

sermon notes

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March 19, 2025 | “Christianity and Homosexuality”

Ten Biblical Reasons Homosexuality is Incompatible with Christianity:

- 1) _____ (Gen 1:26–28; 2:21–24)
- 2) _____ and _____ (Gen 13:12–13; 19:1–29; Jude 7)
- 3) _____ (Lev 18:22; 20:13)
- 4) _____ and _____ (Judg 19–21 [especially 19:22])
- 5) _____ and his _____ (Song 1–8)
- 6) Paul to the _____ (Rom 1:18–28)
- 7) Paul to the _____ (1 Cor 6:9–11)
- 8) Paul to _____ (1 Tim 1:8–11)
- 9) _____ and his _____
- 10) _____ - There are no positive displays of homosexuality in the Bible

So What Now?

- 1) _____
- 2) Don't be _____, _____, or _____
- 3) Be _____ to _____
- 4) Don't preach salvation by _____; preach the _____
- 5) Don't forget _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Review the “Ten Biblical Reasons” above. Give a summary statement of how the Bible presents homosexuality. How would you respond to someone who said, “Jesus never said anything negative about homosexuality?” Is homosexuality an unforgivable sin in the Bible? How do Christians balance grace and truth in their interactions with homosexuals and others who disagree with them on this issue?

Read Romans 1:18–32. In what sense is all sin the same? Is there a sense in which sins differ (e.g., have different consequences, etc.)? How is homosexuality like every other sin? In what sense is it different? What does Romans 1:18–32 teach us concerning this?

GET PERSONAL

Discuss the following statement: “All truth without grace is brutality; all grace without truth is hypocrisy.” How would a balanced approach of truth and grace make you more effective in leading lost people to Christ? Do you tend to be more truth-focused or grace-focused? How do you strike a balance between the two?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9–11. What hope does this verse offer to those caught in sin or to those who have a loved-one caught in sin? What does this passage teach us about battling sin? How do we help those with same-sex attraction battle sin? For help with this, read the following article by Jean Lloyd entitled “Seven Things I Wish My Pastor Knew about My Homosexuality,” 12-10-14:

<https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/12/14149/>

Why is a decision to accommodate a person's sin (like legalizing gay marriage), an unloving thing to do? How is homosexuality a legitimate need fulfilled in an illegitimate way? What are your legitimate needs? In what ways are you meeting your legitimate needs biblically? In what ways are you tempted to meet your needs un-biblically?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Through God's law we see how God feels about sins such as homosexuality. However, through his grace we see how He feels about sinners. Search the gospels for three examples of Jesus Christ engaging sinners with truth and grace.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Explain the relationship between the OT Law and the Christian. Which OT laws are binding for the believer? Which ones are not? How would you respond to a practicing homosexual who says that Christians pick and choose OT laws that they want to apply? The book of Leviticus prohibits the eating of shellfish (Lev 11:9–12) and the use of mixed seeds and fabrics (Lev 19:19). How are prohibitions against homosexual practice (Lev 18:22; 20:13) different from those regulations?