

Oh No! What Will We Do? By Carl McMurray

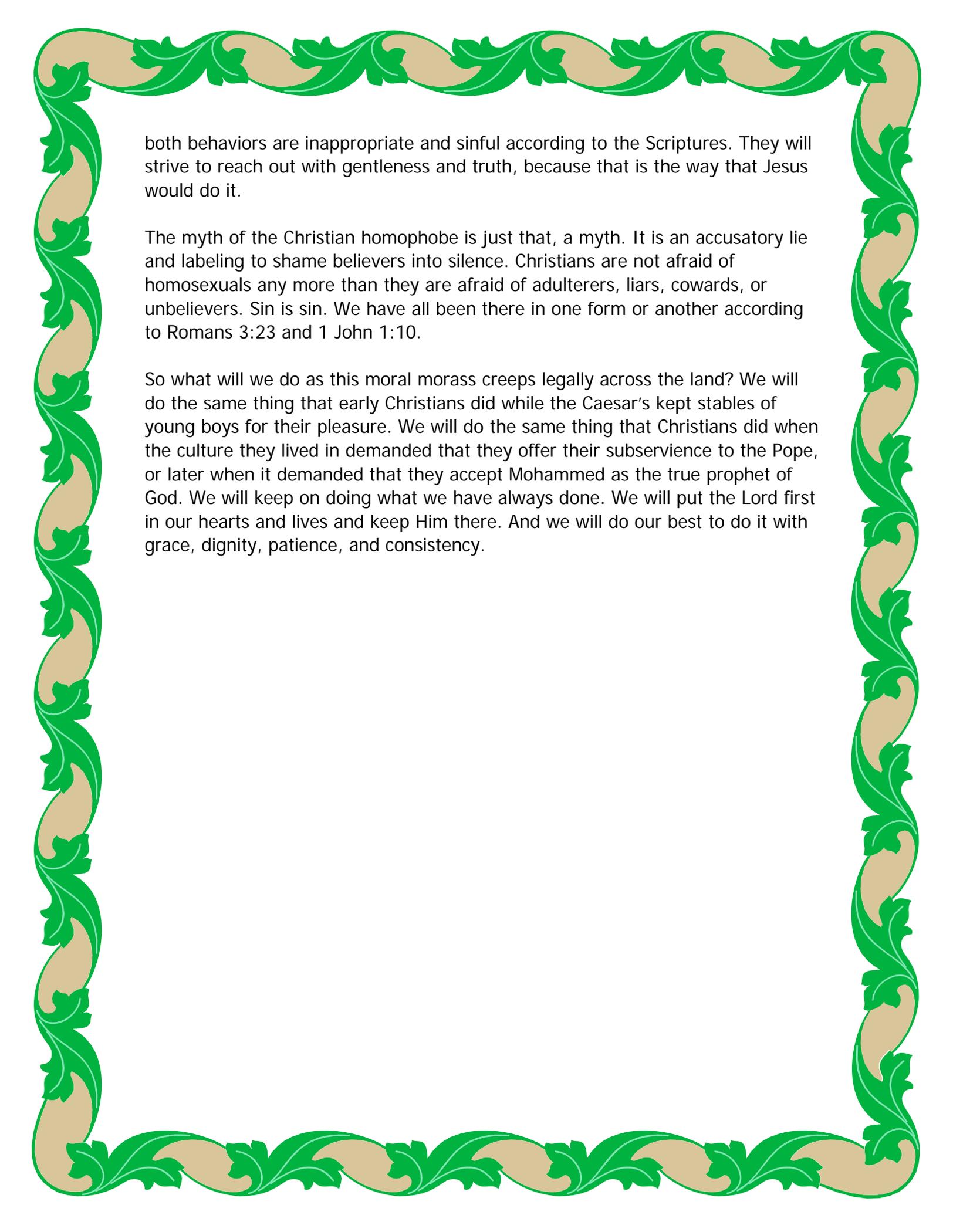
I bet you never thought California would fall behind in the mad race to promote homosexuality did you? Yet here it is. The day has come. The Senate in Vermont voted last week, 26-4, to approve a bill that would do away with civil unions in favor of "marriage" for gay and lesbian couples. The same AP article said that Gov. Jim Douglas hasn't committed to whether he would veto the bill or not. If the legislature passes it, and if the governor chooses not to veto it, Vermont will become the third state in these not so United States to legalize homosexual "marriages," right behind Massachusetts and Connecticut.

I expect to see family organizations and legal defense funds awash in horror and emailing like mad to raise money to fight this terrible wave of immorality. And that's alright. I'm glad to live in a culture where some are still offended by this practice, offended by liberal lawmakers who continue to force this issue, and feel free enough to stand up and oppose it publicly. Kudos to them for their courage.

However, while watered-down, modern-day, pretend-to-be-Christians play politically correct games of tolerance and acceptance and smile I'm-better-than-you smiles, what will real New Testament Christians do? What will sincere believers do who have committed themselves to trusting the word of God on this subject as well as all others? Will real marriage be lost to us? Will our children be forever damaged beyond repair? Here is my conclusion.

Real Christians will just keep on doing what Christians have always done. No matter what Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, or California does, or any number of other states for that matter; Christians have a higher citizenship in another nation. Romans the first chapter will still continue to call homosexuality unnatural, impure, and indecent, depending upon which version you happen to be reading from. 1 Corinthians the sixth chapter will still remind us that those practicing such things have no part in the kingdom (no matter how many women preachers and homosexual priests tell us differently). A greater prophet than these has assured us that heaven and earth may pass away, but not His word.

New Testament Christians will just keep on doing what they have always done. Teaching their families and modeling to their associates the standards of right and wrong that God has directed us in. They will stand ready to help the homosexual leave his sin with dignity and tender forgiveness and real acceptance. They will not panic at the homosexual marriage reception up the block anymore than they panic at the drunken revelry down the street. They will simply teach their children that



both behaviors are inappropriate and sinful according to the Scriptures. They will strive to reach out with gentleness and truth, because that is the way that Jesus would do it.

The myth of the Christian homophobe is just that, a myth. It is an accusatory lie and labeling to shame believers into silence. Christians are not afraid of homosexuals any more than they are afraid of adulterers, liars, cowards, or unbelievers. Sin is sin. We have all been there in one form or another according to Romans 3:23 and 1 John 1:10.

So what will we do as this moral morass creeps legally across the land? We will do the same thing that early Christians did while the Caesar's kept stables of young boys for their pleasure. We will do the same thing that Christians did when the culture they lived in demanded that they offer their subservience to the Pope, or later when it demanded that they accept Mohammed as the true prophet of God. We will keep on doing what we have always done. We will put the Lord first in our hearts and lives and keep Him there. And we will do our best to do it with grace, dignity, patience, and consistency.