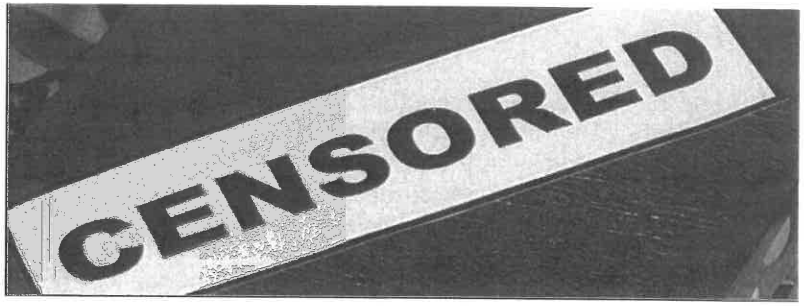

Lesson: 1
Title: A Criminalized Gospel

Text: Assorted Texts
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"_____"

Conversion therapy is a blanket term aimed at changing or curing an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Canada - Bill C-4

Bill C-4 passed through the House and the Senate without opposition. Not a single dissenting vote was cast by any member of the conservative party. It received Royal Assent on December 8, which means it will come into Law after January 8, 2022. The Bill will amend the Criminal Code in Canada to ban conversion therapy. It will criminalize, among other things, "causing another person to undergo conversion therapy; promoting or advertising conversion therapy."

In the Preamble of the Bill, it says that the belief that "heterosexuality, cisgender gender identity and gender expression that conforms to the sex assigned to a person at birth are to be preferred over other sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions" **is a "MYTH."**

The definition is intentionally broad, and it can clearly be used against any preacher or elder who either speaks against homosexuality/transgenderism or who counsels a person to obey Christ and abandon their homosexual/ transgender actions and lifestyle. This means as of January 8, 2022, it will be **against the law** to preach, teach, or counsel regarding God's design for marriage and sexuality.

"Everyone who knowingly causes another person to undergo conversion therapy – including by providing conversion therapy to that other person – is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to **imprisonment** for a term of not more than five years." Similarly, "Everyone who knowingly promotes or advertises conversion therapy is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years."

The city council of West Lafayette, Indiana is considering Ordinance No. 31-21

It will make it illegal for unlicensed counselors to counsel minors on human sexuality in a way that conflicts with LGBT ideology.

The penalty will be $1,000 per day.

"adulterers" - Sexual relations outside marriage.

"effeminate" - Passive partner in a homosexual relationship.

"homosexuals" - Active partner in the relationship.

11 Such were some of you; but you **WERE WASHED**, but you **WERE SANCTIFIED,** but you **WERE JUSTIFIED** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Discussion guide

1. What is Conversion Therapy and why is the banning of its practice so threatening to Christianity?

2. What do you believe is the prevailing attitude among believers toward same-sex attraction and gender fluidity?

3. In what ways do same-sex attraction and gender fluidity assault God?

4. What influence do you think culture has had on our understating of sexual perversion?

5. If you had to summarize today's sermon in one sentence what would it be?

ANSWERS: Conversion Therapy, lies, Biblical, LGBTQ, assigned, XY, XX, marriage, procreation, national

Faith Church in Lafayette

The ordinance reads "The City of West Lafayette, Indiana has a compelling interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of minors, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender from exposure to the serious harms and risks caused by conversion therapy or reparative therapy by unlicensed persons."

Dr. Steve Viars, "We're not fighters. We're not people who are just looking to get into it with somebody. We want to love our community and biblical counseling is one of the ways that we've chosen to do that."

"Legislation like the one we are facing would criminalize speech rooted in deeply held religious convictions.

The devil has convinced secularists of two _____.

1. That _____ teaching is "Conversion Therapy."

2. That Christian theology is more dangerous than _____ ideology.

Homosexuality and transgenderism are destructive.

Genesis 1:27–28 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; **male** and **female** He created them.

Harmful effects of gender confusion:

1. **It harms our image bearing capacity that God _____ to us at birth.**

Genesis 1:27–28 God created man in His own **IMAGE**, in the **IMAGE** of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27–28 **GOD CREATED** man in His own image in the image of God **HE CREATED** him; male and female **HE CREATED** them. _+___ _____

What about homosexuality under grace?

Romans 1:26–27 For this reason God gave them over to **degrading passions**; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is **unnatural**, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing **indecent acts** and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Where is the hope?

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

All unbelievers are "unrighteous"

Do not be deceived;

neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

Out of ten sins the Holy Spirit chose four sexual sins.

"fornicators" - Any person indulging in sexual practices who refused to conform to sexual moral standards.

4 And I will make mere lads their princes, And capricious children will rule over them,

"lads" "children"

8 For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, Because their speech and their actions are against the Lord, To rebel against His glorious presence. 9 The expression of their faces bears witness against them, And **they display their sin like Sodom;** They do not even conceal it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. 10 Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

What was the penalty for homosexuality?

Leviticus 20:13 'If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

What about transgenderism?

Deuteronomy 22:5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

What about physical sex changes?

Deuteronomy 23:1"No one who is emasculated or has his male organ cut off shall enter the assembly of the Lord.

28 God **BLESSED** them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. It destroys the institution of _____.

3. It terminates _____.

"be fruitful and multiply"

Culture has a powerful effect on the way we think.

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

"captive"

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Romans 12:2 is an extremely important in the war against gender and sexual orientation

Romans 12: 2 And do not be conformed to this world,

but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sexual perversion brings _____ punishment.

Leviticus 18:22–30 'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. 23 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be **DEFILED** with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.

24 'Do not **DEFILED** yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the **nations** which I am casting out before you have become **DEFILED**. 25 'For the land has become **DEFILED**, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. 26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you 27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become **DEFILED**);

28 so that the land will not spew you out, should you **DEFILE** it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you. 29 'For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people. 30 'Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to **DEFILE** yourselves with them; I am the Lord your God.' "

What does God's judgment look like when a nation defiles itself?

First God is gracious to give warning.

Isaiah 2:22 Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed?

Isaiah 3:1 For behold, the Lord God of hosts is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah Both **SUPPLY** and **SUPPORT,** the whole supply of bread And the whole supply of water;

He removes virtuous leaders.

Isaiah 3:2–3 The mighty man and the warrior, The judge and the prophet, The diviner and the elder, 3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man, The counselor and the expert artisan, And the skillful enchanter.