

Building Solid Foundations

The Bible and Homosexuality

Romans 1:18-32

We need to be **clear and understandable** as to the *WHY*
and *WHAT* we believe.

We need to be ***COMPASSIONATE*** and ***CARING***

If you're a homosexual, you matter to God
and you matter to us!

Homosexuality absolutely departs from God's blueprint for sexual identity and intimacy.

Genesis 2:18-24 *And the LORD God said, It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him...there was no companion suitable for him. So the LORD God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took one of Adam's ribs and closed up the place from which he had taken it. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam.*

At last! Adam exclaimed. She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man.

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

God created humans to have a sexual identity and that identity is male and female.

The Church is **being pressured to compromise** on our historic and biblically based moral teaching on a subject that will create a **meltdown of our core theology**.

If we cease to treat homosexual behavior as a violation of the biblical norm **we will destroy** our inerrant and inspired view of scripture.

Homosexuality departs from the Biblical blueprint:

Rather than embracing solely the man-woman design for sexuality, homosexuality embraces a same-sex preference as the blueprint for sexual intimacy.

They depart from God's intent for sexual intimacy to only take place within the confines of a marriage that is between a man and a woman.

Moral disobedience on the part of God's people has always resulted in God's judgment and the loss of direction and blessing of God.

Homosexuality is absolutely forbidden; it is sin.

Leviticus 18:22 *Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.*

Leviticus 20:13 *If a man has sexual relations with another man they have done a disgusting thing.*

Every single reference in Scripture about homosexuality condemns it without question.

Romans 1:18-32 So God let them go ahead and do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies...

That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relationships with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men and, as a result, suffered within themselves the penalty they so richly deserved.

When they refused to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their evil minds and let them do things that should never be done. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, fighting, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful.

*They are forever inventing new ways of sinning and are disobedient to their parents. They refuse to understand, break their promises, and are heartless and unforgiving. **They are fully aware of God's death penalty for those who do these things, yet they go right ahead and do them anyway.** And, worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.*

There are three steps that lead to moral decline as shown in Romans 1:24-28:

Desires: (24) it starts with desire, curiosity, experimentation

Shame and Lust: (26-27) practiced behaviors; addictive

Evil minds: (28-32) pathological, brain is hardwired, requires healing and deliverance

**There is no evidence that we are born homosexual.
Homosexuality is a learned, chosen behavior.**

Homosexual behavior as NOT a normal option to heterosexual sexual behaviors.

Being homosexual is not the same as being born Hispanic, Black, Asian or other ethnic background.

There is no etiology or causality for an orientation of homosexuality from any studies related to genetics, hormones, or brain structure **but there is evidence of psychological and environmental factors** that contribute to homosexual behaviors.

J.M. Bailey himself re-did the famous 10% study and reported his new crystal clear results that totally contradicted his first findings stating (2000):

...concordances from prior studies were inflated due to concordance dependent ascertainment bias. The new study did not provide statistically significant support for the importance of genetic factors in causing homosexual orientation.

Homosexuality is a symptom of fallen humanity.

1 Timothy 1:6-11 ...*We know these laws are good when they are used as God intended. But they were not made for people who do what is right. They are for people who are disobedient and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy...these laws are for people who are sexually immoral, for homosexuals and slave traders, for liars and oath breakers, and for those who do anything else that contradicts the right teaching that comes from the glorious Good News...*

2 Peter 2:6-10 *Later, he turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into heaps of ashes and swept them off the face of the earth. He made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people...the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while punishing the wicked right up until the Day of Judgment. He is especially hard on those who follow their own evil, lustful desires and who despise authority. These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at the glorious ones without so much as trembling.*

Jude 7 And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with sexual immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and are a warning of the eternal fire that will punish all who are evil.

Homosexuality can be forgiven

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 *Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. **Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and swindlers — none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God.***

*There was a time when some of you were just like that, but **now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God.** You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.*

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 *Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*

Proverbs 27:6 *Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

1 Corinthians 4:14 *I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children.*

Galatians 2:11 *But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him publicly, speaking strongly against what he was doing, for it was very wrong.*

Proverbs 29:25 *Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the LORD means safety.*

We will NOT fear man over God.

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...*

Homosexuals want to be covered and protected by civil rights laws just like those of true minorities.

These laws protect people who are a minority because there are things about them that cannot be changed such as race or gender or things guaranteed in the constitution such as freedom of religious speech, whereas homosexual is a learned, chosen behavior

What the gay community wants is “*special*” rights, not civil rights.

A major agenda of the homosexual community is to get the public to affirm their unhealthy lifestyle, as one homosexual admitted at a homosexual rally in Washington:

We are no longer seeking just a right to privacy and a protection from wrong. We also have a right -- as heterosexual Americans already have -- to see government and society affirm our lives.

They want to be granted special rights by gaining minority status and force its acceptance by society and ban any public disapproval of homosexual by calling it a “hate crime.”

On June 10, 2003 Canada passed the law to accept same sex marriage and they are trying to pass laws about the Bible being “hate” literature because of what it teaches about the behavior of homosexuality.

Homosexuals can find freedom from homosexuality

We need to remember that **IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE**
is not the same as **DIFFICULT TO CHANGE** or
UNLIKELY TO CHANGE.