

Summary of the teaching of Scripture
Concerning the nature of homosexuality
And
The Christian response

These are a summary of notes used for a panel discussion on homosexuality at University of Oklahoma 2001. For a fuller explanation of biblical teaching on homosexuality resource messages by Ronnie W Rogers¹

- I A summary of conclusions concerning homosexuality based upon Scripture.
- 1 It Violates God's plan eliminating solitude and providing for intimate relationship. Gen. 2:18, 44
 - 2 It Violates God's plan for procreation Gen. 1:28.
 - 3 It Violates God's plan to prevent immorality 1 Cor 7:2.
 - 4 It Violates God's plan to fulfill sex drive and desires Heb 13:4
 - 5 It Violates every command against adultery, fornication, because it is sex outside of marriage
 - 6 Two halves does not necessarily equal a whole, e.g. two left shoes do not equal a pair of shoes. Man or woman is only half of the marital relationship.
 - 7 Adultery and fornication violate God's plan
 - 8 Adultery and fornication are one step removed from God's design.
(1) It is outside the God ordained context of marriage.
 - 9 Homosexuality is two steps removed from God's design.
(1) It is outside the God ordained *context* of marriage.
(2) It is not heterosexual.
 - 10 Homosexuality is never stated in a positive light in contrast to the reality that heterosexual monogamous marriage always is.
 - 11 In another words, homosexuality is always cast in a negative light, while heterosexual monogamous marriage never is.
 - 12 The Bible does not allow for the idea that the body and the person are mismatched.
 - 13 Duet 22:5 does not allow for blurring of sex roles, much less exchanging of them.
 - 14 If homosexuality was not sin it would not be forgivable, resistible, and judgeable. God does not judge people for being medically sick or physically disfigured nor do they need forgiveness.
 - 15 The Bible never speaks of homosexual love but only lust. Moreover, love and the appropriate expression of it are defined by God not His creation.
 - 16 We recognize the difference in ceremonial, civil, moral, religious laws in our society, and we must do the same in the Bible.
(1) Ceremonial or religious laws can change. The inauguration of a priest or president.
(2) Civil laws can change. The restrictions concerning "uncleanness" or things like speed limits.

¹ The full teaching on this can be heard in the Sermon Series "Loving the homosexual to healing with Truth"

- (3) Moral or spiritual laws concerning things like murder do not change since they are based on the unchangeable nature of God.
- A Moral or spiritual laws are not abrogated or equated with the relativeness of ceremonial or civil laws just because they are found in the same context.
- a E.g. the ten commandments contain eternal laws, “you shall have no other gods before me” and religious “you shall keep the Sabbath holy”. The passing of the Sabbath as the day of worship does not affect the command to worship God only.
- 17 Since a biological trait, if ever found, can only tell us what *is and how pervasive it is*, but can never tell us whether it is a normal variant or biological corruption, right or wrong, should or should not be, we must recognize the impossibility of science ever answering the ultimate question of cause and normalcy—created that way.
- (1) For example
- A We all die, and the coroner can tell us the immediate cause of death, but he cannot tell us why we must all die. Why is there a physical process that results in death?
- (2) Further, predispositions, passions, and/or predictiveness, biological or otherwise, do not answer the should or shouldn't question. These determinations are simply beyond the realm of science. Moreover, based upon a comprehensive view of the fall of man, and its effects, Christians should expect biological abnormalities e.g. predispositions.
- A The desire for sexual relations is biological, natural and predictive, but outside the bonds of marriage is sin regardless how one feels about it.
- 18 The clarity of God's created and commanded design for intimate relationships, the created physical compatibility of the male and female, the essential potential of sex to bring forth life, the uniformity of God's word commending marriage while simultaneously condemning homosexuality along with the severity of judgment of homosexuals throughout the Scripture, the extensive nature of the fall of man, irrefutably and unequivocally testify that homosexuality is neither natural nor God given, but in fact as Scripture says , “wicked, sin, detestable, abomination, worthy of death, degrading, unnatural, and gross immorality”
- (1) May every homosexual, be given the truth of his sin as we were ours, and received the washing and regeneration of the word of God and thereby be made righteous and forgiven forever. (John 3:18, 19, 21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:26)
- II Help for the homosexual (how does a Christian help a homosexual)
- 1 Know what the Bible says about homosexuality, sin, forgiveness...
 - (1) Put in that context.
 - 2 Prayer
 - 3 Research. It is important to love the person your trying to reach enough to understand them in light of Scripture, and their struggle with sin.
 - 4 Get advice from reputable sources like: Narth, Exodus international, First Stone...
 - 5 Speak the truth in love.

- 6 Reassure them that change is possible.
- 7 Emphasize divine help is available through recognizing their sin, and sinfulness, repenting of it, and trusting Christ by faith.
 - (1) continually remind them that homosexuality as well as other sins is forgivable.
 - (2) Homosexuality is by choice and a by product.
 - A Product of the fall of mankind, personal environment, biological drives and/or makeup, possible genetic propensities, and choosing to give in to passions, feelings, which are not from God, which is the definition of sin.
- 8 Healing means
 - (1) "Healing from homosexuality occurs when an adult, whose primary or exclusive sexual and /or romantic attractions have been towards persons of the same sex, experiences a significant decrease in same-sex attractions and an increase in opposite-sex attractions to the extent that a heterosexual life that is emotionally, sexually and psychologically fulfilling is made possible. Accompanying these erotic and emotional changes is a change in self perception in which the individual no longer identifies him or herself as a homosexual."²
 - (2) Important as he makes clear, that total healing does not mean a "totally mutually satisfying, harmonious unchallenged relationship with an opposite sex partner in marriage, for all relationships are damaged." Refuse perfection, Remember process.
- 9 Engage them where they are with a devotion to help them come to where God wants them.
 - (1) Remind them of the power of God if they appropriate by faith.
 - A "Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. *Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*"(1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- 10 Do not be discouraged if some refuse; it is not a lack on God's part but theirs as with anyone who stays in their sin.
 - (1) "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good."(2 Thessalonians 3:13)

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² Is Anyone Ever totally Healed?, Alan Medinger, Regeneration [www.Regeneration Ministries.org](http://www.RegenerationMinistries.org)