

“What the Bible Says about Homosexuality”

Selected Scriptures

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1. God created marriage.

A. He designed it.

“the LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him...And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man and brought her to the man.’ (Genesis 2:18, 22)

B. He defined it.

“For this cause a man [male] shall leave his father and mother [a monogamous, heterosexual couple] and shall cleave to his wife [female], and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31)

C. He defends it.

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrew 13:4)

2. Homosexuality is sinful.

A. It is an abomination.

“You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination (Leviticus 18:22).

B. It is unnatural.

“their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error” (Romans 1:26-27)

C. It is an expression of lust.

“they burned in their desire toward one another” (Romans 1:27)

“the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life” (1 John 2:16)

“abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11)

3. Homosexuality is a unique sin.

A. It is destructive.

“receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error (Romans 1:27)

B. It is a perversion.

“for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations and the land has become defiled” (Leviticus 18:27)

*“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”
(1 Corinthians 6:18)*

C. It is a distortion.

“husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies... This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the Church” (Ephesians 5:28, 32)

4. Homosexuality is a forgivable sin.

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit that kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”
(Romans 1:16)*

“The Lord is...patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9)