

## “What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?”

The challenge of homosexuality has created a great deal of confusion and pain within our culture and even within the church. How are we to respond to this issue in a way that is truthful but also compassionate, reflecting the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

NOTE: This talk deals with very mature topics and is not appropriate for children under the age of 12.

### **I. What Does the Bible Teach?**

A. Is it really a sin?

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.  
—Leviticus 18:22

If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.  
—Leviticus 20:13

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.  
—Romans 1:26 - 27

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.  
—1 Corinthians 6:9 - 10

...understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine.  
—1 Timothy 1:9 - 10

B. Is it worse than other sins?

C. Is it a choice?

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

—James 1:14 - 15

## **II. What If I Struggle With This?**

A. Reconsider Your Identity (2 Cor 5:17)

B. Understand That Change is Possible (1 Corinthians 6:11)

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

—1 Corinthians 6:11

C. Stop Hiding (Ps 32:3-5; James 5:16)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

—Psalm 32:3 - 5

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## **III. What If I Do Not Struggle With This?**

A. Remember Jesus Forgave You (Luke 7:36-50)

B. Balance Grace and Truth (John 1:14)

C. Encourage Christ-Likeness