

What Does the Bible Say About... ?

“Sexual Orientation”

1st Corinthians 6:9-11

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Introduction:

- Whose approval is more important to you?
- Do you wish to be accepted by the world ... or by God?
- **Romans 12:1-2**
- **1st John 2:15-17**
- **1st Corinthians 6:9-11**
- TRUTH many times can become very distorted ... and sometimes it can become completely lost.
- Let me start today with this affirmation: God loves all sinners, that would be EVERYONE of us.
- **Romans 3:23**
- **John 3:16**
- **Romans 5:8**
- That begs the question ... Do you want to be in a RIGHT relationship with God? ... OR ... Do you wish to be in a right relationship with the world?

1. Scripture is Clear:

- a. All sexual immorality is against the Will of God.
- b. **Romans 1:18-32**
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- d. So ... the church needs to look deeply within and ask the questions: What am I doing to not only be the person that Christ has called me to be ... BUT ... What am I doing to help others do the same?

2. The Narrative is False:

- a. False Narrative #1 ... People are born this way; it isn't a choice. (There are many problems with this)
 - i. An action would never be morally justifiable even if there was truth the genetic argument:
 - ii. There is no scientific study at all proving that same-sex attraction is biological:
 - iii. The community of those who have left the same-sex lifestyle is growing larger and larger by the day:
- b. Peter Sprigg and Timothy Dailey say ... “There is strong evidence that both developmental and environmental factors play a prominent role in forming same-sex attractions between birth and young adulthood.”
- c. It is true that everyone single person is inclined to have urges, attractions, and desires that will war against the Will of God ... BUT ... we are called to DISCERN right from wrong ... good from bad ... and then choose that which is right and good.
- d. **2nd Timothy 4:7-8**
- e. False Narrative #2 ... All Christians and God hate those who are same-sex attracted:
 - i. God doesn't hate the same-sex community.
 - ii. The Church doesn't hate the same-sex community.

- iii. Agape – God’s unconditional love ... Phileo – Brotherly love ... Storge – Protective or parental love ... Eros – Romantic love.
- iv. Anything that violates God’s original intent ... violates the sacredness of God’s Creation.
- v. **John 3:17**
- vi. Sexual immorality ... which is anything outside the marriage bed. (God’s Original Creation, a married man and woman.)
- vii. God loves you just the way you are ... BUT ... He refuses to leave you in the situation you are in ... He has a better plan for your life.

3. The Love of Jesus is the Answer:

- a. The only hope for change in our life, regardless of lifestyle choice, is a complete surrender to Jesus Christ. It is that simple.
- b. This is the message that we as a body of believer’s needs to be sharing with a world that is seeking NOT only love and acceptance ... BUT ... also the answer to the heart wrenching question ... “Can I be forgiven?” ... BECAUSE the answer is YES.
- c. **Genesis 4:7**
- d. **1st Peter 1:13-14**
- e. **Romans 12:1-2**
- f. So, what can we do to help those help those living same-sex attraction lifestyle? Well there are three things to keep in mind:
 - i. Love Them:
 - ii. Speak the Truth: **1st Peter 3:15**
 - iii. Pray for Them

