# Homosexual Partnerships and the Socio-economic Implications on the Kingdom of God

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This article delineates homosexual-partnerships and the socio-economic implications on the Kingdom of God. The alarming lust in activists and advocates of homosexual partnerships has myriads of destructive effects on themselves as well as the entire human race. Through homosexual partnerships, people contract sexually transmitted diseases like deadly HIV/AIDS and other terminal conditions that are the root causes of premature death, deficiency in procreation, bouts of hyper depression, and drug addiction among other hazardous socioeconomic issues. The Creator of humanity and initiator of marriage sticks to His divine counsel and pattern of marital partnerships as consisting of relationships between a man and a woman (Gen. 1:26-27, 2:24, Matt. 19:5). Regrettably, divine procreation through heterosexual monogamous partnership (husband man) and (wife-woman) is philosophized by practitioners and advocates of homosexual partnerships as inhumane infringement on their human rights. Obsessed with excruciating lust and vainglory, homosexual activists and their campaigners are a menace to the society and aggressive assailants of the Kingdom of God.

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#### Introduction

The alarming rate of socio-economic devastation meted on the Kingdom of God by homosexual partnerships is unprecedented. Globalization of this depraved phenomenon calls on the Church, politicians, the academy, other corporate bodies as well as individuals to stand against the spread of homosexuality in the quest to restore sanity and sanctity to heterosexuality as ordained by God.

Homosexual partnerships are sexual relationships between same sex—thus, either male and his male counterpart, a female and her female counterpart and other immoral sexual orientations. Homosexuality is the initiator of the term LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender).

L-Lesbianism is the sexual partnership between two females...lesbianism which is less common than male homosexuality reaches orgasm through masturbation, oral sex, and mutual rubbing of clitoris. Practitioners are known as lesbians.<sup>3</sup> G- Gay is homosexual relationship between two males. Gay couples "achieve orgasm in various ways, including oral sex, mutual masturbation and penetration. Each partner may adopt particular roles in the partnership (either active or passive) but more often the roles are interchangeable" B-Bisexualism refers to people who experience sexual attraction to members of either sex<sup>5</sup> T-Transsexualism is a rare disorder in which a person feels persistently uncomfortable about his or her anatomical sex, and wishes to live as a member of the opposite sex....Features associated with transsexualism include personality disorder, alcohol dependence, anxiety, depression, and work problems. In many transsexuals, sexual drive is quite low" "The fact that some homosexuals have multiple partners and high rates of sexual activity has placed them at high risk of sexual transmitted diseases; it was in homosexual men that the virus responsible for AIDS was first identified" AIDS is "a deficiency of the immune system due to infection with HIV (human immunodeficiency

Encyclopedia. (Westmouth: The Reader's Digest Association (Canada) Ltd., 1992). 635.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Peter Morgan, The Canadian Medical Association: Home Medical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 544.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 902.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 1009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 544.

virus" Methods of transmission – HIV has been isolated from blood, semen, saliva, tears, nervous system, tissue, breast milk, and female genital tract secretions. However, only semen and blood have been proven to transmit infections. Transmission is by sexual contact (penis to anus, vagina, or mouth), blood to blood (through transfusions or needle sharing in drug users), and from woman to fetus" <sup>9</sup>

In view of the foregoing, the researchers of this article deem it very paramount to create the awareness so governments of Ghana and other nations, churches and other religious organizations, academic institutions (kindergarten to tertiary), traditional leaders and other stake holders are adequately informed about the extent of jeopardy homosexual partnerships have on the Kingdom of God and on society to finally seek global remedies to annihilate homosexuality from the human race. Though there are some articles and books on homosexual partnerships, there are few on the magnitude of damage and implementable suggestions to minimize if not eradicate this detestable phenomenon from the lives of humanity and reverse God's judgment on homosexual activists and advocates. Also, this article seeks to explore the gravity of implications homosexual partnerships have on the Kingdom of God, and make Bible based recommendations that will obstruct the alarming rate of recruiting new activists into this heinous lustful activity. Finally, this article will serve as an informational podium for research by the government of Ghana, and other nations, Churches, other religious bodies, the academy and other corporate bodies to educate all rational beings to abstain from homosexuality.

#### The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is God's rule or reign over the universe. Hence, every kingdom throne, power, authority, dominion and name are subject to God and His Kingdom. Both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament the term "kingdom" (*malkut*) and (*basilei*) is understood as dynamic in nature and refers primarily to the rule or reign of a king. It is seldom used in a static sense to refer to a territory. As a result, in the vast majority of instances it would be better to translate the expression "kingdom of God" as the "rule of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 76.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Morgan, "The Canadian," 76.

God"<sup>10</sup> Though the phrase the Kingdom of God is not spelt out in the Old Testament, the concept of God as King and His kingly rule are very obvious.

The sovereign rule of God involves ownership and authority of His own universe. As King of God's Kingdom His kingship transcends all ages, times [and seasons], all nations including Israel creation, and all events according to His sovereignty. His kingdom has no boundaries, nor limitations to space and time. The Old Testament describes God as an eternal King: "The Lord is King forever" (Ps. 10:16)... The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his sovereignty rules over all "12 for "the earth is the LORD'S and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Ps. 24:1 NKJV).

It is worth emphasizing that the term "the Kingdom of God" is synonymous to "the Kingdom of Heaven". G. Ladd asserts that the two terms have linguistic variations within the same idea. In a more elaborative way, He further narrates that "the Kingdom of God" occurs four times in Matthew (12:28; 19:24; 21:31; 21:43), fourteen times in Mark, thirty-two times in Luke, twice in John (3:3, 5), six times in Acts, eight times in Paul, once in Revelation (12:10). Thus, the term the Kingdom of God appears seventy- seven times in the New Testament Cannon. Christians [born again believers in Christ Jesus] believe that a personal being [Being] existed before time and space. This unique Being spoke the words "Let there be..." and by the power of His will all that exists came into being (Genesis 14 1:3). Hence, God is the unique Designer of all that exists within the universe.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> G R Beasley-Murray, The Kingdom Of God in The Teaching Of Jesus, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 35/1, (1992):19-30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> David Kwadwo Okai, "The Kingdom of God is Spiritual Warfare: A Win War of God and Believers In His Son Jesus Christ" (PhD diss., Louisiana Baptist University, 2013), 3-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Rick Love, *Muslims, Magic, and the Kingdom of God.* (Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2000), 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> G Ladd, "Kingdom of Christ, God, Heaven,"in: W A Elwell, ed., *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999), 607

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell, *The Unshakable Truth: How You Can Experience The 12 Essentials Of A Relevant Faith* (Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2010),
 54.

In God's perfect plan, He designed procreation through heterosexual monogamous partnerships as the sole premise to populate the earth with humanity who would in turn advance the Kingdom of God. Regrettably, homosexual partnerships are aggressively opposed to multiplication of the human race by procreation through heterosexual partnerships. Undoubtedly, these and other unforeseen setbacks pose as serious threat against the plan of God for humanity. It is pertinent to state that whatever goes on contrary in the universe is violation of God's will - implications on the Kingdom of God.

## Satan—the initiator and inventor of homosexual partnerships

Satan is an ancient and extremely treacherous foe.<sup>15</sup> The word Satan is used about fifty-five times in the New Testament.<sup>16</sup> The devil [another name of Satan] is many-sided and versatile demagogue. To the psychologist he says, "I will give you knew knowledge and understanding." He confronts the religionist and the moralist with a mask of integrity and promises them the very best from heaven. And finally to the rationalist and the liberalist he says, "I am not there. I do not exist…" <sup>17</sup>Satan is not a tribal idol, but a global god. Jesus calls him the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31, NKJV), and Paul calls him "the god of this age" (II Corinthians 4:4, NKJV).

John Piper advocates that the supernatural monster who orchestrates the kidnapping, enslaving, and thousand-fold drugging, selling, raping, and killing of girls around the globe is the same one who has masterminded the murderous cultural delusion — from the highest court to the lowest porn-flick— that the practice of sodomy [and all sorts of abhorring sexual partnerships] is delightful, not deadly. <sup>18</sup>As a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44c, NKJV), Satan entices his victims through deception, tempts them with sugar-coated lies, and prompts his captors to compromise the infallible Word of God.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Francis Frangipane, *The Three Battlegrounds: An In-depth View of Three Arenas In Spiritual Warfare: The Mind, the Church, and Heavenly Places* (Cedar Rapids: Arrow Publications, 2012), 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Tony Evans, *The Battle is the Lord's: Waging Victorious Spiritual Warfare* (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1998),157.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> K. Kosh, *The Devil's Alphabet* (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1971), 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> John Piper, *Satan and Sodom, Understated And Inflammatory Words*, (2013) http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/satan-and-sodomy (accessed 15/5/2016).

Satan uses his subjects to defend his wicked deeds against themselves and others [humanity]. Even some members of the clergy as well as their adherents are activists and advocates of this cancerous practice of homosexuality. <sup>19</sup>Lyle Dorsett classifies such act of religious jargon as "Christianity-and-water" He further states that the view of Christianity and- water simply says there is a good God in Heaven and everything is all right—leaving out all the difficult and terrible doctrines about sin and hell and the devil. <sup>20</sup>This fallacy is orchestrated by Satan—the initiator and inventor of homosexual infidelity.

## Sexual partnerships as practiced by irrational beings

It is not abnormal to deduce that there is not single specie among irrational beings (beasts) that practices homosexuality. Therefore, the authors of this article advocate firmly that animals that have sexual organs procreate through heterosexuality. If irrational beings do not practice samesex copulation, then it is not appropriate in the eyes of God that some rational beings (humanity) sink deep into homosexual infidelity (activists and advocates).

## Biblical hermeneutics of sexual partnership—heterosexual partnership

Biblical marriage [sexual partnership] is between a biological male and a biological female...God created "male and female" (Gen. 1:27, NKJV) and commanded them to "be fruitful and increase in number" (Gen. 1:28, NKJV). Natural production [prescribed divine plan for procreation] is possible only through male and female union. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, it is incumbent to advocate that sexual intercourse is prohibited, abnormal, and sinful beyond the confines of a husband (man) and wife (woman).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> David Kwadwo Okai, *The Kingdom of God Is Spiritual Warfare: You Cannot Escape This Battle, But You Can Triumph Through Faith In Christ Jesus* (Maitland: Xulon Press, 2014), 60.

Lyle Dorsett, The Essential C. S Lewis: The Most Representative And Complete Anthology Of One Of This Century's Most Renowned Theologians, Novelist, And Literary Critics (New York: Collier Books Macmillan Publishing Company, 1988), 312.
 Norman Geisler, Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options (Grand

Rapids: Baker Academic, 2010), 299-300.

The act of marriage is that beautiful and intimate relationship shared uniquely by a husband [man] and wife [woman] in the privacy of their love—and it is sacred. In a real sense God designed them for that relationship. <sup>22</sup>A vivid and rampant illustration will help in this instance. An atmosphere of mockery and naivety surface whenever a toddler wears a left shoe with the right leg and vice versa. Anyone who sees the particular toddler coming with such scornful posture coupled with very uncomfortable steps deduces the lightmindedness of the "poor" toddler. But blessed is the toddler who takes the parent's counsel and wears the shoes appropriately. The blessedness and appropriateness of sex in heterosexual partnership is noteworthy;

Additional evidence of God's blessing on this sacred relationship appears in the charming expression used to describe the act of marriage between Adam and Eve in Genesis 4:1: ["And Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain, She said, "With the help of the LORD, I have brought forth a man (NIV)]. What better way is there to describe this sublime, intimate interlocking of mind, heart, emotions, and body in a passionately eruptive climax that engulfs the participants in a wave of innocence relaxation that thoroughly express their love? The experience is a mutual "knowledge" of each other that is sacred, personal, and intimate. Such encounters were designed by God for mutual blessing and enjoyment. <sup>23</sup>

Timothy Keller cleverly portrays a vivid picture on sexual partnership;

First, sex was given to men and women to enable whole *life covenant bonding*. God made sex to be a commitment deepener— a way to say to someone else "I belong completely to you." Therefore it is only for use inside marriage, where it is designed to operate as a way to constantly renew, remake and re-energize your covenant with love and joy so it does not grow old or cold. Second, the purpose of sex and marriage is

Love (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976), 11.

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$  Tim La<br/>Haye and Beverly La Haye, The Act Of Marriage: The Beauty Of Sexual

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> LaHaye and LaHaye, "The Act of Marriage," 15.

the reunion of the complementary but separate genders. Men and women each have distinct glories and we need one another. Marriage is the primary (though not only) place where those glories are blended and we are profoundly enriched. The third purpose of sex is the participation in life creation....the biblical vision for the union of the different genders in marriage is one of its main themes. It is everywhere. The book of Genesis (1-3) along with Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce (e.g. Matthew 19:3-9) presents marriage between a man and a woman as the only divinely designed place for sexual relations. And throughout the Bible heterosexual marriage is the human construct most often used to reveal truths about God's relationship to his people (As in Ephesians 5:23-32). The Bible begins with a wedding between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:22-25) and ends with one (Revelation 19:9; 21:1-9). <sup>24</sup>

behave Christianity to show goodness as it will be the proof of goodness in the good news. The cry of those who suffer, need to be heard and if they are The Christian Holy Bible is the inspired written revelation of the God of creation—the God of His Kingdom. This biblical truth makes the Christian Holy Bible a dominant resource for research on every discipline or topic about the Kingdom of God. Heterosexual partnership is; companionship (Gen.2:18), love and pleasure (Eccl. 9:9), bond of unity (Gen. 2:24), an antidote to curb fornication and adultery (I Cor. 7:1-2), and ultimate premise to procreate (Gen. 1:28).

## Socio-economic implications on the Kingdom of God

Abhorrent to God, invites divine judgment upon practitioners and advocates

God the Creator of the universe has standards that humanity must obey and enjoy the divine blessing. Violation of God's precepts invites His judgment upon violators. One of the numerous abhorrent practices is homosexuality. Ed Murphy says; homosexuality is categorically prohibited by God in the

http://www.timothykeller.com/blog/2013/10/4/christianity-and-homosexualitya-review-of-books (accessed 15/5/2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Timothy Keller, (2016),

Old Testament laws governing the sexual life of his [His] people (Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Deut. 23:18). It is called "abomination" five times in Leviticus 18 (22, 26, 27, 29, 30). In Leviticus 20:13 it is called "a detestable act…It was so detestable a sin in the eyes of God that death by stoning was the punishment inflicted on its practitioners" (Lev. 20:13). Contrary to God's plan to fill the earth with people through heterosexual partnerships (Gen. 2:27-28, Geisler 2010, 289) some men in Sodom unashamedly practiced homosexuality (Gen. 19). Other biblical events that condemn homosexual infidelity are Lev. 18:22-23, Deut. 23:17-18, Judges 19:22-25, I Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46, 2 Kings 23:7.

Jesus Christ preached and taught about the abhorrence and prohibition of homosexuality (Lk. 10:12). Other New Testament passages that condemn homosexuality are; Rom. 1:18-32, I Cor. 6:9-19, I Tim. 1:8-11, Jude 7-8. The impure and indecent practices of homosexuality invite God's judgment on all practitioners and advocates (Matt. 11:23-24, Rev. 21:8). <sup>26</sup>

## Deprivation of the sanctity of sexual relationship

God intended the acts of heterosexual partnership to be the most sublime adventure a husband (biologically male) and a wife (biologically female) would enjoy on the planet earth. It is prudent to mention that men and women are complimentary in myriads of ways to each other, and that these complimentary variations are the basis for heterosexual marriage. Adam complimented God's gift to him (his wife Eve) with a warm hearted affirmation; "This is now bone of my bones. And flesh of my flesh, She shall be called Woman. Because she was taken out of Man" (Gen. 2:23, NKJV).<sup>27</sup> Homosexual partners deprive themselves of such affection, reciprocal love from each partner, and sanctity in sexual relationships. God deems it very appropriate for heterosexual partners to have sex with uniquely designed joy. On the contrary, homosexual practitioners do not enjoy that exceptional communion of warmth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Ed Murphy, *A Handbook For Spiritual Warfare*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Inc., 2003), 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Geisler, "Christian Ethics," 298.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Deborah Newman, *Then God Created Woman: Finding Fulfilment As The Woman God Intended You To Be* (Colorado Springs: Focus On The Family Publishing, 1997), 47.

through sex. The question of how homosexual activists genuinely make and experience bond sexual love is ridiculous and above human mind to comprehend. The best they can do is to camouflage their burning sensational lust. Thus, they exaggerate and pretend to attain satisfaction. Ignorantly on their part, they are being recruited to promote the escalating longing of theirs and Satan "who does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10a NKJV).

## Health hazard of practitioners

Various kinds of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are contracted through homosexual partnerships. Bacterial STDs include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Viral STDs include HIV, genital herpes, genital warts (HPV), and hepatitis B...The germs that cause STDs hide in semen, blood, vaginal secretions. Others are; syphilis, shigella, salmonella, amoebiasis, giardiasis, chlamydia, campylobacter. God designed the vagina and the muscles within a woman's pelvis for sexual intercourse, and because homosexuals do practice sex through the anus and rectum myriads of health hazard are experienced by practitioners. Sex through homosexuality leads to ulcers, inflammation, tearing of the muscles around the anus, and disruption in the rectum.

## \*Depopulation of the human race

In the plan of God, procreation of humanity is through heterosexuality. "And Adam knew his wife, and she became pregnant and bore him Cain, and she said, I have gotten and gained a man with the help of the Lord" (Gen. 4:1, AB). Thus, in the plan God procreation is divinely ordained through sexual intercourse between a husband (man) and his wife (woman)—heterosexuality.

In view of the foregoing, heterosexuality is very indispensable to the continuance of the human race. Multiplication or reproduction of human beings as instructed by God (Gen. 1:28) cannot be realized through same sex partnership. Homosexual partnerships deny paramount purpose of heterosexual partnerships—perpetuation of human race as prescribed by the Creator of humanity (Gen. 1:27-28).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Types of STD'S,https://www.google.com.gh/webhp?sourceid=chromeinstant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=types+of+stds (accessed 24/5//2016)

#### \*Rejection from the society

A vast majority of members of the society do not put homosexuality and heterosexuality on the same status. There is always a huge disparity of respect, dignity, and belongingness between homosexuality and heterosexuality. In many countries like Ghana where majority of the people recognize homosexual partnerships as taboo, shameful and uncivilized, activists and advocates are not welcome and integrated into the society.

The emergence and acceptability of homosexual partnerships accelerate disorientation of practitioners from schools, homes, recreational grounds, market places, shopping malls, churches, mosques, temples, and other human gatherings.

## \*Homosexuality and drug abuse

The usage of drugs among homosexuals is very high as compared to that among heterosexuals. It is estimated that between 20 percent to 30 percent of gay and transgender people abuse substances, compared to about 9 percent of the general population. <sup>29</sup> Drug abuse leads to lunatic and other abhorring lifestyles that have serious implications on the Kingdom of God.

Financial drain on activists, advocates, the state, communities and families

Economically, huge sums of money are spent annually to treat victims of

HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases caused by homosexual partnerships. The financial drain on the society due to the medical cost of HIV is huge. The greater the impact, the more damage it does to the social economy of the Kingdom of God. According to Tumwikirize, Torpey, Adedokun, and Badru, antiretroviral treatment of AIDS adherence may be measured in various ways, for example through self-reports, pharmacy refill logs, pill counting, or a combination of these measures. Researchers believe that as much as \$1600 per patient could be spent on an intervention to improve adherence to ideal levels and the incremental cost-effectiveness would remain less than \$50,000 annually to spend on one HIV patient.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> J Hunt, (2012), Why gay and transgender population experiences high rates of substance use, http://www.americanprogress/org/issues/ (accessed 7/3/ 2016)
<sup>30</sup> S Tumwikirize, K Torpey, A Adedokun, and T Badru "The Value of Support Group Participation in Influencing Adherence to Antiretroviral Treatment among People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)."World Journal of AIDS, no.5 [2015]: 189-198.

Bryceson says, most of the children and HIV patients are economically affected and they rely on the donor companies to provide these services. Today, most of the donor organizations use the funds obtained from the president's Emergency plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to reach majority of the affected youth population and provide care and treatment for AIDS infected adults on the African continent and other parts of the world. These services include HIV clinic start-ups, community wide HIV awareness and youth prevention programmes to develop comprehensive HIV strategies, public messaging, counseling and testing initiatives.<sup>31</sup>

#### Recommendations

The findings of this research reveal the hefty socio-economic implications on the Kingdom of God. Hence, the immediate attention of humanity is drawn to this degrading episode for all inclusive effort to impede future spread of homosexuality and its wretched consequence globally. The researchers highly recommend that mass education on cancerous implications on the Kingdom of God through homosexual partnerships should be done through television, radio, flyers, bill-boards, and other means of communication. All-inclusive participation by churches, other religious organizations, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, schools, hospitals, palaces, markets, communities, and all stakeholders is encouraged for effective combating of this nefarious attack against the blessedness of rational beings and the Kingdom of God.

#### The Church

The Church is entrusted with the "ministry of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:18, NKJV), with the mandate to demonstrate the love of God through His Son Jesus Christ to all humanity including those who are webbed in detestable practices such as homosexuality (Matt. 28:19, Acts 1:8, I Pet. 2:9-10). The paramount responsibility in the ministry of reconciliation is to go to the kingdom of Satan, bind all powers and authorities, loose his captives from the kingdom of death including homosexuals (Lk. 11:21-22 paraphrased), and bring them into the Kingdom of God. Clothed with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), having

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> D. F. Bryceson, "Risking death for survival: peasant responses to hunger and HIV/AIDS in Malawi." *World Development*, vol. 34 Issue 9, (2006):1654-1666.

the mind of Christ (I Cor. 2:15), and moved with the passionate love for all sinners including homosexuals, born again believers in Christ Jesus must make it their primary and compelling biblical assignment to go the practitioners and advocates of homosexual infidelity as God's bridges (not barriers) for humanity to have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ for the

Sovereign Lord does not take "pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their wicked ways and live" (Ezek. 33:11, NIV).

Sound biblical teaching about the deadly consequences of homosexual partnerships must be one of the core subjects of the teachings of the Church.

In the Church's quest to fulfill the apostolic mandate, it cannot isolate homosexual partners in its outreach programmes and claim fulfillment of its existence and mandate. Though God frowns on the sin of homosexuality, He loves homosexuals. In like manner, the Church hates homosexuality but should genuinely love activists and advocates. The vivid illustration to love homosexuals is to witness Christ Jesus to them for "He [Christ Jesus] was delivered over to death for our [including homosexuals] sins and was raised to life for our [including homosexuals] justification" (Rom. 4:25 NIV).

### **Conclusion**

In His matchless wisdom God designed that sex should be enjoyed in the context and confines of a monogamous heterosexual partnership to perpetuate procreation among other mutual satisfactions from both parties (husband and wife). As King of His Kingdom the Word of God (the Christian Holy Bible) is the final authority for life and living. Hence, every rational being must obey God and His Word by putting the content into perpetual practice to avert divine judgment upon those who choose to violate the statutes imprinted in the Christian Holy Bible. Homosexual infidelity is initiated by the devil (I John 3:8) and being practiced and supported by those who give themselves to satanic lust and enticement (Rom. 6:16). This deliberate disobedience to God and His Word has enormous implications on the Kingdom of God as narrated extensively in this article. The deadly endemic of HIV AIDS is dwindling national and global economy through exorbitant expenditure on HIV AIDS patients, non-procreation for posterity, and drug abuse among other conditions meted upon homosexual activists and their advocates are all facets of the socio-economic implication the Kingdom of God by homosexuality

Homosexual practices are abnormal, impure, reprehensible, indecent, awkward, and abominable. Homosexuality is not only psychologically and socially dangerous, it assumes a serious epidemic threat to humanity. The researchers call on all concerned citizens to protect their people against the infecting influences of this sexually divergent practice.

The researchers add the response of two God's Kingdom-minded people (a woman and a man) in this instance and urge others to emulate their unwavering and unashamed stand for God's divine standards for humanity. After serving as a circuit court in Grenada County in Mississippi USA, Linda Barnette proved her stand as "God's Kingdom-minded woman" opposed to homosexuality. In her resignation letter to the board of supervisors, she wrote; "The Supreme Court's decision violates my core values as a Christian. My final authority is the Bible. I cannot in all good conscience issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples under my name because the Bible clearly teaches that homosexuality is contrary to God's plan and purpose for marriage and family. I choose to obey God rather than man." Pat Robertson a televangelist and host of the 700 Club TV show in the US proclaimed that "such people are sinning against God and will lead to the ultimate destruction of the family... I will unalterably oppose such things, and will do everything I can to restrict the freedom of the people to spread their contagious infections to the youth of our nation." <sup>34</sup>

The researchers have deduced that HIV AIDS is contracted through homosexual partnerships, and there is no curative treatment and no vaccine for AIDS. Then abstinence from homosexuality is the best option. HIV/AIDS is a preventable disease so to end the suffering of HIV impacted children and their families, educating people to desist from joining homosexual infidelity, and advising HIV AIDS patients to stop spreading this deadly disease to others through sexual contact, is the key.

Homosexuality is a global phenomenon that needs global attention and global effort to combat it and minimize its deadly socio-economic implications on the Kingdom of God.

 $http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/30/mississippi-circuitclerk-same-sex-marriage/29520689/ \ (accessed \ 30/6/2015).$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> For a thorough discussion see David Kwadwo Okai, *God's Kingdom-Minded Women: Divine Diplomats For Unique Assignments* (Kumasi: Vantage Solution, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Linda Barnette, (2015),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Pat Robertson, The 700 Club TV Show, 24/5/1994 edition

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