

Homosexuality

“Homosexual behavior comes from real human needs going unmet. Homosexual behavior takes hold when those needs get met in ways other than the Lord intended. “

Sex is designed to be expressed solely in a marriage relationship between a man and a woman. Gen 3

Any sexual expression outside of that express, narrow arena is a deviation from God’s design and therefore is sin. It is no different than any other sin. 1Corinthians 6:7-11. Paul lists homosexuality along with fornication, covetousness, drunkenness and stealing. It’s all a step away from God’s design.

Church people have been particularly hard on homosexuals, quickly condemning them to Hell while many of their own children are living with their ‘significant others.’ While it’s an embarrassment and point of contention, it can’t possibly be serious enough to send them to Hell.

Homosexuals for the most part believe the church hates them or at least finds them peculiar and unwelcomed. So, it is easier for them to have their own supportive, loving community of other gay people, where they can avoid the church issue all together.

The church has been told there is a ‘gay agenda,’ and we see that when we see the baker have to go before the Supreme Court to defend his decision not to bake a wedding cake for a gay couple or now, not to bake a cake for a transgender celebrating his change. So, yes, there is a ‘gay agenda,’ but for the most part, gay people are just trying to do life in the way that they can.

Judgment belongs in God’s Hands.

It's not our job to judge. It's our job to love and to give them hope. They have the same self-doubt and struggles that anyone has who is trying to find who they are, why they are here and what is their eternal future.

Relationship, kindness and love will speak volumes. Like us all, they need Jesus and His redeeming power. As long as the focus is Jesus, we'll stay on target.

The problem has been 'changing church culture to welcome gay behavior' or in the opposite, taking such a hard stand against gays that they can find no place to make inquiry or to be honest when they come into the church.

So what do we do? How do we handle ourselves as Christ-followers in in this culture?

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Gays are defined by sexuality. Assumed to be lustful and consumed with sex. Heterosexuals are not. They can be 'in love' without an issue.

First thing God said was 'not good' was man being alone. So, if you follow the traditional understanding of scriptures, the only thing God allows for a gay man (or woman) is 'to be alone.' This causes a conflict of understanding.

When the men demanded for Lot to send his visitors out to them in Genesis 19, it was an issue of gang rape, not homosexuality. These were heterosexual men who were lustful and eaten up with their unbridled desire.

Of the 20 passages that reference this event in Genesis 19, only one references the sin as sexual perversion but there are many forms of sexual perversion. Jude 7 'Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.'

Ezekial 16:48-50 defines the sin of Sodom as: 'Behold, this was the guilt of your sister, Sodom; she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but he did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore, I removed them when I saw them.'

Leviticus: 20 – these laws are not carried over to the NT.

The man laying with a man is not referenced in Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy or Ezekial. Adultery, bestiality and incest are mentioned but not homosexuality.

Romans 1: 'exchanged' – were heterosexuals – not those who were born homosexuals.