

Changes Coming Fast

Shifting Culture

Gallup poll from 2022, LGBTQ identification (data for current generation not yet available)

Silent/Traditionalist Generation (born before 1946): 0.8%

Baby Boomers (1946–1964): 2.6%

Gen X (1965–1980): 4.2%

Gen Y / Millennials (1981–1996): 10.5%

Gen Z (1997–2003): 20.8%

What the text says

Verses 9 and 10 cover every type of sexual immorality.

First, the catch all term “porneia.”

Second, the specific warning to adulterers.

Third, the warning against “men who practice homosexuality” referring to dominant and passive males.

The problem

*“We **ALL** experience sexual sin and brokenness, attractions and behaviors that are contrary to God’s design for us. These attractions and behaviors manifest themselves with the opposite sex, same sex, or mixture of both.” – Josh Gatewood*

About Marriage

Culture

1. You are attracted to someone.
2. You go to bed with them.
3. You say “I love you.”
4. You cohabit
5. You get engaged
6. You get married.

Critique

Dan Allender: “Cohabitation is practice for divorce.”

A different mindset

“Is this person the right person for me?” OR

“What will it take to unite our lives together and make this work?”

About Non-Traditional “Marriage”

Culture

Reflecting on Obergefell, 2015

LGBTQ+ identification rose from 3.5% in 2012 to 9.3% by 2024, sharpest increase among youth. Transgender identification is at 3.3% of youth, and .8% of adults. Gender dysphoria diagnoses tripled between 2017 and 2021. 2015 began the “Drag Queen Story Hour” Acceptance of elective pronouns and “non-binary” identities move from fringe to mainstream in this same window.

Caitlyn Jenner

“When God was looking down and making little Bruce, he said, ‘Let’s give him all these wonderful qualities... but you know, everybody’s got to have something [to deal with.] What are we going to give him? I know, let’s give him the soul of a female.’”

Critique

Youth and anxiety

Even in affirming nations, LGBTQ lifestyles correlate with dramatically higher rates of depression, substance abuse, and shortened life expectancy.

About How Jesus Can Help Us Sinners

Past, present, future

Past – God washed you

Present – God is for your body

Future – God will raise your body

A story of hope

Questions for Personal Study

1. What’s changed in the past century regarding sexual ethics?
2. How do we avoid the charge of hypocrisy, that Christians pick on certain sins and ignore others?
3. What is the hope that Jesus offers to people stuck in sexual sin of any type?
4. How can you hold out the hope of Jesus to someone in need?