

# CANCELLING CULTURE: ESTABLISHING BIBLICAL FILTERS FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Session 5- Why Does God Care About What I  
Do in My Bedroom?

# LUTHER'S DANGEROUS IDEA...AND THE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES

- Luther, 1512- “People can read/interpret the Scriptures individually.”- foundational to Protestantism
- Effects felt well beyond the Church (society shifts)
- Private spaces increase as the years proceed
  - Philosophically- Enlightenment and “I” (Descartes)
  - Politically- The success of the “American experiment” in giving individuals voices
  - Socially- The American Civil War and “individual”
  - Religiously- Finney and “personal Savior”

# LUTHER'S DANGEROUS IDEA...(CONT.)

- Sexual activity becomes one of those places (Examples)
- 1950s onward- “sexual revolution” coincides with an increasingly personalization of everything (existentialism's impact here)
- Tech innovations- allow for both greater personalizing individualism AND instant access to anything, including sexually illicit material.
- **Conclusion: just as we think that our worship or politics is beyond critique, we think the same about ideas relating to sexuality (fornication; adultery; divorce; pornography; homosexuality; gender fluidity; etc.); this is not case: God does care about all of these issues because it effects our relationship with Him/community!**

# LUTHER'S DANGEROUS IDEA...(CONT.)

- Examples of the normalization of sexual immorality:
  - Divorce- when was the last time that we heard about this as a problem?
  - Fornication/Adultery- an aspect of every relationship portrayed in pop culture; not a popular topic on churches to preach about/get into in conversation
  - Pornography- joked about and accepted as another part of what it means to live in the West
  - Homosexuality- increasingly accepted in churches and represented as “heroes” in culture; the “Mighty Ducks” example
  - Gender fluidity- same; the “My Little Pony” example
- **Note 1: Cultural relativism plays a role here**
- **Note 2: Problem is far more complex than “getting family back;” requires an adjustment of theological and philosophical commitments.**
- **Note 3: Legal and scientific commitments play a role here as well; contribute to what defines “culture”**

# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY

- **First: The “Logos” Test (most sexual immorality issues are unsustainable logically)**
  - **A simple argument for the value of logic/order**
    - 1.If God is ordered, then what God creates is ordered as well**
    - 2.God is ordered (“logos”=logic; He picked that name for Himself!)**
    - 3.Therefore what God has created must reflect order as well**



# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW (CONT.)

- Sexual immorality/confusion is chaotic and sows disorder
  - **Divorce-** rips families apart, which are the basis for any stable society; increases the likelihood that it will happen in subsequent generations (Hobbes and the social contract)
  - **Fornication/adultery-** usually the basis for divorce; while maximizing pleasure, is self defeating because of the discord it sows; also increased risk for debilitating/deadly diseases
  - **Pornography-** distances the gap between reality and fantasy; also harmful in the same ways that drugs are (addicting behavior centers of the brain involved)

## BIBLICAL WORDLVIEW (CONT.)

- **Homosexuality-** doesn't pass the "evolutionary logic" test on its own; while homosexual activity might occur in nature, it does nothing to advance/propagate the advancement of the species, so it cannot be a sustainable lifestyle (must be abnormal on natural grounds)
- **Gender fluidity-** while mutations occur in DNA that might show this is possible, this one fails on the grounds that it is rare, occurring in extreme instances (again, abnormal); once DNA is set in humans, it is not changeable, therefore the practice does not pass the logic test based upon sustainability.

# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW (CONT.)

- **Next: Biblical specifics as to why all are unacceptable practices**
- Divorce
  - Mal. 2:16- God is not unclear in His stance on this
  - Matt. 19:8 (notice; permission is a hardness of heart issue)
  - **NOT AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN!**
- Adultery/Fornication
  - **Ex. 20:14- One of the “Big Ten;” why does this seem permissible today then?**
  - Biblical culture- connected to the worship of false gods both OT and NT
  - Eph. 5:22-32- Paul clearly connects the marriage to the relationship of Christ and the Church; **God cannot “be faithless”** in this marriage! (2 Tim. 2:13-16)
- Pornography
  - Matt. 5:27-28- Stimulating wrong desires is the same as acting on them.
  - Matt. 6:22-23- Importance of what you set before your eyes
  - **“...I will not be mastered by anything...” (1 Cor. 6:12)- the issue of addiction**



# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW (CONT.)

- **Homosexuality**

- Rom. 1- when considering this subject, one does not even have to get into “word games”; Paul is clear with the Romans without ever using the word “homosexual.”
- I Cor. 6- Paul uses the word here and it seems fairly clear what he means (Lev. 18:22 and 20:13 in the Hebrew are clear and that would have been Paul’s basis)
- Word games- sometimes maintained that this translates to more of a pedophilia concept than actual activity between two consenting adults; presented as a definition which only arose recently during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s; problem: Matthew Henry (1662-1714) doesn’t see it this way!

- **Gender fluidity**

- 1 Cor. 6:9-10- “effeminate” not among those that inherit the Kingdom.
- Gen. 1-2- God creates with gender assignments in mind and gives a specific assignment to “fill the earth” in the context of marriage; cannot happen with gender swapping
- Why should the “swapping” stop there? What about “species swapping” or “race swapping?” Reality must be asserted as absolute at some point or absurdity that cannot maintain society reigns. (reductio ad absurdum)



# PRACTICING THE CRAFT

1. Identify the problematic statements of the Robinson article.
2. Provide biblical answers for them
3. Come up with a plan to present/address them in a way that still represents 1 Pet. 3:14-16