

Subject: Coming in Sept - HOT Topics!

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NEW - HOT TOPICS!

In September we will be starting a new series in the Chat Rooms called "HOT TOPICS". I have created a new Room specifically for this purpose.

This Room is not for the faint of heart or puritans. We will be discussing such matters as Sodomy, Was Jesus a Eunich, Masturbation, Being Transgender, Domination and Submission, etc., and how these topics relate to Scripture and our daily lives as people of faith. These discussions will be led by Christians who may present different sides of the issues.

There will be no "right" or "wrong" perspectives, only individual beliefs about the topics.

Proper terminology will be used (no gutter language), and as always, respect for all posts will be enforced - i.e. You may present your own beliefs. You may NOT challenge anyone else's beliefs or attempt to prove that you are right, even using Scripture. Remember that Scripture must be understood in context, and a verse that be obvious to one person may not be "truth" to another.

This is to be a learning experience, and we may not like some of the things we will hear, but we WILL respect the person who is courageous enough to post.

Sunday nights @ 5 pm Pacific, 6 pm Mountain, 7 pm Central, 8 pm Eastern

Sept 12 - Is it OK to Masturbate? - Does Everyone Do It?

Sept 19 - Are you sure you are a Homosexual? How and when did you find out? (choice or born that way, etc)

Sept 26 - Domination/Submission, Sadism and Masochism, Bondage and

Discipline

More info can be found on the login page of **Gay Chat** (bottom of the page).

Please plan NOT to attend if you have a closed mind about these topics.

For those who wish to attend, please register in advance and check out the Chat Rooms so you have an idea what we're about.

Go to http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml#chat_info for info.

CHANGES TO CHAT – "MATURE CONVERSATION ROOM"

I originally created the "Mature (possibly explicit) Conversation" room for discussions that might offend some, such as the "Hot Topics" mentioned above. But Tommy and Jamie have been using it because they have a little trouble living up to our "decent language" requirements, and so I'm glad that it is being used for that purpose. They have a place to go where they don't have to worry about what they say.

Recently someone asked me about why I had created the room, and it has given me cause to reconsider my original purpose. I hold high standards for the Christian Gays website so that people can feel safe here. I want them to know that they can come to a decent chat room that will be about more than sex. I want them to be able to discuss the things that are causing them pain, and be a place where they can get answers for their questions – a place where they can come and know that they are not alone, and that we really do care about them. Christian Gays will always maintain that standard.

We want people to interact based on mutual interests, however there certainly are people who want a decent place to go, but who also want to interact with others who want to talk about sex. I want us to be a place for

them too.

For that reason I have still stated our standards on the main chat page, but have added that if people don't wish to abide by our standards they are free to use the "Mature Conversation" room. It will not be monitored for safety or conversation, and anyone who uses it is on their own. I pray this will meet a need that was not being met before, but without compromising our overall standards.

IT'S OFFICIAL – SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Many of you will know Rev John Brown from the Chat Rooms and Bible Study. I have asked him if he would be our "**Official Spiritual Leader**" and he has graciously accepted.

Over the years John and I have consulted on many issues that have arisen in the Chat Rooms. In 100% of the cases I have agreed completely with John's perception of things and how they should be handled.

John has a wealth of knowledge and a dedication to Christian Gays. We are so blessed to have him as part of the family.

If you want to chat with John or ask him questions re Scripture, you will find him in the chat rooms most nights.

If you'd like to know his history and **Ministerial Credentials** you will find them on his blogging pages at <http://christiangays.com/blog/johnbrown.php?blogid=27&archive=2010-05>

THANK YOU JOHN FOR UNDERTAKING THIS IMPORTANT POSITION!

NEW ARTICLE – WHAT ABOUT FORGIVENESS? - A NEW BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Excerpt:

Probably one of the most overused "to-dos" or mandates in the American church and Christian counseling is that of forgiving one another. When someone is struggling with some issue in life and there is a sense that another person has hurt or offended them, then what is commonly taught is that "You need to forgive them" before you can feel better or be healed. Granting forgiveness towards one who has hurt you can either come from your heart or your head. Where it comes from determines if it is life giving or lifeless.

. . . .

The Apostle Paul's words on this topic in the epistles are "forgive one another as God in Christ has forgiven you." Hmm...our forgiving one another will flow from us when we have experienced His forgiveness towards us. No more mandates or conditional responses on His part. We are forgiven!

Read the full Article by Thomas Gale at <http://christiangays.com/articles/forgiveness.shtml>

NEW PERSONAL STORY - "TRIBBLES AREN'T TROUBLE. LABELS ARE." by David Foreman

Excerpt:

Personality tests. You know the ones. Those like the "Myers-Briggs Type Indicator." Some people I know fall neatly into one category or the other. Me, not so much. In all those kinds of tests I took, I was usually all over the map. They've never really been able to classify me.

These tests seem to be designed to "pigeon-hole" people, and try to put them in neat little boxes. I've found that boxes, labels and "catch-phrases" *oversimplify* the vast complexity of our humanity. They also, to be sure, oversimplify the vast complexity of our sexuality.

Labels may be fine for canned goods, but not always for people.

*Read David's **Personal Story** at <http://christiangays.com/stories/tribbles.shtml>*

NEW TIDBIT – RE GAY MARRIAGE

This is the Footnote of David's Personal Story. I thought it was so relevant that I have included it as a new Tidbit.

I will say, even if you do believe the Bible is anti-gay (which I do not), that is no reason to oppose gay marriage. In the USA, you don't have to be a Christian to get married. You don't have to go to a church to get married. You don't have to believe in God to get married. Therefore, in this country, marriage is an act of the state. It is a legal contract. In the United States, marriage is not a religious right. It is a social institution. Just from a legal perspective, there is no reason to deny gay couples that legal avenue. Plus, since the divorce rate among evangelicals is as high or higher than the rest of the country, any talk from them about the sanctity of marriage is empty rhetoric, and laughably hypocritical.

~ David Foreman

*If you want to read more great "**Tidbits**" go to <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

NEW SONG – “ I WON’T BE WEARING WHITE” by James R Waddell

Hello all!!

My name is James R Waddell. I have written this song about [gay marriage](#) and I want to share it with as many people as I can. I think it's message is needed in our world. I live in [Great Falls, Mt](#) and Gay Marriage isn't even an issue here, but if our side has victory in other places in the world, then the sooner there will be equality for all! This song is a time capsule of how I felt with regards to prop 8 and the rulings of the last few weeks! I hold out hope, but for now... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hC-06ygrY-o>

Thank you for your time. Feel free to share this with anyone who will listen and be ministered to...

James R Waddell

MORNING MOTIVATION

When I woke up this morning lying in bed,
I was asking myself;
What are some of the secrets of success in life?
I found the answer right there, in my very room.

The Fan said ... Be cool
The Roof said ... Aim high
The Window said ... See the world
The Clock said ... Every minute is precious
The Mirror said ... Reflect before you act
The Calendar said ... Be up to date
The Door said ... Push hard for your goals
And not to forget, the Carpet said ... Kneel down and pray

Carry a Heart that Never Hates.

Carry a Smile that Never Fades.
Carry a Touch that Never Hurts..

HAVE A PURPOSEFUL DAY IN THE LORD!

'God Blesses Us To Be A Blessing Unto Others'

(Thanks Jack!)

GOOD ADVICE

ONE . Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully .

TWO . Marry a man/woman you love to talk to . As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other .

THREE . Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want .

FOUR . When you say, 'I love you,' mean it .

FIVE . When you say, 'I'm sorry,' look the person in the eye .

SIX . Be engaged at least six months before you get married .

SEVEN . Believe in love at first sight .

EIGHT . Never laugh at anyone's dreams . People who don't have dreams don't have much .

NINE . Love deeply and passionately . You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely .

TEN . In disagreements, fight fairly . No name calling .

ELEVEN . Don't judge people by their relatives .

TWELVE . Talk slowly but think quickly .

THIRTEEN . When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, 'Why do you want to know?'

FOURTEEN . Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk .

FIFTEEN . Say 'bless you' when you hear someone sneeze .

SIXTEEN . When you lose, don't lose the lesson .

SEVENTEEN . Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions .

EIGHTEEN . Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship .

NINETEEN . When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it .

TWENTY . Smile when picking up the phone . The caller will hear it in your voice .

TWENTY- ONE . Spend some time alone .

(Thanks Jack!)

God bless,
Mary

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