!!

[NEW - SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE - QUEERBOOK.COM](http://www.queerbook.com/)

It's similar to Facebook but for Queers. This is YOUR place to blog, network, form groups and promote GLBT advocacy. NO PORN. NO SPAM. Period!

Check it out at <http://www.queerbook.com/>

[GAY POSITIVE CHURCH - IN HAZARD, KY](#)

Hazard is approximately 2 & 1/2 hours drive southeast of Lexington, KY. Some people in Hazard have formed a church where everyone is welcomed. They are not a gay church, nor do they actively promote gay events. They are strictly a church where all are welcome.

The congregation is predominantly straight but they do have some gay

members. They are trying to grow the church in a very anti-homosexual area and are looking for gays and non-gays who support gay rights to come and help them grow the church.

If you live in this area and are willing to get involved please contact Edith Baker at e.baker@moreheadstate.edu for more details.

SURVEY - NEEDS PARTICIPANTS

My name is Rebecca Hamblin and I am a graduate student in the Clinical Psychology department of the University of Mississippi. I am conducting a study on religion and well-being in the GLBT population along with my research advisor.

You are invited to participate in this endeavor to advance knowledge and understanding by sharing your experiences as a member of the GLBT community. Participation involves completing a 5-15 minute online survey. Participants should be 18 years or older and part of the GLBT community. The survey is anonymous and the study has been approved by the University of Mississippi's Institutional Review Board.

To participate in this study, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/reiglbt>

You are welcome to forward this announcement on any email list you may have, as well as inform those you know who may be interested in participating. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Ham

REMINDER – MON – FRI BIBLE STUDIES IN THE CHAT ROOM

We are off to a good start with our short mid-week Bible Studies from Mon – Fri at 6 pm Pacific, 7 pm Mountain, 8 pm Central & 9 pm Eastern.

The studies are only 15 – 20 minutes, presented by socko691 (John Moore) and then there is a Question and Answer period after for any who wish to stay on.

Go to the **Gay CHAT** link at the top of the website. Once in the **Lobby**, just change the Room at the top of the page to the **Bible Study Room**.

Hope to see you there.

And don't forget our regular **Sunday Night Bible Studies**.

*For more details check the link for **Bible Study** at http://christiangays.com/chat_study.shtml*

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Bible-books-maps.com is an online store that features Carta's publications – atlases, guidebooks, maps, reference books and digital products about the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Israel and the Middle East region throughout history, with emphasis on the biblical period.

For the complete collections go to the main Christian Gays website at <http://ChristianGays.com> and click on the banner ad under the navigation links.

JOKE

Patrick was driving up and down the parking lot desperately needing a

parking space. Finally he calls out to God, "Dear Lord", he says, "Please help me find a parking space soon. This meeting is very important and I can't be late. I'll give up me whiskey and attend confessions faithfully."

Then, right in the middle of his prayer, lo and behold, a parking space! Patrick replies, "Never mind God, I found one."

(Thanks Charlene!)

God bless,
Mary

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