

The Bible says that our natural sexual desire is for the opposite gender in Romans 1:26 and 27. As well, we are taught that sin is not an uncontrollable event in our life, but it is based on our uncontrolled desires. James 1:14-15 *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”* No sin, even sexual sin, is beyond our self-control. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 *“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality”*

How should a Christian deal with homosexuals/homosexuality?

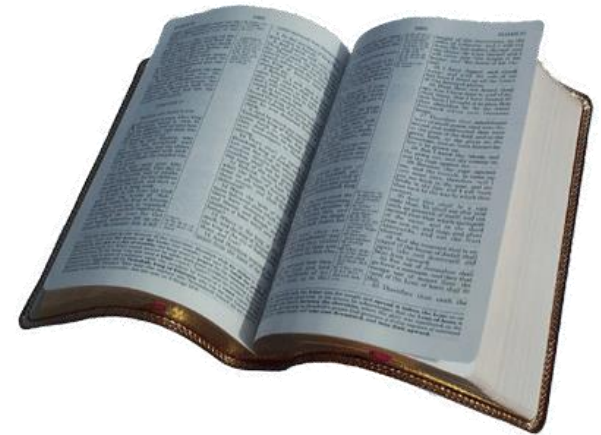
Homosexuality is like any sinful lifestyle: repentance (change) is part of the means by which salvation can be found. When Paul states that homosexuality is a sin in I Corinthians 6:9-10, he goes on to state in verse 11 *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* Homosexuality is one of many sinful lifestyles that we can

and must be forgiven of by Jesus Christ.

Therefore, the Christian obligation is to teach that homosexuality is wrong, and that those who practice such, though loved by God (John 3:16), cannot inherit eternal life (Ephesians 5:5). Then we must teach the only way of salvation according to the bible, that in order to be forgiven of our sins we must:

1. Have Faith in Jesus Christ, by hearing and believing (Romans 10:17)
2. Repent/turn away from sin and sinful behavior (Acts 2:38)
3. Confess Jesus Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9)
4. Be Baptized for the removal of these sins (Acts 22:16)

Homosexuality and The Bible



Homosexuality is a hot topic in modern media. From the recent legalization of homosexual marriages or adoptions, to the introduction of homosexual characters on television, movies and books, there are few people who are not inundated with a lifestyle that only a small handful of people share. Oscar Wilde once referred to homosexuality as the “*love that dares not speak*”; today it seems more aptly described as the love that won't shut-up.

What does the Bible have to say about homosexuality?

1. It is an abomination in the eyes of God Leviticus 18:22 *'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.'*

2. It is a sin that prevents our receiving God's inheritance: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites..... will inherit the kingdom of God."*

3. God sees homosexuality as the antithesis of righteous behavior: Romans 1:27-28 *"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting"*

4. God sees this behavior as particularly evil. Sodom and Gomorrah (where the word “sodomy” comes from) was destroyed by God for homosexual deviancy in Genesis 18:20, 19:5).

What does the Bible have to say about “gay marriage”?

Marriage was meant to be defined as one man and one woman: Matthew 19:4-6 *"And He answered and said to them, 'Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother*

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Any other means to degrade (change the definition) marriage is a sin to God: Hebrews 13:4 *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."*

Is it true that people are born homosexual, and unable to change?

There is no credible evidence that people are born homosexual. It is because of the politicization of homosexuality that the myth of “*born this way*” came about. This idea has been propagated by those who seek to define homosexuality as a lifestyle rather than a deviance (such as pedophilia). In fact, most evidence (including the Human Genome Project) places homosexuality as a learned lifestyle.