

**Same Sex Unions  
What does the  
Bible say?**

# **The Culture Defines**

## **Unconditional Love:**

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- 2) Those who are not accepting of same-sex unions. (uncompassionate, judgmental, narrow-minded, bigoted, unenlightened)

**Which way? Compassion or  
uncompromising standard based on  
Scripture and orthodox doctrine?**

**Are both possible?**

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### **1) From the Prophets**

**16 This is what the LORD says:**

**“Stand at the crossroads and look;  
ask for the ancient paths,**

**ask where the good way is, and walk in it,  
and you will find rest for your souls.**

**But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ (Jer. 6:16)**

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#### **2) From the Apostles**

**“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching (doctrine) and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.” (Ephesians 4:14)**



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**Paul said: Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. (1 Thess 5: 20-22)**

**John said: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)**

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3) From Jesus

**52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”**

(Matthew 13:52)

What were God's  
intentions for marriage?

## Matthew 19

**3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”**

**4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’**

## Matthew 19

5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

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7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. 9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

“God designed marriage to be a permanent, lifelong commitment between a man and a woman.”

(Jesus)

## **Two parts:**

- 1) God created marriage to be between male and female.
- 2) God created marriage to last.



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- 1) In Scripture, marriage is *always* defined as a union between a man and a woman.

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2) There are also powerful arguments from nature and society (without appealing to Bible) that marriage should be between a man and a woman.

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3) Scripture condemns sexual behavior outside the marriage relationship.

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4) Marriage is a symbol of God's relationship with people.

## **QUICK QUESTIONS:**

**Are people born gay, or do they choose to be gay? Because if people are born gay, then why is homosexual behavior a sin?**

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## **QUICK QUESTIONS:**

**Is there a place for people with same sex attraction in the church?**

## **QUICK QUESTIONS:**

**How should a Christian treat gay people?**

-With love and respect.

-As an eternal soul created in the image of God.

-Express disagreement with gentleness and respect (and not on Social Media).

-Be prayerful about “drawing lines”, thinking not only about truth, but also about people.