



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AND GAY MARRIAGE?

1. God's Design

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV).

²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh, Genesis 2:23-24 (ESV).

⁴He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV)

2. Man's Distortion:

a. Distortion of Belief: Gay Christian Theology

1. Christians' prejudice against homosexuals leads them to misread biblical texts about homosexuality.
2. Scriptures that supposedly condemn homosexual behavior have actually been mistranslated
3. Scriptures that supposedly condemn homosexual behavior have been taken out of context and do not apply to our present society.

b. What God Says:

Genesis 19

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. Leviticus 18:22 (ESV)

For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. Romans 1:26-27 (ESV)

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. I Corinthians 6:9-10 (ESV)

Understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, I Timothy 1:10-11 (ESV)



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Common Objection, But Jesus Never Mentioned It:

- The gospels are not more authoritative than other books of the Bible
- The gospels are not comprehensive
- The gospels do not claim to be the complete account of Jesus' life
- The Bible affirms that Jesus kept ALL the law, which would include rejecting homosexuality
- Jesus clearly lays out God's standard for marriage and God-honoring sex as seen in the passage from Matthew I read earlier.

3. Our Dilemma:

Respond Redemptively

We do not compromise

³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:3-5 (ESV)

• We do endure criticism

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)

• We speak and live with compassion

Crucial Distinction:

- Struggling with same-sex attraction vs. Defending, embracing, and living a gay lifestyle
 - Conversion Therapy and the gospel. "Pray the gay away"
- We keep offering Christ