

What Does The Bible Say About Homosexuality And How Would Jesus Respond To This Lifestyle?

“The Word (Jesus) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14



GOD'S DESIRE

1. Eternal relationship by doing life His ways to experience blessing.
2. Maximum intimacy: “In-to-me-see” to know and be known
3. Maximum sex
4. God wants the best for you personally and communally and has offered us His best as Redeemer and Creator.

GOD'S DESIGN

1. Since creation our Creator (God/Jesus) designed marriage to be between a man and a woman for life. He gave no exceptions. The Bible's teaching and assumption from cover to cover is one woman and one man becoming one flesh by covenant and sexual union. (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:21-25; Matthew 19:4-6)
2. First command in Bible is to multiply (assumes 1 man - 1 woman)
3. Why is sex so important to God? Partnering to create life (family).
4. Any deviation from or distortion of God's design for sex is sin. Adultery, premarital sex, pornography, masturbation, voyeurism, bestiality, sodomy, living together unmarried, homosexuality.
5. God says homosexuality is “contrary to nature” and marriage as designed by God. (Romans 1:26-27)
6. Sex is a gift of God to be used for His glory and our good. (James 1:16-18)

OUR DISOBEDIENCE

1. 1 Corinthians 6: 9-12
2. Gen 18:20-21; 19:1-16; Jude 1:7 (Sodom and Gomorrah)
3. Romans 1:25-28. We have exchanged the truth of God's design for the world's lies to quench our desires.
4. We have rejected God's perfect design for a cheap substitute. (Colossians 3:5)
5. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

6. 1 Timothy 1:8-11
7. God does not want us to be dominated, enslaved to or controlled by any sin! (Psalm 19:13; 119:133; Rom 6:12-13).

CULTURE'S DEFINITIONS The world says...

1. **New tolerance** says that all truth claims, faiths, beliefs, behaviors, values and lifestyles must be equally accepted, agreed upon and validated by all lest we become homophobic, narrow minded bigots. (John 1:14; 18:37-38).
2. **Traditional tolerance** listens to, values, recognizes, respects and accepts the individual without necessarily approving of, agreeing with or supporting their beliefs or behaviors. (Romans 12:16, 18; 15:7; Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 12:14)
3. I might be genetically hardwired this way and cannot change. “I was born this way” “Yes, I was born horny with sinful cravings too! Doesn't change that my desires are sinful and my lusts must also come under the Lordship of Christ.”

YOUR DECISIONS

1. Begin or rekindle a relationship with Christ that together you can live life according to God's design. (II Corinthians 5:14, 21; Titus 3:3-8; Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 6:1-4)
2. Honor God's design for sex and your body. (I Corinthians 6:18-20; Colossians 3:17; II Timothy 3:22)
3. “My feelings are just so strong.” Live your life by faith not by feelings. The facts of God's truth always trump the way we feel. Principles trump pleasure principles. (II Corinthians 5:7; 15)
4. Chose wisely your Master and what will master you. (I Corinthians 6:12-20; Titus 3:3-8; Romans 6:16-18)
5. Judge without being judgmental. (Matthew 7:1-5; I Corinthians 5:9-13; II Corinthians 13:5)
6. If you are living outside God's design for life (sex) He offers you mercy, grace and forgiveness. You can live a life of sexual purity according to His design only with His wisdom and power. (I Peter 1:13-19; II Peter 3:17-18; I Timothy 4:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; I Thessalonians 5:23-24)
7. Speak the truth in love being full of grace when it comes to sexual issues. (Ephesians 4:15; John 1:14; 4:1-18, 28-29, 40-41)
8. Your most potent sexual organ is....your mind! Bring it under the Lordship of Christ so that you think rightly about sex the way God designed it. (I Corinthians 2:14-16; 10:13; II Corinthians 10:3-6; Colossians 3:1-5)
9. Do not expect someone who is not walking with God to embrace God's life principles or truth claims. (I Corinthians 2:10-16)