



# Are they born that way?

The in-born theory is possible but not proven. The Fall includes:

- physical and emotional effects
- personal responsibility for conditions



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Childhood factors can contribute to homosexual attraction:

- The desire is real and powerful
- The decision is wrong and dangerous

# What about same-sex marriage?

Defining marriage by individual preference has ramifications:

- Other possibilities would become legitimate
- Differing convictions would become illegal



# What about same-sex marriage?

Defining marriage by the traditional pattern is universal:

- The Creator established the standard
- All societies have followed that standard



# How should Christians respond?

Respond with convictions based on the Bible:

- Homosexuality is sin (both the desire and the behavior)
- All sin is unacceptable to God (even our own)



# How should Christians respond?

Respond with compassion based on the gospel:

- God loves them enough to send His Son to die in their place
- Offer the hope of redemption that can set them free