

Articles of Faith Lesson 21: “*Marriage And Human Sexuality*” Part 2

Section II: Human Sexuality

We believe that sexual intimacy is a gift from God, intended to only occur between a man and woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexual conduct, bisexual conduct, lesbianism, bestiality, incest, any use of pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that all sinful behavior can be forgiven by God, who offers redemption, and restoration to all who confess their sin, repent of their behavior, and seek His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We further believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, and respect, as we seek to practice our faith and beliefs.

Genesis 1:27-28 – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:18-25 - And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. ¹⁹And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. ²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: ²²And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man ²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Exodus 20:14 – Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Leviticus 18:1-30

Matthew 5:27-28 – Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. ²⁸But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 19:4-6 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵And said, For this cause shall a man leave

father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Romans 1:26-27 – And for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 – Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God ¹¹And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. ¹² All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. ¹⁵Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid. ¹⁶What? Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? The two, saith he, shall be one flesh. ¹⁷But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. ¹⁸Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is a without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. ¹⁹What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ephesians 5:22-24 – Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Ephesians 5:25-28 - Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Hebrews 13:4 – Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Ephesians 5:3 – But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

The Natural & Moral Law Affirms God's Standard. Rom. 2:15

- ✚ Anatomy determines reality. The natural design of the body affirms the union of a man and a woman. Only men and women can procreate, and their parts fit perfectly together for the act of heterosexual intercourse. If homosexuality was intended to be the norm... Humanity would cease in less than 100 years.... 2 men and 2 women cannot procreate...
- ✚ In other words, God so designed His world that only a husband and wife could ultimately co-reign with Him, reproduce a godly heritage, and enjoy and personal intimacy that reflected the spiritual intimacy of the Trinity. Therefore wisdom would follow the divine blueprint of the Creator Himself if we want to experience the best He has for us. And because God created marriage, He alone knows how to make it work. To avoid the divine blueprint for marriage is to invite the worst kind of consequences. (Insecurity, STD's, no children, abuse, depression, anxiety, stress, rejection, hatred, divorce, sin, hurt, neglect, selfishness, covetousness, jealousy, malice, murder)

I. The Key Implications:

- ✚ **1. Only a lifetime, male-female, monogamous marriage and family can measure up to this Biblical view of reality.**
- ✚ **2. All forms of immorality are sin.** They are distortions & counterfeits of God's design! (Example: premarital sex, incest, homosexuality, adultery, bigamy, polygamy, polyamory, prostitution, pornography, etc.). Deviation from God's ideal is always wrong!

Gen. 4 – Polygamy. Gen. 19 – Incest. Gen. 34 – Rape. Gen. 38 – Prostitution. Gen. 42 – Seduction and attempted adultery.

Homosexuality is a sin. Just like these are sin so is homosexuality! Gen. 18:20-21; 19:1-11, 24; Lev. 18:22, 29; 20:13; Deut. 22:5; 23:17; Judges 19:22-23; Rom. 1:26-27, 32; I Cor. 6:9-11; I Tim. 1:8-10

It is not an orientation; you aren't born that way: It is a choice. **James 1:13-15. Gen. 18-19 – Homosexuality. Gen. 19:1-14 – Sodom & Gomorrah were destroyed because of this sin... Mal. 3:6** - What makes us think that God has changed? God does not abrogate! Sin that sentences you to hell is not an orientation. You aren't born that way. All sin that is an offense to God is a matter of choice. Period. How unjust would God be to send you to hell for the way he made you?

- ✚ **3. The ultimate end of all such forms of immorality is death: James 1:13-15; Rom. 6:23. Gen. 3:1-24; Prov. 2:16-22; 5:1-23; 7:1-27; Rom. 1:18-32; 5:12; 6:16, 21, 23.**
- ✚ **4. The world and its forces, in rebellion against God, are always attacking this Biblical view of marriage and family, including such things as no-fault (easy out) divorce, redefining marriage and family, legitimizing alternative lifestyles, etc.**
See I John 2:15-17 – This world passes away – but those in God's will abide forever!

✚ **5. The good news is that God, in His infinite mercy and grace, is more than willing and able to forgive, restore, and transform our broken premarital, marital, post marital, extra-marital lives.** He proved this by sending his son to die on the cross in our place and raising him from the dead! (**John 3:16-18; I John 2:1-2, 28-3:3; 4:9-10**). And that is why He places us in a Biblically valid expression of His body, a redemptive community of faith, better known as the church. (Barry R. Leventhal)

II. What does Lighthouse Baptist Church believe?

✚ Where does Lighthouse Baptist Church stand on this and similar subjects: we stand with the B-I-B-L-E. To answer any questions regarding gay marriage or the like, we will align with God, his Word, his holy standard... this is not up for debate.

✚ Most common argument today is: Who are you to judge? (**Matt. 7:1; John 8:7**) **Matt. 7:5** – Judge yourself & then help your brother! **James 5:20 - John 8:10-11** – Go & sin no more! **I Cor. 6:9-11**

✚ God created everything. God designed marriage. Nowhere in the scriptures is this ever changed.

III. Can A Homosexual Be Saved? Yes. Can A homosexual be saved & continue unrepentant in their sin? No! I Cor. 6:9-11 – In the same way that any of us couldn't walk the aisle and continue in whatever form of open, unrepentant, and persistent sin! **John 8:11**–Go & sin no more!

✚ **Biblical Obedience Is Now Civil Disobedience. Acts 5:28-29.**

✚ If gay marriage was God's design, the planet would be empty in 100 years...

✚ The foundations are gone... **Ps. 11:3; 82:5**

✚ **I Pet. 2:9-11; Titus 2:14.** The standards that shaped Western culture and American society have given way to practical atheism and moral relativism. A country will not rise above the morality of its citizens, and the majority of Americans DON'T have a biblical worldview. **Religious Liberty is not promised in the Bible.**

✚ **Light Shines Brighter against the Darkness... - Purification of the Church...** This will reveal that there are many: Dead limbs and rotten fruit...This will separate the Light from the Darkness, the Faithful from the Fake, the Followers from the Hypocrites; those in Christ from those living a lie; those who have divorced behavior from belief!

✚ **GOD IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL! Jeremiah 10:10.** Heaven is not shaken. We must not be shaken. This world is not our home. No human court has the authority to redefine marriage. Every marriage will be judged according to biblical grounds on the last day. **Prov. 21:30; Dan. 4:35.**

✚ We have moved: from shock. To equality. To acceptance. To celebration. To normal. To persecuting those who speak against... **Exodus 32:26** ... “Who is on the Lord’s side? Let him come unto me.” **Rom. 13:11-14**

✚ **Do We Think God’s Silence is God’s Support? Ps. 50:16-23**

✚ **Will judgment come? It already has! Rom. 1:24, 26, 28, 32... God is giving us our way!**

✚ **This is more than an obstacle, it’s an opportunity!** We must be people of courage in this midnight hour! For the church to rise up out of her apathy! **I Cor. 15:33-34; Rom. 13:11-14.**

✚ **Billy Graham:** “Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – EXCEPT GOD.”

✚ **Live & die with a God honoring biblical worldview!** This is very alarming--the biblical illiteracy present when “professing Christians” are standing against God. “We Will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar’s. But under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God’s.”

What Makes the Sin of Homosexuality So Grievous?

✚ All sin is grievous and yet what makes sodomy/homosexuality so offensive: It strikes at the very first & core institution of God: marriage & the family! It says creator God made me this way!

✚ Homosexuality is not the only sin mentioned in **I Cor. 6:9-11**. But it is the one sin in this condemning list of sins meriting God’s judgment that is being justified, celebrated, praised, legislated, given the title of marriage, and forced down Christians’ throats!

✚ Homosexuality is celebrated by our larger society with pioneering excitement. It’s seen as a good thing, as the new hallmark of progress.

✚ **Christ’s followers can walk their own path & say: you are wrong, but you are loved!** That’s what we say, speaking from our own experience, as Tim Keller so well puts it, “We’re far worse than we ever imagined, and far more loved than we could ever dream.”

✚ **LET’S REMEMBER TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!** **Acts 18:9-10** Marriage is not the ultimate battleground, and our enemies are not the men and women who seek to destroy it – **II Cor. 10:4**. The battleground is the Gospel.

✚ **Love wins... Nearly 2000 years ago love won for the sins of all sinners of all time!** A Savior died in our place for our sin to save us! But He loves us too much to let us stay in sin! **John 8:11** – Go & sin no more! **John 8:31-32** - No repentance no salvation! **I Cor. 6:9-11** - & such were some of you.

1. LIE: What's wrong with it? If I have the desire, it must be ok. TRUTH: What's Right with It?
Our nature is sinful and must be renewed through Christ! **II Tim. 2:19**

2. LIE: Anything (divorce) is ok if it will make you happy. TRUTH: Marriage as God's ideal is 1 man for 1 woman for 1 lifetime. Mal. 2:14-16 God hates divorce. Our problem in society is we love what God hates! & hate what God loves!

3. LIE: Marriage between whoever is ok. It's just a piece of paper anyway. TRUTH: God's design is: 1 man, 1 woman in the marriage covenant for 1 lifetime. Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-9; Eph. 5:31-33. God created man and woman and designed marriage to be a covenant, for completion and children.

4. LIE: Jesus never spoke out against homosexuality. TRUTH: God does not understand, He is holy and what we say God understands, he was murdered for! II Tim. 3:16-17 - John 1:1-3, 14; Heb. 1:1-4; Eph. 5:31-33 – From **Genesis 19** where Jesus as preincarnate Christ in His holiness can't approach into Sodom and Gomorrah with their sin! To **Judges 19** & the men of Gibeah the Benjamites & their destruction! To **Revelation 21:8** "whoremongers" – sexually immoral – From Genesis to Revelation, from A to Z Jesus is God and is clearly against it! There is no separation between God & Jesus! There isn't a rift in their deity and different standards in the Father's and Son's books and laws! – **Rom. 1:18,21-32**

5. LIE: They can't help it, they are born that way. TRUTH: God made us 1 gender, 1 marriage for 1 lifetime. God made us male and female, to procreate, to picture Christ & the church! **Gen. 2:18-25, Matt. 19:4-6** – What in the world would ever make us condone what God condemns? If God destroyed 5 cities then, why do we think he won't hold us accountable today? Is **Heb. 13:8** no longer true?

 **Deut. 22:5** – Transvestites, transgender! Abomination!

 **Gen. 1:27; Matt. 19:4** – God made them male and female. **Gen. 5:2**

 **Mal. 2:15** – God brought male & female together for the obvious purpose of procreation! If God's ideal was 2 men or 2 women: humanity would become extinct and would not have dominion over the earth and be able to worship God!

 **Lev. 18:22** – Homosexuality – Abomination.

 All these sexual sins and abominations are wrong. They are sin. These things are perversions of God's design. Not just Old Testament! **Rom. 1:18, 24-32; I Cor. 6:9-11**

 Fornication was forbidden **Gen. 2:24-25** – **Matt. 19:4-6; I Thess. 4:3**

6. LIE: Everyone is doing it, even Christians, so what's the big deal? TRUTH: Right is right even if no one is doing it, and wrong is still wrong even if everyone is doing it! Ps. 119:142, Jn. 17:17

- 📖 **Rom. 1:32-2:4; John 12:48** - Knowing the Judgment of the Lord, we should live righteously!
- 📖 God's ideal through the Scriptures leads to life! **Ezek. 18:32**
- 📖 Satan's lies through society leads to death! **John 10:10**
- 📖 **Joshua 24:15** – "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
- 📖 As a Christian, holiness is the goal. As an unbeliever, happiness is the goal.
- 📖 When happiness is the goal, anything goes! Pornography, adultery is ok if you aren't happy.
- 📖 Adultery in the OT: Death. **Deut. 22:22**
- 📖 Adultery in the NT: Divorce. **Matt. 19:3-9** (Divorce for adultery is permitted, but it is not prescribed) - For too many today, divorce is the first option, rather than the last resort!
- 📖 Adultery in perspective of the Eternal Kingdom: Damnation: **I Cor. 6:9-11**

7. LIE: Fornication is ok if it will make you happy. TRUTH: Sex inside the marriage covenant is healthy.

- 📖 Average age of marriage for men: around 30; women late 20's. What has changed? Today singles are dating, relating and fornicating rather than worshipping & waiting!
- 📖 Satan's Desire is to deceive & devour! **John 8:44** "...he is a liar, and the father of it." **10:10a & I Pet. 5:8** - Society is his puppet: **I John 2:15-17** - Do you realize that our society is the enemy of God!
- 📖 Sex inside the bounds of marriage. **I Cor. 6:9-13; 7:1-5**
- 📖 **Deut. 21:18-21** – rebellious children, stoned to death! Under Old Covenant, we would be put to death then, for what we parade today! Anarchy in the home breeds anarchy in society.
- 📖 **Lev. 18:23** – Bestiality! – Abomination!
- 📖 **Lev. 18:24-30** - Not going along to get along! Not following society and pagans of the land! Idolatry
- 📖 **II Cor. 6:14-18** There is a hole in our holiness! So much is watered down today!
- 📖 Sexual Incest is Forbidden! **Lev. 18:6-19**
- 📖 Pedophilia is abomination! **Lev. 18:6-19**

📖 Adultery is forbidden. **Lev. 18:20; Prov. 6:20-35; 7:1-27 Matt. 5:27-28** – What ends with the hands, begins with the heart.

📖 Fornication was forbidden! **Gen. 2:24-25 – Matt. 19:4-6; I Thess. 4:3 -**

📖 **Deut. 22:22** (22-30) – Polyamory – Swingers & multiple partners.

📖 Abortion is wrong. **Lev. 18:21** – Aborting babies & newborns in sacrifice to idols! We do to the idol of my happiness! **II Kings 21:8-16; 24:2-4**

📖 All these sexual sins and abominations are wrong. They are sin. These things are perversions of God's design. Not just OT! **Rom. 1:18,24-32; I Cor. 6:9-11;**

📖 We live in a day that calls evil good and good evil **Is. 5:20** “

📖 Pornography. – **Job 31:1**

📖 Sex outside the bounds of marriage. – Married couples are now minority! **I Thess. 4:3; I Cor. 6:9-11**

8. LIE: Everyone is doing it, even Christians, so what's the big deal? TRUTH: Right is right even if no one is doing it, and wrong is still wrong even if everyone is doing it! Ps. 119:142, Jn. 17:17

📖 You never make the exception the rule!

9. LIE: I can look but cannot touch. TRUTH: Your Hands are an extension of your heart!

📖 The problem isn't the act, it's the attitude. It's not just the hands, it's the heart! **Matt. 5:27-28**

📖 1 man. 1 woman for 1 lifetime. Chastity before marriage. Fidelity in marriage. Til death do us part. For better or worse. Richer or poorer. Sickness and in health.

📖 **Rom. 1:32-2:4; John 12:48** - Knowing the Judgment of the Lord, we should live righteously

📖 Fear of God! **Prov. 16:6; Prov. 23:17** “Let not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.”