

The Bible, Homosexuality, and Grace

Romans 1.18, 21-32; Leviticus 20.13

Traditional views of marriage, sexuality, and gender are being attacked today. This is not just a social conflict, but battle against the authority of the Bible. Satan wants to undermine the authority of Scripture, and thus the Gospel. Christians must know what God's Word teaches.

- The Attack on Biblical Teaching and Christianity
 - The demise of marriage and gender
 - The spiritual conflict is real
 - Attempts to undermine the teaching of Scripture
- What God's Word Says: The Bible and Homosexuality
 - Creation marriage design: Two genders, joined in covenant unity
 - God's moral law: It's for then...and now!
 - Homosexuality: The unchanging teaching of Scripture
- Defending Grace: The Eternal Gift of God
 - Affronting grace: 'Committing some sins condemn you to hell'
 - The power of love and grace: God is faithful when we aren't!
 - Assured by grace: Don't deny the finished work on the cross!

1. Marriage, gender, and homosexuality are highly-charged issues which intersect in modern culture. Husbands and wives, once bound in a covenant relationship which was for life unless serious evidence of immorality existed, now routinely ends in divorce. Homosexual marriage was unthinkable. Gender fluidity is a descent into lunacy. Read Romans 1.18-32. What is the spiritual component connecting all these moral issues and practices?
2. Knowing how God instructed Adam and Eve in the perfection of the Garden of Eden, before there was any sin in the world, provides a foundation for His timeless blueprint for mankind. Read Gen. 1.27 and 2.24. What does God say about the number of genders, and the genders which define partners in marriage? Now read Matt. 19.3-6: How does Jesus' quotation of Genesis affect the authority of God's original blueprint for mankind? Is it for the Old Testament only?
3. The teaching of God's Law on social and cultural issues is contained in the Old Testament book of Leviticus. For a catalogue of biblical teaching, read Lev. 18, and 20.10-21. Did you know the Bible was so clear and comprehensive in its instruction about sexual issues? What commands stand out in contrast to our modern culture?
4. Marriage and sexuality remain of vital importance in the New Testament as well. (See Matt. 5.31-32; 19.3-9; Mk. 10.11-12; Lk. 16.18; Rom. 7.1-3; 1 Cor. 6.9-11; 7.1-16; 39-40; 1 Tim. 1.8-11.) Why do you think sexuality and marriage are so important to God? Can you see 'Satan's fingerprints' on the 'sexual revolution' and the rise of gender confusion and sexual deviations today?
5. Some religious groups single out certain sins and state that anyone committing those sins is going to hell. Those who teach this always condemn sins that others commit – not them! What is required for a person to be saved eternally? Did Jesus' death provide payment for all sins – even the 'worst' ones? (What are the 'worst' sins?) What should we say to professing believers who are trapped in a sinful lifestyle? Does God love them? How can we show His love to them?



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