

Introduction

Christians are facing pressure to reconsider the historic biblical teaching on homosexuality.

- 1) Pressure to Deny the Bible
- 2) Pressure to Revise the Bible
- 3) Pressure to Soften the Bible
- 4) Pressure to Overvalue Personal Experience
- 5) Pressure to Conform

Five Key Passages on Homosexuality

1). Genesis 19:4-5

- Big Idea: God will Judge Sexual Perversion
 - See: Ezekiel 16:49-50; Jude 7

2.) Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13

- Big Idea: Homosexuality is an Abomination to God

3). Romans 1:18-32

- Big Idea: Homosexuality is Explicitly Against God's Creation Design
- Three Exchanges:
 - Exchange God for Idols (1:23)
 - Exchange Truth for Lie (1:25)
 - Exchange Natural Relations for Unnatural Relations (1:26)
- Key Principle: Our Behavior Reveals our Theology
- Major Conclusions from Romans 1
 - Paul clearly forbids homosexual desires and actions for both men and women.
 - Homosexual desires/actions are a rebellion against God's law, and his natural design for humanity.
 - Certain sinful lifestyles are contrary to Christian discipleship.

- Sin... and in this case, explicitly homosexuality, sparks God's wrath and carries natural consequences better to be avoided.

4.) 1 Corinthians 6:9

- Big Idea: Homosexuality is Mortally Dangerous
 - Homosexuality is serious
 - Homosexuality is escapable
- For more on the translation of *malakoi* and *arsenokoitai*, See DeYoung, (59-67).
- On Christian Identity

5.) 1 Timothy 1:10

- Big Idea: Homosexuality is Explicitly Against God's Law
- *"The Law is a mirror that shows us our sin, but it is not a ladder by which we can climb up to heaven."* Martin Luther
- *"The principal point of the Law is to make men not better but worse, as it shows them their sin, so that by the recognition of sin they may be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken."* - Martin Luther

Common Objections to the Bible's Teaching

1. That's just an Old Testament law. Aren't we under the New Covenant?
2. But the Bible/Jesus hardly mention homosexuality.
3. It wasn't *that kind* of homosexuality
4. The God I worship is a god of love.
5. What about other sins like gluttony and divorce?
6. Isn't the church supposed to be a place for broken people?
7. Is it really worth the division: can't Christians agree to disagree?

Recommended Resources

- Sam Allberry, *"Is God Anti-Gay?: And Other Questions About Homosexuality, The Bible and Same-Sex Attraction"*
- Kevin DeYoung, *"What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?"*
- Christopher Yuan, *"Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story"*
- Denny Burk Et al. *"Male and Female He Created Them"*
- Russell Moore, *The Sexual Revolution's Coming Refugee Crisis*, <https://rb.gy/525ot>