

## **The Biblical Response to Homosexuality**

### **1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> 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.

### **Introduction:**

November 10, 1969 was the first time the preschool television program, Sesame Street was aired on The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) That fall was my 1st year of school.

I can remember very vividly, the teacher turning on the TV and hearing that familiar theme song from Sesame Street. I can still hear it today.

There was Big Bird, Burt and Ernie, Oscar the Grouch, who lived in the trash can, and of course my favorite, the cookie monster.

The stories we read then were normal.... a family with a mama and a daddy and brothers and

sisters. Boys were boys and girls were girls. Boys were kinda rough and played rough and girls were delicate and dainty and usually played with dolls or played house.

Bathrooms were clearly marked for boys and were clearly marked for girls, and you would get in real trouble if as a boy you went in the girls bathroom.

You never heard words in school or on TV as a child that spoke of Transgender, Transsexual, Drag Queen, Gay, Lesbian, or Homosexual,

TV in those days had shows like Bonanza, Gunsmoke, The Brady Bunch, Scooby Doo and The Johnny Cash show.

In 2019, Sesame Street celebrated 50 years on TV and we can truly say that in the last 50 years times sure have changed.

Now it seems as of this Year, the Diversity dogma has permeated Sesame Street in a totally new way.

According to one article

“Sesame Street is about to get an infusion of LGBT “vibes” with an upcoming guest appearance by actor and LGBT activist Billy Porter.”

he will bring “ those fierce vibes to Sesame Street,” by appearing in a dress.

“Comments on the post were largely positive, though some readers expressed concern.”

One stated

“Sesame Street is for children. And diversity should be taught at a child appropriate level. A man in a dress is not child appropriate, in fact, it can be confusing,”

“This isn’t the first time *Sesame Street* has promoted LGBT themes. In 2017, it tweeted a “rainbow” of multicolored Muppets for Pride Month with the declaration, “Sesame Street is proud to support families of all shapes, sizes, and colors.” Later that year, its song “Anyone Can Play” purported to smash gender norms for children’s toys and costumes, including the lyrics “some boys like to play dolls” while the male character Grover is seen in a purple dress.”

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-cross-dressing-lgbt-activist-billy-porter-to-appear-on-sesame-street>

This kind of thing is now happening all over our country. Libraries are now stocking books that support and promote the LGBTQ+ lifestyle and teaching that homosexual parents are normal. In the last recent months we have seen the rise of the drag queen story hours hosted by our public libraries with express purpose of normalizing this bazaar perversion to our most impressionably people, our young children. And if you think this is

something in a far away city. not so. It was in Greenville this last year.

The LGBTQ+ community only makes up about 4.5 % of the Population of America, but by the popularity and sheer force of the promotion of this agenda, you would think the it was 60% of the population.

This has such potential for repercussions of destruction on foundational elements of our society.

Marriage, the Family, The church, Societal norms and your work place and your ability to remain employed if you speak out in opposition to this sin, all are under attack.

Things are happening and being talked about that were not even conceived of or discussed even 5 years ago.

For instance

Democrat Presidential candidate Joe Biden declared that “transgender equality is the civil rights issue of our time.”

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/joe-biden-transgender-equality-is-the-civil-rights-issue-of-our-time>

Facebook now forbids "denying existence" of transgender identities

<https://disrn.com/news/with-rule-change-facebook-now-forbids-denying-existence-of-transgender-identities>

On January 30, 2017, a landmark decision was announced by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The decision was that the BSA would now “accept

and register youth in the Cub and Boy Scout programs based on the gender identity indicated on the application.” This is a revolutionary change. “Trans-boys” (that is, biological females who identify as boys) can now join the BSA.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/responding-to-the-transgender-revolution/>

In a new low for the Super Bowl, drag queens will appear in an ad, or series of ads, for Sabra Hummus, an Israeli company.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/petition-calls-for-super-bowl-boycott-for-airing-ad-with-drag-queens>

The major shift in cultural norms is affecting other areas of society too.

Like

**Sports;**

San Francisco 49ers' offensive assistant Katie Sowers is about to become both the first woman and the first openly gay coach in Super Bowl history after the 49ers defeated the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

<https://mobile.twitter.com/i/events/1219288832698273793>

A biological male who believes he a woman in fights of the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) broke two female competitors' skulls is named “Bravest Athlete In History”

<https://activistmommy.com/biological-male-who-broke-two-female-competitors-skulls-named-bravest-athlete-in-history/>

**Judicial System is affected too.**

A convicted felon of a sex crime will no longer be held in custody, due to a gender change. Joseph Matthew Smith, a 23-year-old convicted of molesting a fellow MCS student in 2014, was “undergoing medical treatment that is needed prior to (Smith) potentially undergoing gender reassignment surgery.”

Smith has received treatment for gender reassignment over the past two years at Newton Correctional Facility.

Smith has expressed a preference to identify as Josie, according to court documents.

Attorney general spokesman Lynn Hicks said “We don’t believe we have evidence sufficient to prove Josie Smith has a significant chance of reoffending,”

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/crime-and-courts/2020/01/16/felon-no-longer-deemed-threat-after-sex-reassignment-treatment/4479275002/>

## The Church

This is one of the most severe threats the church has faced in some time. It has the potential of causing some churches to close their doors

The new surge of ideology called “hate speech” has now reach epic proportions.

Many churches are already caving in to the pressure of the “hate speech” agenda.

Room is being made in the beliefs and values churches hold to so as to accommodate the growing pressures of the LGBTQ+ movement.

Some churches are making changes to allow for the inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community within their membership and the leadership.

While others have decide just to be quiet about it and never say anything at all.

There are other troubling signs for the future of the church.

An event in the UK was canceled after Franklin Graham was labeled a "homophobic hate preacher" by the Liverpool Labour LGBT Network, who wrote in a letter that they fear "Graham's appearance may incite hateful mobilization and risk the security of our LGBTQ+ community."

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/franklin-graham-uk-event-lgbtq-christian>

A pastor told me a few years ago that if the Government were to remove there tax exempt status, that they would not be able to afford the 4 million dollars worth of building they have.

This is a real issue that many churches are facing.

Add to this the cowardice of some pastors to even address this issue or preach on the subject and also to realize the rapidly changing culture of young people that do not have a biblical world view.

A shocking new survey by the Barna group reveals that less than 1 percent of all Americans between the ages of 18 and 23 have a Biblical worldview. This new data clearly shows that the youngest adults in America have clearly rejected traditional Christian teaching.

The survey defined having a Biblical worldview as holding the following beliefs:

- \*Believing that absolute moral truth exists
- \*Believing that the Bible is completely accurate in all of the principles it teaches
- \*Believing that Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic
- \*Believing that a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or by doing good works
- \*Believing that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth
- \*Believing that God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

<http://futurestorm.blogspot.com/2009/03/new-survey-less-than-1-of-18-23-year.html>

This makes the necessity for clarity much more a reality.

This is not the time for Churches or pastors to be silent. It is not the time for the churches to give in to the pressures of the immorality of our pagan culture.



If we are going to be a light to a dark world, We cannot hide our light under a basket. We need to set it up on a hill for all to see.

Attempts are being made as I speak to put that light out.

To silence the church.

To muddy the waters and make it harder to confront it with clarity, and to eliminate the need for the gospel at all.

There are those who would tell us that we can't help it because we were born that way.

I was born with same sex attraction so it is normal  
To that I would simply say.

Yes, you are born that way

Yes, you can be born with same sex attraction.

“The truth is, being born with sinful dispositions affirms biblical doctrine. Everyone is a sinner by choice (Romans 1), but since Adam's Fall in Genesis 3, everyone is also a sinner by birth ([Romans 5:12](#)).

Those with a proclivity toward violence, theft, fornication, escapism, or homosexuality are not justified in violating God's law; sin is still sin. Same-sex attraction is not the same thing as homosexual thought patterns and practice. Even though we are

born with sinful desires, we still need redemption through Jesus Christ.”

Martin Luther call it “ a bent” we are all born with weaknesses and tendencies toward sin. We are all born sinners.

The other approach in the church now is what some call “Gay Christianity or Queer Christian”.

In the last couple of years we have witnessed the rise of a ministry called “Revoice”

I have read the statement of faith and found it orthodox, and I have read its statement on “Sexual Ethics and Christian Obedience”and found it to be an expression of Biblical fidelity with the exception of a theme that seems to run through the teaching.

It is stated clearly in the mission statement.

“To support and encourage gay, lesbian, bisexual, and other same-sex attracted Christians—as well as those who love them—so that all in the Church might be empowered to live in gospel unity while observing the historic Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality.”

This seems to be a dominant ideology of the “gay christian” movement. It is that you always identify with your dominant sin.

But in I Cor. 6

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> **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.

It would be bazaar and unbiblical to for believers to identify as  
 fornicating christians  
 idolatrous christians  
 drunkard christians  
 thieving christians  
 covetous christians  
 greedy christians

We are in Christ, sinners saved by grace, but saved from and out of sin.

Paul stated

1 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

So it is clear that there is a lot of confusion and corruption of the Biblical position on Homosexuality.

## Lesson

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    1. Humility
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## 1. The Clarification of Homosexuality

### 1. The Standard

#### **Genesis 1:24–28 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and

creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind”; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

### **Genesis 2:21–25 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> And Adam said:

“This *is* now bone of my bones  
 And flesh of my flesh;  
 She shall be called Woman,  
 Because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

### **Genesis 5:1–2 (NKJV)**

5 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

### **Matthew 19:4–6 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’**<sup>5</sup> 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*’?”<sup>6</sup> So then, they are no longer two but one

flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

## 2. The Perversion

Genesis 13:12–13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent even as far as Sodom. <sup>13</sup> But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

**Genesis 18:20** (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,

**Genesis 18:23–25** (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

<sup>24</sup> Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous

with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

### **Genesis 19:1–11 (NKJV)**

**19** Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

<sup>2</sup> And he said, “Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.”

And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open square.”

<sup>3</sup> But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

<sup>4</sup> Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.

<sup>5</sup> And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”

<sup>6</sup> So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “Please, my



brethren, do not do so wickedly! <sup>8</sup> See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

<sup>9</sup> And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay *here*, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. <sup>10</sup> But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door.

### **Judges 19:22–25 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house *and* beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him *carnally!*”

<sup>23</sup> But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brethren! I beg

you, do not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. <sup>24</sup> Look, *here is* my virgin daughter and *the man's* concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!" <sup>25</sup> But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

### **Romans 1:26–27 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> 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.

### **Jude 6–7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the

cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

## 2. The Prohibition of Homosexuality

### 1. Old Testament

#### Leviticus 18:21–25 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the Lord. <sup>22</sup> You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination. <sup>23</sup> Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It *is* perversion.

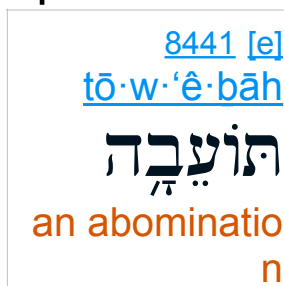
<sup>24</sup> ‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. <sup>25</sup> For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.

#### Leviticus 18:25–29 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. <sup>26</sup> You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you <sup>27</sup> (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who *were* before you, and thus the land is defiled), <sup>28</sup> lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you. <sup>29</sup> For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.

### Leviticus 20:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.



abominations (60), detestable (2), detestable act (1), detestable thing (3), detestable things (3), loathsome (2), object of loathing (1).

## 2. New Testament

### Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> 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**, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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prostitutes

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**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** malakos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mal-ak-os')

**Definition:** soft, effeminate

**Usage:** (a) soft, (b) of persons: soft, delicate, effeminate.  
homosexuals

nor sodomites

**The Geneva Bible 1560=**

**bouggerers** buggerer(Noun) One who buggers, usually referring to anal intercourse.

**ESV=**nor men who practice homosexuality

**arsenokoites: a male engaging in same-gender sexual activity**

**Original Word:** άρσενοκοίτης, ου, ό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** arsenokoites

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ar-sen-ok-oy'-tace)

**Definition:** a sodomite

**Usage:** a male engaging in same-gender sexual activity; a sodomite, pederast.

733 **arsenokoítēs** (from 730 /árrhēn, "a male" and 2845 /koítē, "a mat, bed") – properly, a man in bed with another man; a homosexual.

This is the term found in the Septuagint in the Leviticus 18 and 20 from which it is clear the Paul drew this term.

1 Timothy 1:8–10 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup> for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

### 3. The Response to Homosexuality

#### 1. By God

#### 1. Wrath

Genesis 19:24–25 (NKJV)



<sup>24</sup> Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens.

<sup>25</sup> So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

### **Deuteronomy 29:23 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> ‘The whole land *is* brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in His anger and His wrath.’

### **Jeremiah 49:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah  
And their neighbors,” says the Lord,  
“No one shall remain there,  
Nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

### **Lamentations 4:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of  
my people  
Is greater than the punishment of the sin of  
Sodom,  
Which was overthrown in a moment,  
With no hand to help her!

**2 Peter 2:6–10 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds) —<sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,

**Jude 7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

## 2. Grace

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### **Colossians 3:5–7 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

### **Titus 3:3–7 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and

hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## 2. The Response to Homosexuality

### 1. By God

1. Wrath
2. Grace

## 2. By The Church

### 1. Humility

#### **Romans 3:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

#### **Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

*“There is none righteous, no, not one;*

<sup>11</sup> *There is none who understands;  
There is none who seeks after God.*  
<sup>12</sup> *They have all turned aside;  
They have together become unprofitable;  
There is none who does good, no, not one.”*

### **Romans 3:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

### **Romans 3:22–23 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### **Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good  
And does not sin.

### **1 Timothy 1:14–16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. <sup>16</sup> However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

### **Romans 2:1–3 (NKJV)**

**2** Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

## 2. The Response to Homosexuality

### 1. By God

1. Wrath

2. Grace

### 2. By The Church

## 1. Humility

# 2. Gospel

### **Romans 1:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

### **1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> 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.

### **Ezekiel 36:25–29 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> I will deliver you

from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.

Becket Cook shares in the book “Change of Affections” how he went from being a successful Hollywood set designer with his identity rooted in his sexuality, to a sudden transformation through God. He was the youngest of 8 children, in a Christian family that believed that Homosexuality was a sin. After college, he gave himself over fully to the homosexual lifestyle and lived in the homosexuality for years.

But God had different plans for Becket. He was at a fashion week in Paris when he looked out over the large crowd and said to himself, “This can’t be what life is all about.” God began to work on his heart. Then in God’s providence, he was at a coffee shop with a friend and noticed that the people at the table next to them had bibles. He had never seen a bible out in public, especially in LA. So being prodded by his friend to stir up a conversation, he ask them if those where Bibles and were they Christians. After a few questions in general about what they believed he then asked a question as to what the church believed about homosexuality. They told him that they believed it was a sin, but



because of the emptiness he felt in Paris, he was open to going to the church.

So the next Sunday, he went and the Pastor was Preaching on Romans chapter 7. Beck, says everything the pastor was saying was resonating as true in his mind. He says he was literally on the edge of his seat listening to every word. At the end of the service, he says the Holy Spirit overwhelmed him and immediately he was convinced that God is real, Jesus is Gods Son, there is a Heaven and there is a Hell and Jesus died for sinners. He describes as a Paul on the Road to Damascus experience, or Isaiah 6 where Isaiah is becoming undone due to the Holiness of God and his sin. It was like the curtains had parted and he could finally see the truth. And he knew he had been adopted into the family of God. He just began to weep uncontrollably so much that people around him began to wonder if he was ok.

He says at that moment, he knew what the meaning of life was, and that being gay was not who he was and that that lifestyle was over!! He woke up every morning for a year overwhelmed with tears because of the love of God. He says he devoured the Bible, reading every word and believing every word. He began listening to hundreds and Hundreds of

sermons. He was and is consumed with Jesus Christ.

He was saved and delivered.