

# GROW IN GRACE

NEWSLETTER

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**in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”***

## **SAME-SEX ATTRACTION and Apostasy from Biblical Christianity** (Edited from an article by Pastor Chuck O’Neal)

Until recently, the term and theological category **“Same-Sex Attracted Christian”** didn’t even exist. Now it’s everywhere — seemingly in every pulpit, at every conference, in every book, in every periodical, in every blog, on every podcast. The tsunami alarm has been slow to sound, but it’s *now clear* that **Same-Sex Attracted Christian Apostasy** is sweeping through Christ’s Church like a tsunami.

**Consider A.W. Pink’s Biblical definition of apostasy: “It is a making shipwreck of the faith (1 Tim. 1:19). It is the heart’s departure from the living God (Heb. 3:12) It is a returning to and being overcome by the world, after a previous escape from its pollutions through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:20). There are various steps which precede it. **First**, there is a looking back (Luke 9:62), like Lot’s wife, who thought she had **OUTWARDLY** left Sodom, yet **HER HEART** was still there. **Second**, there is a drawing back (Heb. 10:38): the requirements of Christ are too exacting to any longer appeal to the heart. **Third**, there is a turning**

back, (John 6:66): the path of godliness is too narrow to suit the lustings of the flesh. **Fourth**, there is a falling back, which is FATAL: “THAT THEY MIGHT GO BACKWARD, and be broken” (Isaiah 28:13).

### **Evangelicalism’s Same-Sex Attracted Christian A-team**

Today, **Sam Allberry** and **Jackie Hill Perry** are unarguably **The Gospel Coalition (TGC), Together for the Gospel (T4G), and 9Marks’** same-sex attracted ‘Christian’ *A-team*! They are the *go-to* same-sex attracted ‘Christian’ specialists, teachers, preachers, counselors, and authors we are told we must hear, we must read, and we must get behind. They’re in the lead and we all need to follow. TGC released an article titled, Christians, It’s Time to go on the Offensive,” March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, explaining their constant quoting, promoting, showcasing, and deferring to Allberry and Perry’s same-sex attracted ‘Christian’ instruction, counsel, and writings.

Here’s a stunning excerpt: “In a world where Christians are seen as HOMOPHOBIC BIGOTS, ***we need to get behind the biblically faithful, same-sex-attracted Christians God has raised up to speak for and to His church...*** We need to field our A-team in the public square. And the rest of us must follow their lead.”

***When you fear being called a “homophobic bigot” by a homosexual crazed world to the point you’re willing to exchange God’s Biblical moral terms (abomination, vile passion, against nature, shameful, etc.) for the world’s amoral terms (same-sex attracted, gay, LBGBTQI, etc.) you are in fact homophobic.*** Homophobic men systematically exchange God’s sin condemning terms for the world’s non-condemning terms because **they fear homosexuals and our perverse, God-hating, Romans 1:18-32 culture’s wrath — more than they fear God.**

By their own confession, the homophobic men behind TGC believe Sam Allberry and Jackie Hill Perry to be the “most credible” evangelical voices to speak our message to the unbelieving “world **where Christians are seen as homophobic bigots.**”

Having forgotten the fear of God, TGC’s homophobic leaders are trembling before homosexual activists and a world gone mad in its embrace and celebration of all the things [Romans 1:18-32](#) condemns with incredibly descriptive terminology.

Their intense fear of being “seen as homophobic bigots” for believing the Bible and using God’s Biblical terms has transformed them into homophobic leaders who are actively, habitually, and dogmatically exchanging the truth of God for the same-sex attracted Christian lies Sam Allberry and Jackie Hill Perry are selling in their books and through their conference speaking fees.

In full homophobic panic, TGC and much of Evangelicalism have thrown off God’s Biblical vocabulary terms as unnecessary, distasteful, divisive, unloving — even hateful.

You need only listen to [Ligon Duncan’s Ligonier Conference Q&A commentary](#), do a quick survey of [Sam Allberry’s livingout.org website](#), or read [Jackie Hill Perry’s Gay Girl, Good God](#) to see **how God’s truth, moral terms, and holy commands are being exchanged for the world’s lies, amoral terms, and perverse counsel.**

TGC, T4G, and 9Marks’ esteemed leaders **[AS WELL AS MANY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WHO ARE BEING LED INTO APOSTOSY BY RUSSEL MOORE]** need to be warned that homophobia is a form of cowardice and “coward” is another unpopular Biblical term found very near “abominable” in [Rev 21:8](#).

TGC’s [article](#) *deceptively* assures evangelicals that God has raised up, **“biblically faithful, same-sex attracted Christians...to speak for and to his church,”** and that **“We need to field our A-**

**team [OF SSA folks!] in the public square. And the rest of us must follow their lead.”**

**There are several problems with that statement. Foremost, there are *no* biblically faithful, same-sex attracted Christians, as TGC, Sam Allberry, and Jackie Hill Perry define them.**

Bible-believing Christians need to categorically reject and expose TGC, Sam Allberry, and Jackie Hill Perry’s exchange of God’s true Gospel for a **Same-Sex Attracted Christian False Gospel** that leaves men and women perpetually enslaved to what the Bible calls abominable, unnatural, shameful, vile passions.

They boast the perverse acting out and unholy feeding of their vile passions through supposedly “non-sexual” hand-holding, hugging, cuddling, and kissing within live-in or casual relationships with other men and women who identify as same-sex attracted Christians.

**That’s right — Sam Allberry’s website encourages sodomy attracted “Christian” men to live with sodomy attracted “Christian” men, to hold hands, to hug, to cuddle, to kiss, and to raise children together.**

**Those of us who still hold fast to the Biblical definition of repentance found in 2 Corinthians 7:11 must reject TGC’s false repentance that leaves men and women perpetually enslaved to vile passions. Those of us who still believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ saves sinners from both the eternal penalty and indwelling power of sin must reject TGC’s false gospel that leaves men and women enslaved to perversion and acting it out under the guise of sanctified same-sex attracted Christian affection.**

**We must not follow the lead of TGC, T4G, and 9Mark’s A-team but instead, follow the righteous lead of the Apostle Paul and stand firmly against their A-team’s perverse **Sodomy Attracted ‘Christian Cuddle Club.’****

***We must not follow the lead of Thabiti Anyabwile, Mark Dever, Kevin De Young, Ligon Duncan, Tim Keller, Albert Mohler, Russell Moore, Ray Ortland, John Piper, David Platt, and Sam Storms*** A-team;

**BUT instead follow the Gospel defending lead of the Apostle Paul, in Gal 1:6-9 and stand firmly against their A-team's **Same-Sex Attracted Christian Apostasy.****

*J.C. RYLE: “Young men, ‘FLEE from sexual immorality’ (1 Cor. 6:18) if you love life. ‘LET NO ONE deceive you with empty words, for because of such things GOD’S WRATH COMES on those who are disobedient’ (Eph. 5:6) FLEE FROM the opportunity of it, from the company of those who might draw you into it, from the places where you might be tempted to do it.”*

[**Note:** FOUR of the above men, on pg 4, are Southern Baptists... some of the 4 may not have OPENLY SUPPORTED Sam Allberry, as Russell Moore has—

HOWEVER, I have not found any effort on the part of the other 3 to expose Allberry, call for him to repent, and/or warn the faithful about his false teaching.

ALL of the above men are either Council Members of TGC... or members... SOME OF THEM, such as Tim Keller... actively work with Allberry; as does Ravi Zacharias.)

### **Sam Allberry's Appalling Counsel to “Same-Sex Couples”**

Here's an excerpt from Sam Allberry's livingout.org website's truly *disgusting* and *dangerous* Celibate Same-Sex Couples? article. Read it carefully. Think it through. **Would we ever give this corrupt counsel to a heterosexual couple or to our own young adult children? No. We would say, “flee from sexual immorality,”**

and “make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” ([1 Cor. 6:18](#); [Rom. 13:14](#)).

**Are we really going to stand by while TGC and Sam Allberry teach the Body of Christ to allow sodomy attracted “Christian” men to live together, cuddle, hug, hold hands, kiss, raise kids together, and sing Amazing Grace just down the pew from us?**

The Lord of the Church gives a sober warning to those who allow sexual immorality to be taught to His Church in [Rev. 2:20-23](#).

**Sam’s website and counsel are evil:** In counseling SSA couples, Allberry’s website, livingout.org, says things like:

a. “If a couple should come to believe that they should cease the sexual aspect of their relationship, does that mean that they have to separate?... [ANSWER] They could well continue to live together...

**There is no sense in which we are ‘against’ same-sex relationships;** and the Bible is full of good examples of them...” [The site then lists, David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi! **WHAT HORRIFIC ABOMINATION to equate those godly friendships with the vulgar filth Allberry is promoting!**]

b. “People want to know: if we [SSA couples... that is, sodomite couples, from Biblical perspective] **STOP THE SEXUAL SIDE** of our relationship, how far is it OK to go in terms of physical affection for one another?...

IT’S A FAIR QUESTION! ... SEXUAL ACTIVITY and intimacy is obviously about a lot more than sex itself... ULTIMATELY, the best thing for you individually and as a couple, **would be to hold back from sexual intimacy as a hold, not just sex itself.** That is, including romantic/sexual kissing, touching one another sexually, etc... holding back from sexual intimacy doesn’t spell an end to physical intimacy, not for a moment....”

[He goes on to speak of hugging, kissing, holding hands, play fighting, cuddling... you know, like kids, and friends, and family do all the time.

HE IS COUNTING ON HIS HEARERS TO BE BLIND TO THE GIANT DIFFERENCE between godly husband/wife (male/female) and children activities... vs that of sin filled, sin justifying sodomites.]

### Sam Allberry's Appalling Counsel as to children/youth

a. He has various OK sounding rules and guidelines for boyfriends and/or girlfriends.... But many will likely forget that he is giving this in the context of guidelines for Same Sex relationships....

BUT THEN HE SAYS,

“It should go without saying that ANY FAMILY RULE about same-sex boyfriends or girl-friends should ALSO APPLY TO opposite-sex ones!”

**[The Bible Christian has one rule as to sodomy by kids/teens at home— We love you so much, that any form of sodomy is forbidden under the roof of our home.**

**There are various rules, Bible-based guidelines for opposite-sex relationships.]**

### Sam Allberry's Appalling Counsel to Parents of “Gay” Kids

Below, these next few paragraphs are a few excerpts from Sam Allberry's livingout.org website's truly *foolish, disgusting, dangerous, grossly unbiblical, profoundly wicked* counsel to parents of children who come out “gay.”

As you read Sam's counsel to parents think about the millions of Christian parents who are laboring to raise godly Christian children in our perverse culture, think about the thousands of brokenhearted Christian parents who are Biblically laboring to rescue minor and adult

children from the [Romans 1:18-32](#) sin that will destroy their children's lives and damn their souls.

**When minor teenage children do a Google search and find Sam's livingout.org website** in the midst of rebelling against God, rebelling against their Christian parents, and embracing our culture's homosexual revolution — they'll have TGC, T4G, and 9Marks' A-team on their side when they tell their parents they should be allowed to have a homosexual boyfriend or lesbian girlfriend, that they should be allowed to sleepover (just not in the same room), and that whatever rules apply to their heterosexual children's dating should be the rules that apply to their homosexual or lesbian dating.

**When adult children find Sam Allberry's website** they'll be able to tell their bigoted Christian parents that TGC's A-team says they should be allowed to sleep with their "sexual partner" under mom and dad's roof in the name of Christian hospitality.

**Sam Allberry's profoundly wicked counsel** opens the door for rebelling minor children to come out of the closet and demand the right to embrace and foster abominable, unnatural, vile passions with other minor children through dating relationships. Sam

**Allberry's profoundly wicked counsel** gives adult homosexual or lesbian children the right to demand full inclusion of their "sexual partner" into their family's life, meals, birthdays, holidays, and home — including sleeping together in mom and dad's house and committing sodomy down the hall from their younger siblings — because Christian hospitality is far more important than taking a stand against your son being sodomized under your roof.

**Sam Allberry's profoundly wicked counsel cuts the Biblical, moral, authoritative legs out from under godly parents** contending for their children's lives and souls. Rebellious children will use TGC's A-team counsel against their righteous and

loving mothers and fathers to argue that they're being legalistic, homophobic, and hateful for taking the essential Biblical stands.

Pastor Chuck O'Neal: **As a pastor of a local church,**

**I have multiple mothers who have *tearfully exhorted* me to warn the Body of Christ that Sam Allberry's website is an open door to Hell,** full of same-sex attracted Christian doctrines of demons, that will only serve to undermine every Bible-believing Christian parent's shepherding of their children's souls.

**As a pastor of 20 years,** I would further warn that Sam Allberry's counsel will be used by rebellious children and adults embracing abominable, unnatural, vile passions to demand inclusion for themselves and their sin in the body of Christ.

When pastors attempt to uphold Biblical morality in accordance with 1 Cor. 5 and protect Christ's Church from the leaven of perversion, **they'll be told TGC's A-team says they're being legalistic, homophobic, and hateful for taking essential Biblical stands.**

When pastors lovingly and faithfully preach, counsel, correct, rebuke, and carry out church discipline according to God's Word on this issue, they'll have individuals, families, or the entire church stand up against them shaking printouts from **TGC's A-team website as they tell their legalistic, homophobic, hateful pastors to shut up, sweeten up, or get out.**

Sam Allberry: "Attempting to change someone's sexual orientation assumes that being gay is somehow more problematic than being straight. We believe that heterosexuality as we encounter it in this world is just as fallen as homosexuality."

**I HOPE ONE AND ALL SEES THE OBVIOUS HERESY OF THAT STATEMENT!**

**BIBLICAL REALITY:**

- 1. ALL homosexuality, sodomy expressions in male and/or female, in thought or deed- are sin.**
- 2. Heterosexuality is God given and NOT SIN; HOWEVER, expressions of it OUTSIDE THE CLEAR BOUNDS given in the Bible are sin.**

**Protecting Christ's Church From Same-Sex Attracted Christian Apostasy — Even When Friends Promote It**

**Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones:**

**“To have fellowship with men who deny the truth is to deny the truth by implying that the truth does not matter!”**

**NOTE: PASTOR Chuck O'Neal's COMPLETE article is found here:**

**<https://reformationcharlotte.org/2019/03/30/tgc-and-the-same-sex-attracted-christian-apostasy/>**

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**GOAL: \$20,500**

**Total Given: 15,162.53**

**Remaining Balance:**

**\$5,337.47**



**SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:**

**MONDAYS:** Jail Ministry— (This ministry is ON HOLD... PRAY FOR opening of doors!)

**TUESDAYS:** Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM**.

### WEDNESDAYS:

→ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE** → Enter via **IRON STEPS**, side door.

→ **6:30pm— Youth** Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors.

→ **6:30pm— Young Family Prayer Time!** THIS IS a time of Bible study and prayer geared toward **families with children in the nursery and pre-K class**.

**\*\*\* LADIES BIBLE STUDY—** Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE**. ENTER at the back of the church building, [*Doors open at 10:30am... re-locked at 11:10am*]

**\*\*\* MEN: EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am:** Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! (**STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN!**) ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. [**DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits & Donuts at 7:30am!**]

### SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28

**9:30am— Sunday School Classes for All Ages**

**10:45am— Sunday Morning Worship Service**

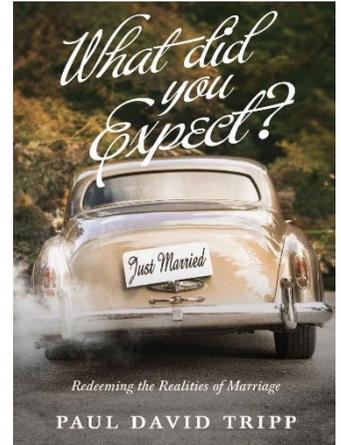
### SPECIAL NOTES FOR SUNDAYS:

\* **April 7 — NOON, covered dish FELLOWSHIP meal**

\*\* **April 14 — 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Monthly Faithful Men, Study Guide, the 1689 Confession of Faith**

**\*\*\* April 21— SCHEDULE FOR ‘RESURRECTION SUNDAY’—  
9:30am, Sunday School; 10:45am, Morning Worship & THE  
LORD’S SUPPER;  
[SOME HOME GROUPS, after services or at 5:00pm]**

**\*\*\*\* April 27— 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Church-wide  
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES by developing Christ-  
honoring Marriages: Paul David Tripp’s  
‘WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? (Redeeming the  
Realities of Marriage)**



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**WORK DAY  
NEW DATE  
APRIL 27,  
9:30am**



**WORKDAY AT THE  
CHURCH**