



## THE SEXUAL TSUNAMI & THE LGBTQ AGENDA

Abortion and the LGBTQ agenda are 2 catastrophic consequences of the sexual tsunami overflowing our culture's crumbling moral levees.

Today we discover how Christians should know, live, and speak the truth on these issues.

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**GOD created sex for marriage between 1 man and 1 woman for 1 lifetime** (for pleasure, protection, and procreation). If American culture would have kept sex in the marriage bed, there would have been no perceived need to legalize abortion nor a strong LGBTQ presence.

#### Christians - take a look in the mirror

**1 Peter 4:17** For the time has come for **judgment to begin with God's household**, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

**Romans 2:1-4** Therefore, every one of you who judges is without excuse. For when you judge another, you condemn yourself, **since you, the judge, do the same things**. Now we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. Do you think—anyone of you who judges those who do such things yet do the same—that you will escape God's judgment? Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that **God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance**?

Paul nor Jesus tell us to NEVER judge. In fact, **God wants us to judge righteously**. Jesus tells His followers:

✓ To judge others with mercy and without hypocrisy (see [Matthew 7:1-6](#)).

Sadly, Christians often we do the opposite of what Jesus said. Many who claim to follow Jesus also live in sexual sin. Thankfully, **God forgives those who TURN from their sin** (that includes sexual sin - heterosexual or homosexual sin). And **God's kindness** (demonstrated by His provision and patience) is intended to **lead us to repentance** - to TURN from sin. So too, shouldn't Christians be kind in calling others to repent of sin?

#### What does the Scripture say about Marriage and Sex?

**Matthew 19:4-6** "Haven't you read," he replied, "that he who created them in the beginning made them male and female, and he also said, *'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'*? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." \* see Gen 1:27, 2:24

1. **Jesus believed the Scriptures**. Of course it makes sense that Jesus believes the Scriptures, because He is God - who AUTHORED the Scriptures through His creation.
2. **God made them male and female**. There are only 2 genders - male and female (with the exception of deformity). Jesus makes no allowance for transgender claims - a biological male claiming to be female, or a biological female claiming to be a male (The Scriptures speak against men and women dressing alike - Deut 22:5).
3. **God invented sexual intimacy for marriage between male and female**. The male and female **will become one flesh**. (Bible code for SEX) Sex was an expression of love that was to be saved for marriage alone. And marriage, according to Jesus, is recognized as **a man being joined to his wife** (female). Any sexual activity outside of that relationship is sinful.
4. **Marriage was intended to last a lifetime**, as Jesus says, **what God has joined together, let no one separate**.

Sex is God's invention for the marriage relationship - for pleasure, protection, and pro-creation. This is the plain teaching throughout the Scriptures.

## **BIG TRUTH: Honor what God invented for what God intended.**

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is to be honored by all and **the marriage bed kept undefiled**, because God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Further, Jesus said that sexual sin wasn't just committed with the BODY, but with the MIND.

**Matthew 5:27-28** "You have heard that it was said, *Do not commit adultery.* But I tell you, everyone who **looks** at a woman **lustfully** has already **committed adultery** with her in his heart.

According to Jesus and His 1st followers, sexual thoughts and actions outside of the marriage relationship are sinful to our Holy God, and WILL BE JUDGED by Him. If you aren't yet a follower of Jesus, sex outside a marriage is a sin God will judge you for.

### **Those who claim Jesus should agree with Jesus and honor what God invented for what God intended.**

Yet somehow, many who claim to follow Jesus have discounted the sinfulness of sex before marriage among heterosexual couples. The next step on this slippery slope: deny the sin same-sex sexual activity, and that is exactly what has occurred, as many side with the LGBTQ community declaring that "love is love" and same-sex attractions are normal & healthy.

These letters represent: **L** = Lesbian; **G** = Gay; **B**=Bisexual; **T**=Transgender; **Q** = Queer/Questioning. The "+" sign is typically included, in case there are other letters that need to be added in the future.

These people ARE made in the image of God. They matter to Him. **God offers forgiveness to the person in homosexual sin just like He offers forgiveness to the person in heterosexual sin.** But those who DON'T turn from their sin WILL be judged guilty.

**X** And that's just the PROBLEM. **The leaders of the LGBTQ community don't believe the homosexual activity IS sinful.** In fact, they want to make sure others don't say their sexual activity is sinful.

## **HISTORY LESSON**

- At first, the LGBTQ community wanted everyone to **acknowledge** their 'rights' to love whoever they wanted to. Many in our country became calloused to the scenes of homosexual couples on TV shows and in movies.
- Then came the scenes with this couples kissing, and over time, those who were appalled at these images were slowly desensitized.
- Then LGBTQ leaders began the push that everyone **applaud** the homosexual lifestyle. Those who refused got labeled as a 'homophobe'. **TOLERANCE was redefined** from 1) valuing the person without agreeing with their opinion to meaning 2) You must agree with the opinion in order to value the person.
- **LGBTQ leaders now expect others to submit to their demands** - honor homosexual marriages just like you honor heterosexual marriages. In addition, one must also recognize a growing number of genders - not just 2 (male/female). One must affirm transgender claims - that a biological male is actually a female (and vice versa).

### **Where does denying biological reality lead?**

Others are being forced to call a biological male SHE instead of he (and vice versa). Biological males are allowed to enter the womens' restrooms and sports (and vice versa). Examples of sports include

🔥 **CeCe Telfer** The article reads: "Before the night was done, Telfer would beat **her** closest competitor by a second and a half, and then heft a trophy high above **her** head, to begin her reign as 2019 Division II national champion in the 400m."<sup>1</sup>

🔥 **'Laurel' Hubbard**, part of a New Zealand Olympic team. He used to compete in Men's weightlifting before 'transitioning' in 'her' 30s. - here HE won 2 Gold and 1 Silver at the Pacific Games - against women.<sup>2</sup>

- 🕒 **Joe Biden plans to pass "The Equality Act" within his 1st 100 days as president**, which "*would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, and national origin, to include sexual identity and gender identity.*"<sup>3</sup> This would allow biological men/women to pretend they are the opposite sex. This will likely mean that a business must hire and not fire a person who who is biologically one gender yet claims to be another.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.outsports.com/2019/6/3/18649927/ncaa-track-champion-cece-telfer-transgender-athlete-fpu-trans-testosterone>

<sup>2</sup> <https://savewomenssports.com/laurel-hubbard>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/biden-vows-to-pass-equality-act-in-first-100-days/>

## **How could our Nation get to such a place?**

It's simple. The further we drift away from GOD, the further we drift from GOOD. This is nothing new. It's been happening for centuries. Look what the apostle Paul writes to the the Romans.

**Romans 1:21-25** For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles. Therefore God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts to **sexual impurity**, so that **their bodies were degraded among themselves**. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

🌟 **John MacArthur** writes: *"When man abandons the Author of nature, he will inevitably abandon the order of nature."*

### **The dreadful consequences of refusing to respond to God's correction.**

**Romans 1:26-27** For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their **women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones**. The **men** in the same way also left natural relations with women and **were inflamed in their lust for one another**. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.

**God delivered them over to disgraceful passions.** God simply lets them do what they want, and drown in their own depravity. Notice the language used here speaking of homosexual sex: **disgraceful, unnatural, shameless, error**. While it's true that **heterosexual sex is more natural, but it isn't less sinful**. Some say, "Yeah, but that language about homosexual sex - *that's Paul's view, not the view of Jesus.*"

Actually, that's not just Paul's view, it's God's view through Moses found in Leviticus.

**Leviticus 18:22** You are not to sleep with a man as with a woman; it is **detestable**.

God gave Moses those words, and if Jesus is God in skin, then He authored and affirms these words through Moses. Some say, **"But Jesus never spoke against homosexuality, so it must be okay with Him."**

1. This kind of thinking discounts the reality that **Jesus authors the Old Testament & condemns what the OT condemns**.
2. It also **implies that if Jesus doesn't specifically speak against something, He must be in favor of it**. But let's play that out. We have no New Testament record of Jesus speaking against molestation, rape, necrophilia, & bestiality. One would be foolish to argue that Jesus is okay with these actions. The claim that Jesus affirms homosexual relationships is just as foolish. **Since Jesus AFFIRMS the OT, He didn't relax what it commanded**. Remember what Jesus says about LUST outside of marriage (**Matthew 5**) and about MARRIAGE designed for 1 man and 1 woman for 1 lifetime (**Matthew 16**).

**Jesus and Paul**, whom His Spirit wrote through, **are in agreement**. Sexual activity outside of the marriage relationship between man & woman is SINFUL. After demonstrating that "God delivered" people over to "the desires of their hearts" (**Rom 1:24**), Paul shows how this impacts every area of the mind.

**Romans 1:28-32** And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, **God delivered them over to a corrupt mind** so that they do what is not right. They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they **not only do them**, but even **applaud others who practice them**.

### **2 typical responses to God's judgment on our sin**

- ✓ **Turn from sin, live for Jesus and encourage others to do the same.** Bend beliefs, experiences, and emotions to fit what the Scriptures say.
- ✗ **Turn from Jesus, live for sin and encourage others to do the same.** Dilute the Scriptures & denounce those who point to them. Experiences and emotions rule, so one must bend the Bible to fit beliefs.

**What's the answer to all of this madness?** We must...**Honor what God invented for what God intended.**

② **But what if we have already sinned sexually? Is there any hope for us?**

**YES!!!** You haven't gone too far for God's grace!

## KEYS TO OVERCOMING SEXUAL SIN

### 1. TURN FROM YOUR SIN AND LIVE FOR JESUS WHO DIED FOR YOUR SINS!

**2. ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE FOR PERSONAL PURITY.** Our struggle to walk in sexual purity will be a FIGHT...many BATTLES. God will empower us to do what is right, but we must make some difficult decisions for the One who died for us. Jesus used vivid imagery to give us our marching orders in this battle.

**Matthew 5:29-30** If your right **eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away.** For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right **hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.** For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Jesus warns of judgement to come and the importance of repentance, using a hyperbole (gouge out eye and cut off hand) to say that...

🕒 **If what you WATCH** causes you to lust, **REMOVE it.** Some of us need to get screen blockers (CovenantEyes.com), stop using social media, or get rid of those movie channels/websites.

🕒 **If who you're with/what you TOUCH** causes you to lust - **CUT off the sexual relationship and STAY AWAY!**

The alcoholic who wants to stop drinking would be foolish to keep going back to the bar. If you're in a sexual relationship - END IT! It won't be easy, but will be worth it in the long run.

Paul echoes that when he writes these words:

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** (NLT) **Run 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. Don't you realize 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.**

That HIGH PRICE was the death of Jesus - the Holy One - to make us HOLY, forgiven, clean!

Have you bought our culture's LIE, you're *BORN THAT WAY* therefore you can't help yourself? This is foolishness.

1. **You aren't an animal who lives by INSTINCT.** You are a human being - made in the image of God - who can/should live by your INTELLECT! You can, with God's help - decide to change how you are living.
2. **Second, there are MANY people who have been forgiven and changed!** (People who used to be addicted to pornography, who used to cheat on spouse, used to mess around with people of the opposite and same sex). And if you say, "*Well - that's not true for LGBTQ folks.*"

✓ **FACT CHECK.** Check these folks out online. **Joe Dallas, Rosaria Butterfield, & Jackie Hill Perry** Each of these precious folks have chosen to...Honor what God invented for what God intended. Now they are doing what WE should do:

🕒 **CARE for the souls of others by sharing the good news of Jesus with TRUTH & GRACE.** Be gentle, prayerful, patient, truthful, and consistent.

✗ **Don't be silent and don't LIE to those you care about!** When we celebrate what the Bible calls sin instead of telling the truth about what the Bible calls sin, this is NOT loving...it's lying. None of us want to lose a friend over a disagreement. But what if what the Scriptures say are TRUE? **What if people who don't turn from their sin & follow Jesus - really will be judged GUILT?**

🕒 Ask yourself: **Will I allow emotional stories to erase inspired Scriptures?**

In the years to come, there will be a WAKE of damaged people who will find that SIN leads to death, people seeking answers. Will WE be ready to point them to the King who cleans and changes them...and US?

☀️ **Al Mohler:** "*In response to the storm gathering over gender and sexuality, Christians must do at least two things: preach true gospel liberty in the face of erotic liberty and stand ready to receive the refugees of the sexual revolution."<sup>4</sup>*

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## God is serious about sin and gracious to forgive sinners

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** Don't you know that **the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom?** Do not be deceived: **No sexually immoral people**, idolaters, adulterers, or **males who have sex with males**, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. And **some of you used to be like this**. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Can God forgive and transform people who have sinned sexually? YES! YES! YES!

## KEYS TO OVERCOMING SEXUAL SIN

3. **Don't fight the battle alone!** Ask trustworthy Christians to walk w/ you. You won't overcome this by yourself. [Galatians 6:1-2](#) makes it clear that God has put Christians in your life to help you be restored AND carry your burdens! **Would you ASK SOMEONE FOR HELP?**

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

- \* Contact **Jackie** (850-673-1582), **Justin** (704-618-6144), **Christy** (673-9764), or another follower of Jesus soon!
- \* Or call our **deacons & wives**: Steve & Debbie Bass (673-7952), Freddy & Joyce Howard (973-0047), Jere & Darlene Burnette (673-1888), Fain & Linda Poppell (464-1282), Jim & Derita Pinkard (464-6188), or Boss & Amelia Mulkey (464-6717).

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### RESOURCES

- **Celebrate Recovery** - on Tuesdays from 6-8:30pm.
- **5 Steps to Breaking Free From Porn** by Joe Dallas
- **When Homosexuality Hits Home** by Joe Dallas (<https://joedallas.com>)
- **Secrets of an Unlikely Convert** by Rosaria Butterfield (<https://rosariabutterfield.com>)
- **Messy Grace** by Caleb Kaltenbach
- **Gay Girl, Good God** by Jackie Hill Perry

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