

# Homosexuality & the Church

**Text:** Miscellaneous texts

**Main Idea:** Homosexuality is a sin which the Church must not ignore as an abomination to God, and a sin like all others which the Gospel demands repentance & offers forgiveness!

## 1. What does the \_\_\_\_\_ really say about homosexuality?

- Homosexuality is against God's \_\_\_\_\_ order. (Gen 1-2, Matthew 19:4-6, Eph 5:31-32)
- Homosexuality was a sin that brought divine \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen 19, Ez 16:47-49, Jude 7)
- Homosexuality is viewed as an \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Lev 18:22, 20:13)
- Homosexuality is \_\_\_\_\_ & is a dishonorable passion & should not be approved. (Rom 1:26-32)

## 2. What does the \_\_\_\_\_ require about homosexuality? (1 Cor 6:9-10, 1 Tim 1:8-11)

- Homosexuality is not a blessing to be celebrated, but a sin to be \_\_\_\_\_ of, forsaken and forgiven.
- Homosexuality (like heterosexual sin), is a lifestyle which is inconsistent with being "\_\_\_\_\_" & "\_\_\_\_\_." (1 Cor 6:9-10)
- The Gospel promises to be the power of God making sinners into \_\_\_\_\_ creations!

## 3. How should the \_\_\_\_\_ respond to homosexuality? As the Church, we must speak the truth with humility, \_\_\_\_\_ & love. (Eph 4:15, Jn 1:17)

# The Church & Homosexuality: 10 Commandments

1. We will encourage our leaders to preach through the Bible verse by verse and chapter by chapter that they might teach the whole counsel of God (even the unpopular parts) and avoid riding hobby horses (even popular ones).
2. We will tell the truth about all sins, including homosexuality, but especially the sins most prevalent in our communities.
3. We will guard the truth of God's Word, protect God's people from error, and confront the world when it tries to press us into its mold.
4. We will call all people to faith in Christ as the only way to the Father and the only way to have eternal life.
5. We will speak to all people about the good news that Jesus died in our place and rose again so that we might be set free from the curse of the law, saved from the wrath of God, and welcomed into the holy city at the restoration of all things.
6. We will treat all Christians as new creations in Christ, reminding each other that our true identity is not based on sexuality or self-expression but on our union with Christ.
7. We will extend God's forgiveness to all those who come in brokenhearted repentance, everyone from homosexual sinners to heterosexual sinners, from the proud to the greedy, from the people pleaser to the self-righteous.
8. We will ask for forgiveness when we are rude or thoughtless or joke about those who experience same-sex attraction.
9. We will strive to be a community that welcomes all those who hate their sin and struggle against it, even when that struggle involves failures and setbacks.
10. We will seek to love all in our midst, regardless of their particular vices or virtues, by preaching the Bible, recognizing evidences of God's grace, pointing out behaviors that dishonor the Lord, taking church membership seriously, exercising church discipline, announcing the free offer of the gospel, striving for holiness together, practicing the "one anothers" of Christian discipleship, and exulting in Christ above all things.

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