

Marriage, Human Sexuality, Homosexuality, and the Church

Bible Study

Welcome

Creation and Marriage

- **Genesis 1, 2 and 3 (1:26-31; 2:18-25)**
- **Matthew 19:1-12 (Mark 10:2-12)**
- **Ephesians 5:18-33**
- **1 Corinthians 7:1-40**
- **Hebrews 13:4**
- **Revelation 19:7-9**

Homosexuality – Old Testament

- **Genesis 18 and 19 (Sodom and Gomorrah)**
- **Judges 19:1-30 (22-25)**
- **Leviticus 18-20 (18:22; 19:13)**
- **Genesis 9:20-27 (10:15-20)**

Homosexuality – Old Testament

- Other ref. to Sodom/Gomorrah: Isaiah 1:7-17; Ezekiel 16:49-50; Luke 10:10-12; 2 Peter 2:7, Jude 7
- the *qedesim* (dedicated men) Deut. 23:17-18; 1 Kgs 14:21-24, 15:12-14, 22:46; 2 Kgs 23:7; Job 36:14; with “dog” Deut 23:18
- *to’ebah* (abomination)
- Deuteronomy 22:5
- Jonathan & David, 1 Samuel 18-23

Homosexuality – New Testament

- **Romans 1:18-3:20 (1:24-32)**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**
- **1 Timothy 1:8-10**
- **The Silence / Witness of Jesus**
- **Does Revelation 22:14, 15 apply?**

Sanctification of Desires

- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**
- **Romans 1:24-25; 6:1-14 (12-14); 7:7-8:13**
- **Galatians 5:16-26**
- **Ephesians 4:17-24**
- **Colossians 3:5-17**
- **James 1:12-18**
- **1 John 2:15-17**
- **Matthew 5:27-30**

Ethic of Love

- **Leviticus 19:9-18**
- **Matthew 5:43-48; 19:16-26; 22:34-40**
- **Mark 12:28-34**
- **Romans 13:8-14**
- **Galatians 5:13-26**
- **James 2:1-13**
- **1 Corinthians 10:24; 13:1-13**
- **The teaching and actions of Jesus**

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- **Whenever the Bible touches upon same-sex erotic behavior it is uniformly negative. Twice it is absolutely proscribed.**

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- **All persons are the object of Christ's affection and redemptive work, including homosexually tempted persons.**

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- **The fall into sin distorted many aspects of our human lives/constitution/psyche including our passions, desires, affections, and emotions.**

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- **Sanctification, which continues the power of redemption to completion, seeks to bring unruly and renegade desires under the control of God's Holy Spirit and restore desire to its creative place.**

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- **Love is not morally indifferent.**