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Holistic Liberation of LGBTQ Christians and a Wounded World: Beyond the 'Band-Aid Identity'

American clergyman Robert Wood presented LGBTQ rights with a view to liberating LGBTQ Christians to find their rightful place in church and society from mainly a 'socio-political' perspective in his book *Christ and the Homosexual* (1960). Those who follow his view regard LGBTQ as 'innate identity' so that the 'wearing of masks' is unnecessary; the 'gay lifestyle' should be fully accepted by establishing pastoral frameworks to normalize homosexual identities and admit same-sex relationships and marriage in sacrament processes of the church, thus 'liberating LGBTQ.'

However, does this way of liberating LGBTQ fully understand the reality of this wounded world? Witnesses, 'ex-gay' and 'overcomes,' testified their deliverance experiences from the gender confusion and gay lifestyle by Jesus in the Holy Spirit, claiming that life practicing a gay lifestyle had only "got progressively worse." The concept identifying LGBTQ as a 'Band-Aid Identity,' can only offer temporary release from feelings of guilt, but it cannot provide holistic liberation of LGBTQ Christians, freeing them from all the shackles that bind their wounded past, deeply connected to their gender confusion. It is not a 'Band-Aid Identity,' but 'True-I in Christ,' a chosen people, a royal priesthood, that should be the identity for LGBTQ Christians.

There have been two pivotal factors on this issue: first, the gravity of the Scriptures, and the effort to consider the painful and stressful journey of homosexual persons. In seeking the holistic liberation of LGBTQ Christians, this presentation will contribute a 'Charismatic/Pentecostal-Counselling' approach, incorporating salient aspects from the 'Socio-Liberation' approach.

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