

Sermon Title: What Does the Bible Say About Sexuality?

Sermon Series: Frequently Asked Questions

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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John 1:14 ESV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Bible is reliable.

Matthew 4:4 ESV

4 But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

"Some people will say the Bible is about God, that's a lie, these are words about God on some level, but these are Words from God, for all time, for my heart and your heart."

—Donnie Williams

How should we view _____ in light of the Bible?

Matthew 19:4-6 ESV

4 He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold

fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Our sexuality is an expression of marriage that is supposed to deepen the physical and emotional connections between partners.

"[Homosexual marriage and sex] misses the physical gift of oneness, sex outside of marriage misses the emotional gift of oneness."

—Tim Keller

Ephesians 5:31-33 ESV

31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Matthew 19:6 ESV

6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Sin = _____ to hit the mark

Sin = anything that hinders _____

Does the Bible specifically _____ homosexual activity?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ESV

9 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, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Some argue the bible speaks against homosexual rape, not consensual homosexuality.

Malakoi — passive receiver of homosexual activity

Arsenokoitais — “Male + Intercourse” — the general term for the active participant

Paul’s warning in 1 Corinthians 6 calls every form of homosexual practice, whether consensual or not, a sin.

Mark 7:20-23 ESV

20 And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Jesus _____ every form of sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

The consistent teaching of the Bible is clear: God forbids any sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman, including homosexuality.

These activities and ideologies are not acts to be _____ but sins to be _____.

What about if I have these desires?

1 Corinthians 6:9 ESV

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All of us are born sinners. Depending on our personalities and environments, we have a propensity towards different sins.

There is a difference between having the _____ to sin and _____ that sin.

Mark 8:34 ESV

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

"It is the same for us all... I am to deny my-self, take up my cross and follow him. Every Christian is called to costly sacrifice. Denying yourself does not mean tweaking your behavior here and there. It is saying "no" to your deepest sense of who you are, for the sake of Christ. To take up a cross is to declare your life (as you have known it) forfeit. It is laying down your life for the very reason that your life, it turns out, is not yours at all. It belongs to Jesus. He made it. And through his death he has bought it... What Jesus calls me to do is exactly what he calls anyone to do."

—Sam Alberry – "Is God Anti-Gay" p.11

If this is what the Bible says, is there hope for me?

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Your sin might be a lifelong struggle, but it is not your identity. Jesus offers you an identity of life with him forever.

“The overwhelming wonder of God’s infinite love is this: While I was broken and a failure, God came to rescue me. He came to love me, to redeem me, and to heal me from sin. Where I failed, Christ succeeded on my behalf. Where I distrusted, Christ was faithful. Where I proudly resisted, he humbly surrendered. Through his obedience, he bridged the chasm between my darkness and his light. On the cross, God’s Son took my place and became a sacrifice for all my failures. In his resurrection, he triumphed over all my destruction. And he now stands as my victorious Redeemer, offering me—and all who will simply receive him—his forgiveness and vindication. Christ clothes my shame and brokenness with his righteous and holy life.”

—Becket Cook

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
— Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**