

The Myth of Gay Christianity

Key Text: **1 Cor. 6:9-12**

I. The Core Issues

1. God had called His Creation _____
 - “very good” in **Gen. 1:31**
2. The entrance of sin brought a _____ “good” into the world
 - “Did God really say...?” – **Gen. 3:5**
3. Because of the entrance of sin into creation, every generation is now tainted through _____, and each individual must make the decision to _____ themselves after the will of God
 - **Eph. 2:1-10**
4. _____ has taken the place of The _____ of God’s Word

God’s Word is the standard

 - i. **Ps. 111:7b-8** – “God’s precepts are faithful, they are upheld forever...”
 - ii. **John 17:17** – “Sanctify them by Your truth, Your Word is truth”

II. God’s Plan for Sex and Gender

1. From the very beginning God created mankind to be _____; defined by our Creator as _____ and _____
2. Seeing that it was not good for Adam (males) to be alone God created a suitable and _____ helper for Him in Eve (females)

Hebrew “ezer” – has to do with a correspondence

In Eve there was similarity *and* difference

3. The Creator instituted _____ in the very beginning of the world and humanity

- i. In Genesis 2, marriage is defined as the union of one _____ and one _____ for _____
- ii. Jesus emphatically _____ this definition of marriage
- iii. _____ in Scripture is there a commandment of or validation of any other type of _____

III. Answering the Most Common Objections to the Biblical View of Marriage in Favor of Same-Sex Mirage

1. The men of Sodom displayed rampant and unrepentant sin, chiefly

The 'Gay Christian' Objection:

- i. Sodom's sin was not homosexuality but gang rape, specifically angel rape, inhospitality, and mistreatment of the poor as evidenced by Ezekiel in **Ez. 16:48-49**

Biblical response:

- ii. (**Gen 13:13** – men of Sodom were *exceedingly sinful*; **Gen. 18:20** – Sodom's sin exceedingly grave (heavy/grievous)) **Gen. 19:5** – “that we may *know* them...”
 - a. This is used throughout the OT for sexual relations
 - i. **Gen. 19:8** – Lot had two daughters who had “not known” a man.
 - ii. **Gen. 4:1, 17, 25** – Adam ‘knew’ Eve and she conceived children

2. Homosexual desire and activity is included in the _____ Law of God, which is binding for all people, in all place, and at all times

The 'Gay Christian' Objection

The prohibition against homosexual practice in ancient Israel was part of the ceremonial law only for Israel, like eating certain foods and not blending different

fabrics. Also, the word *to'evah* (abomination) simply means “ritual defilement,” and not moral sin.

Biblical Response:

- i. The word *to'evah* speaks of something that is morally detestable before God often.
 - a. **Lev. 18:22** – “And you shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination (*to'evah*).”
 - b. **Lev. 20:13** – “If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination (*to'evah*); they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.”
- ii. Many ‘gay Christian advocates’ claim that the homosexuality explained as an ‘abomination’ here is related to cultic worship, temple prostitution, having to do with false religious ceremonies
 - a. That is absent from the context – words used are male and the expression for sexual relations.
- iii. Nowhere in Scripture are Gentile nations judged for eating shellfish and pigs. Nor are any Gentile nations judged for wearing clothing of mixed fabric or neglecting to put up fences around the roofs of their home. Gentile nations *were* judged however on the Ten Commandments and acts relating to this, including sexual immorality, idolatry, murder, etc...Even Adam and Eve were judged on these standards
 - a. Cain judged for murdering his brother Abel, etc.
 - b. Notice, male-male sex is listed as *to'evah*.
 - i. One of the few sins that the death penalty is applied to along with sacrificing one’s children to Molech, cursing one’s father or mother, and committing adultery, bestiality, or incest (**Lev. 20:1-16**)—hardly a list of mere ceremonial infractions!
- iv. The reason why the Christian can eat whatever he likes is because God repealed that in the NT.

- v. **Lev. 18:24** – God judged other nations for incest, having sex with a woman during menstrual period, sexual immorality (including homosexuality), bestiality, sacrificing children to Molech, and adultery.
- vi. In **Deut. 12:31** *to'evah* refers to child sacrifice; in **Deut. 7:26** to idolatry and in **Deut. 25:15-16** to dishonest wrights and measures...we see moral infractions...They all fit under the category of *to'evah*, something abhorrent, detestable (and note in **Deut. 25:16** that anyone who is guilty of unethical business practices is *to'evah*, someone abhorrent, detestable)."
- vii. **Pro. 6:16-19** – seven things that are detestable (*to'evah*)
- viii. A certain portion of Leviticus has been rendered inoperative because Jesus Christ is forever occupying the role of High Priest for us (**Heb. 2:17**), and we are called be His priests.
- ix. In **Matthew 22:39** – telling us that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself, is quoting **Lev. 19:18**
- x. The 'gay Christian' advocate would have to answer why, if homosexuality is only a ceremonial evil, why bestiality, pedophilia, pederasty would not be considered merely ceremonially unclean acts rather than moral evils.
- xi. "...the word translated 'sodomite' (KJV) or 'male cult prostitute' (NASB) in **1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46**; and **2 Kings 23:7** is the word *qadesh* and refers to something, or someone, who is consecrated, set apart for special (dedicated) service."
 - a. Moses knew about the word *qadesh*, (**Deut. 23:17**)

3. Jesus _____ the testimony of the Old Testament sexual and gender ethics

The 'gay Christian' Objection:

- i. Jesus never spoke explicitly about homosexuality being wrong

Biblical Response:

- ii. Jesus did not mention everything, but He did specifically *encourage* one man and one woman in marriage, 2 genders in male and female, and condemned adultery and sexual immorality (**Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21-22** - *porneia*).

4. Jesus explains that, through the corruption of sin, some people are rendered _____ of reproducing, either from birth, or by other people, or their own choice

The 'gay Christian' objection:

- **Matt. 19:12** – Jesus talks about three origins of *euchuchos* (Eunuchs) – This is actually a claim for gender diversity in more than a binary

Biblical Response:

- i. Jesus just finished defending biblical marriage and the gender binary; now He explains that some people don't reproduce by a variety of means
- ii. Jesus here is clearly referred to people who have chosen not to marry and of course, remaining celibate. This would be a extreme stretch to say that this is affirming homosexuality.
 - a. The New Testament Greek lexicon compiled by Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich, and Danker, universally recognized as the number one New Testament Greek dictionary, states this under the entry for *eunuchos*:
 - i. A castrated male person. **Mt. 19:12b**
 - ii. A human male who, without a physical operation, is by nature incapable of begetting children, *impotent male* (Wsd 3:14; **Mt. 19:12a**)
 - iii. A human male who abstain fr. Marriage, without being impotent, *a celibate* **Mt 19:12c...**"

5. The Apostle Paul clearly _____ the sexual ethic that was found in the OT and deepened by Christ

The 'gay Christian' objection:

- In **Rom. 1:26-27**; **1 Cor. 6:9-10**, and **1 Tim. 1:10**, Paul is simply condemning to male-male or man-boy cultic temple worship, not loving, monogamous same sex unions

Biblical Response:

- The inclusion of the idea of "loving, monogamous, same-sex unions" is an emotional argument, not a biblical one.

6. The Christian *must* approach this issue using Biblical _____ and _____ in order to understand these issues in a Godly way

7. The _____ to do that which God says is sin is sinful also

IV. Hope through Identity in Christ

1. When someone calls themselves "gay," they are speaking in a very modern way that is indistinguishable from who one is.
2. The Bible speaks of good desires and evil desires
3. Each individual has been called by God to be His disciple
4. **God has called us all to be ' _____ ' (Lev. 11:44-45; 1 Pet 1:16)**

V. Conclusion

1. God created male and female as complementary and distinct categories of humanity
2. Core issue here is the authority of God and His Word
3. Each individual must lay everything down in order to live a faithful life as a disciple of Christ
4. Each of us must find their identity in the Lord; our passions do not make up our identity

Answer Key:

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1. God had called His Creation **GOOD**
2. The entrance of sin brought a **COUNTERFEIT** “good” into the world
3. Because of the entrance of sin into creation, every generation is now tainted through **ORIGINAL SIN**, and each individual must make the decision to **DISCIPLINE** themselves after the will of God
4. **EXPERIENCE** has taken the place of The **AUTHORITY** of God’s Word

God’s Word is the standard

II. God’s Plan for Sex and Gender

1. From the very beginning God created mankind to be **BINARY**; defined by our Creator as **MALE** and **FEMALE**
2. Seeing that it was not good for Adam (males) to be alone God created a suitable and **CORRESPONDING** helper for Him in Eve (females)
3. The Creator instituted **MARRIAGE** in the very beginning of the world and humanity

In Genesis 2, marriage is defined as the union of one **MAN** and one **WOMAN** for **LIFE**

Jesus emphatically **REINFORCES** this definition of marriage

NOWHERE in Scripture is there a commandment of or validation of any other type of **UNION**

III. Most Common Objections to the Biblical View of Marriage in Favor of Same-Sex Mirage (mirage –

idea of someone becoming so dehydrated in the desert that they fantasize about seeing a water source in the distance, only to find that it is not real--credit to Doug Wilson, pastor in Moscow, ID)

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2. Homosexual desire and activity is included in the **MORAL** Law of God, which is binding for all people, in all place, and at all times
3. Jesus **AFFIRMED** the testimony of the Old Testament sexual and gender ethics

4. Jesus explains that, through the corruption of sin, some people are rendered **INCAPABLE** of reproducing, either from birth, or by other people, or their own choice
5. The Apostle Paul clearly **REINFORCES** the sexual ethic that was found in the OT and deepened by Christ
6. The Christian *must* approach this issue using Biblical **CATEGORIES** and **TERMS** in order to understand these issues in a Godly way
7. The **DESIRE** to do that which God says is sin is sinful also

IV. Hope through Identity in Christ

1. God has not called us all to be 'heterosexual,' he has called each of us to be '**HOLY**'

V. Conclusion