

More to the editor

All have sinned at one time

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor entitled "No Gay Christians."

I'd like to first look at what 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. It points out that homosexuality is a sin, but it is only one sin, along with a list of others. The passage mentions that homosexuality, sexual immorality, thievery, drunkenness, and greed are all sin. We have all sinned, and probably have committed one of the above sins.

But forgiveness of sin is available as the Apostle Paul points out in verse 11:

"And that is what some of you were, (the Corinthian Christians) But you were washed (forgiven)....justified (shown to be just before God) IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD. The Corinthian Christians had received forgiveness for their sins, and were made just before God through Jesus Christ.

I would like to explain how they received that forgiveness. The Bible says in Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death". But Christ had received the punishment, wages, and death for their sin, and offered them forgiveness and peace with God if they would just reach out and take it.

Col. 1:20 says "...For Christ's death on the cross has made

peace with God for all through His blood on the cross."

All they had to do to "validate" the forgiveness offered to them, was to ask to be forgiven, and ask Christ to come into their hearts.

Acts 3:9 says "Repent therefore and return, that your sins be wiped away". John 1:11 "Some did accept Him and believed in Him; so He gave them the right to become God's Children." The Bible is full of passages that explain those same principals over and over, so that people today, as well as people back in New Testament times might know how they can be forgiven.

However, being forgiven does not give out the "license to sin". In Romans 6:1-2 Paul warns Christians about willfully continuing in sin.

"What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning that our grace may increase? By no means, we have died to sin, how can we live in it any longer?"

John 14:6 Jesus said "if anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching".

God holds a Christian accountable for his sin, though God has forgiven it. A Christian has the power of the Holy Spirit to help overcome sins. A habitual sin may be hard to conquer, but

through prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit, a deep sin can be overcome. Sometime the change will come right away, but usually it takes faith over a long period of time. A Christian should be striving to be obedient.

I believe that Christians cannot condemn a homosexual or any other person who sins. We can love people without loving sin, because we all sin. But we must point out what sin is. (By the way have you ever seen us hitting ASWSU up for funds to help "educate" people to our lifestyle or morality?) I believe that if we don't point sin out, a person will never know how Christ can blot out sin, and give him victory over it.

Many people don't understand what a Christian really is. It is stated many times in the Bible in verses and passages like the ones I have pointed out. I encourage people to grab an understandable translation of the Bible and check it out for themselves.

And for Christians I can only say...."Christians aren't perfect...just forgiven."

— peter a. pasquale

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More about S.A. letter

I am writing in response to the letter by Gary Newly in last Thursday's Evergreen concerning my comments at the Social Responsibility Committee meeting.

Mr. Newly thinks the pursuit of profit is the highest principle in modern society. He thinks that America's profit making has enabled this country to "feed the world, provide foreign aid even to its enemies, and provide the technological and engineering advances which have raised the living standard of the entire world". Such remarks are regrettable in that they illustrate an ignorance regarding U.S. foreign policy that Mr. Newly shares with a large proportion of the student body at WSU.

Unfortunately U.S. technical assistance and aid has had very little effect in developing nations. Government files are jammed with reports of aid like automobiles where bicycles would be useful, or defoliation for farmland that causes erosion and flooding, and doesn't increase farm production. U.S. corporate investment in agriculture has promoted cash crops for export rather food people can eat.

Then we turn around and rig the prices so the selling country gets the short end of the deal.

Then we let our own surplus crops sit up in the Whitman County Grain Growers' silos and rot, because we can't cheat the poor nations again by obtaining what farmers call "parity" in prices.

The U.S. profit taking capacity has not been exported, because we would rather hoard the profits here at home, than really share our way of life. But people like Mr. Newly would need to

take a course in International Relations before they would grasp the role America plays in the world today.

His suggestions for a more humane society in South Africa display his need for political education graphically. Working with the companies in South Africa to change their employment policies will do no good as long as racial separation is "legal".

The Afrikanes government which makes businesses comply with its racist policies in order to be there, is the real culprit. So the businesses must convince the government to change. Rather than state my feelings about the chances for U.S. corporations influencing the South African government, I'll say read some of the history and assess that for yourself.

The second suggestion imploring Blacks to seize their own freedom is a process well under way, and in fact is a good reason to support divestment. The bloodbath would be diminished if this country did not put all the weapons of destruction in South Africa's hands. The young Blacks in the townships of South Africa today are ready to die for freedom. Fewer will die if our banks would quit propping up the South African government with loans, and our corporations would cease the business activities that give South Africa the largest gross national product in Africa.

In conclusion I would like to say that COMSSAF is willing to provide educational materials for anyone wishing to learn about the problem of South Africa. Call me at 335-6718 before 5:00 p.m., or COMSSAF at 332-1278, anytime.

— damani obafemi



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