



Sermon Title: You Asked For It, Part 3

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Romans 1:20-32

Big Idea: LGBTQ is MORE than a sexual discussion; it is a conviction of worship.

The problem in our society started with God and his response to our rebellion/idolatry/not just sexuality. The entire cultural discussion has already been revealed and given to us in the Bible: **Romans 1:20-32**

Everyone has to decide whether or not they will worship God on **His** own terms. There are consequences for both YES and NO. God sets out the consequences. We are where we are today because mankind continues to worship and serve **ANYTHING** other than God our Father! **Romans 1:26-32**

Let's turn to the Claims of Society in comparison with the Truth of God's word:

#1 CLAIM: We need to fight for our rights! (claimed on both sides)

THE TRUTH: **Romans 2:4**

Believers are challenged to remember that God's kind heart, waiting, and patience in the face of sin leads to repentance. People who claim to be followers of Jesus open themselves up to correction by others in the church. People outside the family of God need you to share the kindness and forgiveness of Jesus with them!

#2 CLAIM:

[It is] "Unlikely biblical authors had any notion of sexual orientation."

THE TRUTH: This topic and more are FULLY known by God and His people.

'You shall not sleep with a male as one sleeps with a female; it is an abomination. 'Also you shall not have sexual intercourse with any animal

to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion. **Leviticus 18:22-23 NASB.**

'If there is a man who sleeps with a male as those who sleep with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they must be put to death. They have brought their own deaths upon themselves.

'If there is a man who marries a woman and her mother, it is an outrageous sin; both he and they shall be burned with fire, so that there will be no such outrageous sin in your midst. **Leviticus 20:13-14 NASB**

#3 CLAIM: The word homosexual was not coined until 1880 by a German psychologist. The reference here is to one of the first written recordings. But this claim is true.

THE TRUTH: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

God's word uses terms that describe the act, not the person. Every person is made in God's image. He is supposed to be our identity, yet our actions and attitudes are sinful.

#4 CLAIM: I was born this way.

This is one we don't need to argue with. It's an open door to sharing, since we are all born sinners.

THE TRUTH: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

We must all be Born Again **John 3:3**

The purpose of God's law is to teach us what SIN is. **1 Timothy 1:8-11**

#5 CLAIM: God must have created sexual diversity.

This is the claim people make when their belief in God comes in contrast to the life being lived.

THE TRUTH: Jesus teaches us about God's Sexual Design, including Gender:

Mark 10:6-9, 1 Corinthians 6:13-14

When asked about love, marriage, and divorce - Jesus points us back to the beginning – 1 man, and 1 woman, joined together by God. That is God's design.

WHAT NOW?

CAUTION:

For the faithful of God, there are earthly consequences to God's truth. **Romans 12:14** (Daniel – would not pray to the king. Therefore →the lion's den.) **2 Timothy 3:12.** There will be persecution for those believing biblical truth. But more importantly, we must be known for our care for

people as individuals.

SPIRITUAL:

Prayer of repentance. For a previous generation that celebrated sexual freedom and revolution. We get what we plant in the ground each generation.

Plant something new.

Begin planting something new in your family right now! Continue to root out the sin in your own life before taking a public stand on a stranger's sin.

Trust God.

Know deep in your heart – God does not need your help in working out His plan for our society.

PRACTICAL:

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WHAT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN?

#1 Teach that they carry and represent the Image of God

#2 Teach and demonstrate Obedience to God

#3 Children are concrete learners. Therefore, if God calls it Sin – YOU call it sin

#4 Demonstrate to your children there is Strength in Jesus to resist temptation.

#5 Don't complain about or protest educators – SERVE! (Schools, teachers, school boards, State Government)

GRACE CHURCH:

We will continue proclaiming the Word, encouraging believers, and preaching Jesus crucified to sinners needing salvation. Believers will suffer for the cause of Christ. Meaning we will suffer as we plead the need for faith in Jesus with lost people - that is the cause of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Why is LGBTQ a worship issue?

- **What sin have you struggled with since you were you that being born again has helped you overcome? Explain.**
- **When speaking with a person in the LGBTQ community, how can a Christian separate the sin from the person's value?**
- **How can you show hospitality to someone in LGBTQ?**
- **What advice would you offer to a Christian who shows hatred towards those in the LGBTQ community?**