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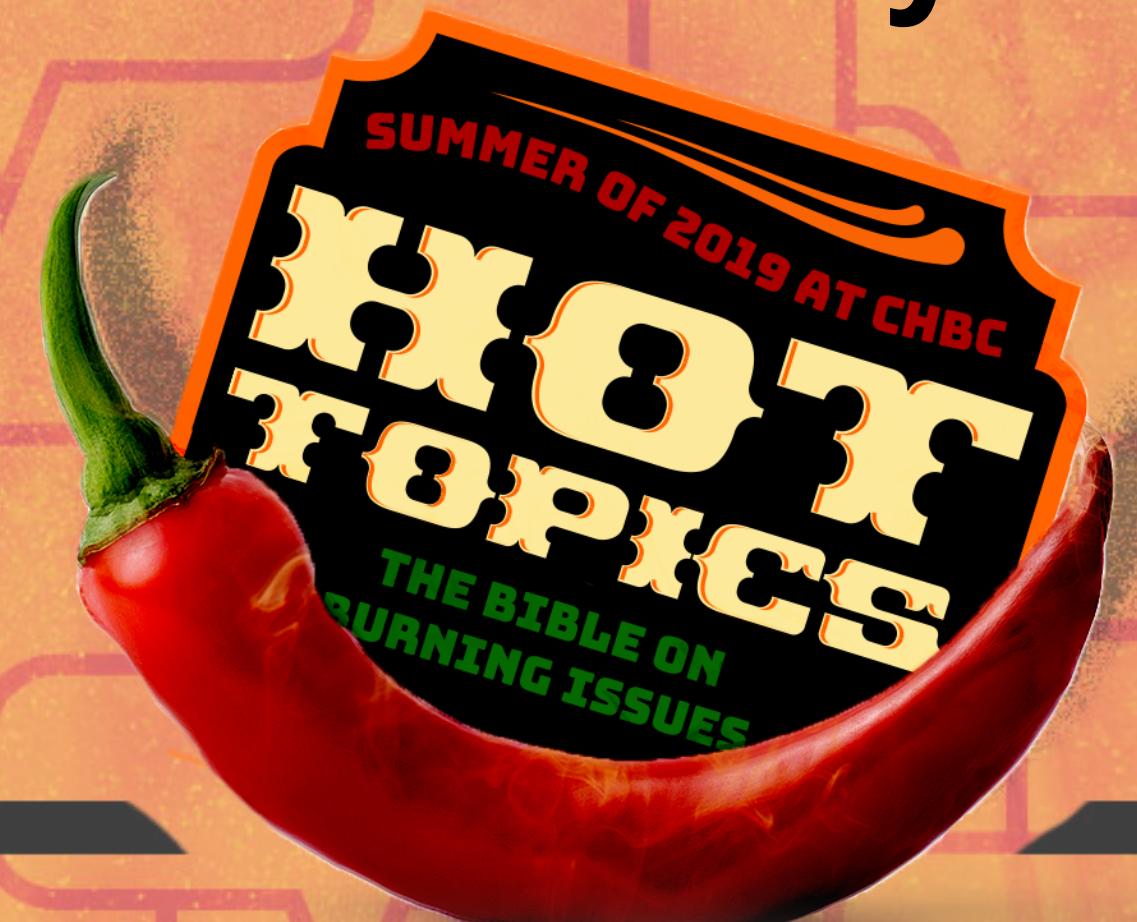
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**THE BIBLE ON
BURNING ISSUES**

SEXUALITY & MARRIAGE

ROMANS 1:18 - 32

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[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

ROMANS 1:18-32

[19] For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

ROMANS 1:18-32

[20] For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

ROMANS 1:18-32

[21] For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

ROMANS 1:18-32

*[22] Claiming to be wise, they became
fools,*

ROMANS 1:18-32

[23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

ROMANS 1:18-32

[24] Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

ROMANS 1:18-32

[25] because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

[26] For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

[27] and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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[28] And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

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[29] They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

*[30] slanderers, haters of God, insolent,
haughty, boastful, inventors of evil,
disobedient to parents,*

ROMANS 1:18-32

[31] foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

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[32] Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (ESV)



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- Every text that refers to homosexual behavior is negative.
- Scripture is not focused on certain types of homosexual action and silent on consensual, monogamous homosexual relationships that conform to all the other features of a godly marriage.
- The form of our bodies and our essence are intrinsically bound.
- The Bible does not condemn desires/feelings in general, but only ungodly desires/feelings. Scripture calls us to root our feelings in the objective and revealed truth of God, rather than in our inner feelings, even if those feelings are strong, not chosen, and seem unavoidable.
- Same-sex attraction is both common to all sinful desires and unique AND must be approached with both in mind and in tension.



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[3] And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?”

MATTHEW 19:3-6

[4] He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

MATTHEW 19:3-6

[5] and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’

MATTHEW 19:3-6

[6] So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (ESV)

MATTHEW 19:3-6

**REGARDLESS OF EARNEST LOVE,
SEXUAL SATISFACTION, GENEROUS
PARENTING, AND HAVING
EVERYTHING ELSE IN PLACE, TWO
PEOPLE OF THE SAME GENDER ARE
NOT ONLY FAILING TO CONSTITUTE
A MARRIAGE, BUT THEY ARE
DAMAGING THE IMAGE OF GOD BY
DISPLAYING IDOLATRY RATHER
THAN WORSHIP.**



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- Jesus was and is MALE.
- Jesus had and has human desires.
- Jesus was single, YET chaste AND totally satisfied.
- Jesus is betrothed in marriage to the covenant people of God.



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IMPLICATIONS

- A. Our biological sex is constitutive of our human identity.
- B. Marriage can only be constituted by one male and one female. The binary is essential.
- C. Sex is to be expressed within the ultimate covenant of a married couple. Sex is an ultimate experience as an ultimate symbol of union, not merely a physical and socially pleasurable experience.

COMPLEX QUESTIONS

1. What about sexually ambiguous people?
2. What do we do with the space between clarity on sex only within male-female marriage and people who experience SSA (unbelievers, confused believers, Biblically convinced believers)?
3. Is there such a thing as orientation? People born with SSA? What about sexuality as a thing?



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TWO THINGS ARE POSSIBLE AND IMPERATIVE:

- 1. We are Scripturally called to hold to a theologically-rooted, gospel-revealing, and body-embracing-male-female view on marriage and sex.**
- 2. We are Scripturally called to have a bold, stubborn, and grace-infused welcome to people who experience SSA and identify as gay.**



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