

■ The homosexual community wants a free pass and the San Diego City Council is making it their civic duty to oblige them.

■ Homosexual activists say that because they are born gay they cannot help themselves. This strategy is nothing more than a free pass from moral scrutiny. I could say that I am born to shop lift. Perhaps I am born to be a thief. Maybe I am born to be lazy and I cannot work. How about born to be promiscuous? Will I get a free pass from moral scrutiny by claiming certain targeted immoral acts as a birthright?

The homosexual community wants a free pass from moral scrutiny, yet they can hold San Diego hostage by their own private brand of moral principles.

They claim love as their motive, yet it is very unloving to tell vulnerable people that they are born with something that cannot be changed. It is very unloving for a City Council to pass laws that will force the majority of citizens to accept a behavior that has been commonly held as immoral since the dawn of civilization. Laws not only proscribe, but laws also describe, that is: laws teach. The homosexual agenda will be taught (promoted and sponsored) city-wide if this new agenda is passed.

■ The homosexual community also wants a free pass from consequences. They claim there is no harm done by their choice of sexual activity. They tell us to look at all the productive members of society who are homosexuals. The fact is, good people still can do bad things. And bad things carry consequences. The spread of AIDS, the spread of venereal disease and the shortened life span of male homosexuals are well documented. The bad example that would be set before the lives of our young and the social consequences that would follow greatly multiply the potential for harm well beyond anything we have yet experienced.

The homosexual community wants a free pass from consequences, yet it is all of society that must pay the price for their choices.

They claim love as their motive, yet it is very unloving to center one's desires upon sexuality such that the society as a whole must suffer degradation. It is unloving to jettison the Judeo-Christian ethic that has been the foundation of this nation and that has served as a powerful corrective for every social ill. It is unloving to replace an ethical standard that has stood the test of time and replace it with an ethic based on convenience and that could collapse around us at a moment's notice.

■ The homosexual community wants a free pass from opposition. They have foisted upon us Orwellian “double-speak.” Double-speak is the act of hijacking the original meaning of words and then using them as weapons to hide behind rather than presenting credible arguments. Examples: “Intolerance” – double-speak for: “You have no right to oppose us.” “Hate” – double-speak for: “You have no right to oppose us.” “Phobia” – double-speak for: “You have no right to oppose us.” “Bigot” – double-speak for: “You have no right to oppose us.” In other words, anyone who happens to disagree with the agenda set forth by the homosexual activists become labeled as being intolerant, hateful, phobic (sick in the head) and bigoted.

The homosexual community wants a free pass from opposition, yet they will bully the rest of society with their own brand of militant opposition.

They claim love as their motive, yet it is very unloving to maliciously block constructive dialogue by the use of name calling to block other opinions from being considered. It is unloving to censor the opinions of a whole populace in order to pursue selfish gain.

■ Wisdom desires to make decisions based on the greater good. All we have to do is to look back 30 years to see how much we have fallen, and continue, to fall. Wisdom also demands that we must project into the future to see where we might be heading. A small panel of civic leaders holds the destiny of our city in their hands. Once certain decisions are made they are difficult to reverse. Then other decisions must follow based on precedent. It is no exaggeration to say that, in view of the current trends, there is more trouble ahead. There will be no free pass.

■ We are not just railing against the homosexual community with blind zeal. Beyond the appeal to our elected officials there is also the appeal to redemption. What often gets overlooked in this controversy is that there is healing in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are many individuals and organizations that specialize in helping people who have the desire to leave the homosexual lifestyle. Many people who have repented of their sin (homosexual or not) have found forgiveness in the loving arms of the Lord. Once forgiveness has been established and a relationship begun, there will be a long road ahead of healing, nurturing and training. You will then boast with David: *...he restores my soul. Psalm 23*

This is our prayer and this is the heart of the church.