

“What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?”

The Bible clearly lays out that Christ has paid the penalty for the sin of homosexuality (like every other sin) and also frees one from its power (like every other sin). Unfortunately, confusion and hostility towards this particular sin struggle has often left many struggling with it feeling unaccepted by self-righteous Christians. So we take a look at what homosexuality is, what causes it, whether its sinful, and how one begins to change and find freedom from it.

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

I. Christ died for it

A. What is it?

B. Is it sinful?

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female ... For this reason a man shall ... be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

—Genesis 1:27, 2:24

“If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they surely shall be put to death.”

—Leviticus 20:13

“For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator ... For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for 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.”

—Romans 1

C. Is it the worst sin?

“There are six things which the Lord hates, yes seven which are an abomination to Him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans; feet that run rapidly to

evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.”

—Proverbs 6:16-19

“For the wrath of God is revealed ... against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress truth.”

—Romans 1:18

“And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents.”

—Romans 1:28-30

“Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself ... But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself.”

—Romans 2:1, 5

D. What causes it?

1. Is it a choice?
2. Is it genetic?
3. Is environmental?
 - a) Personality
 - b) Childhood abuse
 - c) Parental issue

E. How to respond?

II. Christ frees from it

A. Is change possible?

“Do not be deceived; neither the fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves ... will inherit the 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.”

—1 Corinthians 6:9-11

“The good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want ... Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ... The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

—Romans 7:19, 24, 8:2

B. Is change needed?

"Most people dealing with strong, same-sex attractions struggle with shame and a fear of being fully known."

"Free is the absence of necessity, coercion, constraint in choice or action OR not costing or charging anything."

—Webster's Dictionary

"Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit resulting in sanctification ... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus."

—Romans 6:21-23

C. How we change?

1. Christ's Cross
2. Your new identity

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come."

—2 Cor. 5:17

"For most homosexuals who accept Christ and the new life He offers, their true change isn't so much behavior focused, attractions focused, or demon focused. Instead, their true change is heart focused. It's a change of identity from the inside out. And that identity change will result in behavior change."

3. Your new family
4. Your counseling
5. His spirit in you

"The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."

—Romans 8:2

"... we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, ... groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for ... the redemption of our body."

—Romans 8:23