



Life Seminar: Evangelism and Loving Our LGBT
Neighbors – Session 2
Summer 2018

Is God Anti-Gay – Ch.1

- Mark 1:14-15 – What does the gospel require of every person?
- Why does the author prefer the use of Same Sex Attraction to Gay?
- If God is not anti-gay, then what is he against? (p.12)
- What is the purpose of sexual distinction in Gen. 1?
- What is the purpose of sexual distinction in Gen. 2?
- How does Jesus categorize all sex outside of marriage in Mark 7:20-23? (p.17)
- Allberry says “Marriage is based on gender. Marriage would not exist without the sexual differences between men and women.” (p.19) He then gives 3 reasons for this. What are they and what do they mean?
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Session 2 – What does the Bible actually say about homosexuality?

Genesis 2:18–25 (ESV) — **18** Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” **19** Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. **21** So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Notes:

Genesis 9:20–27 (ESV) — **20** Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. **21** He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. **22** And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. **23** Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. **24** When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, **25** he said, “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.” **26** He also said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. **27** May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.”

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Leviticus 20:17 (ESV) — **17** “If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, and he shall bear his iniquity.”

Genesis 19:4–11 (ESV) — **4** But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. **5** And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” **6** Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, **7** and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. **8** Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” **9** But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. **10** But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. **11** And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

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Ezekiel 16:49–50 (ESV) — **49** Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. **50** They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

Leviticus 18:22 (ESV) — **22** You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

Leviticus 20:13 (ESV) — **13** If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

Where does the Bible explicitly condemn homosexual practice?

What are we to do about the OT Law command for capital punishment?

Should we not also set aside the condemnation if the punishment was not universal?

Jude 7 (ESV) — **7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Were David and Jonathan homosexual partners?

1 Samuel 18:1–5 (ESV) — **1** As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. **2** And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. **4** And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. **5** And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

1 Samuel 20:17 (ESV) — 17 And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

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Did Jesus have anything to say about homosexual practice?

- Jesus affirmed the OT Law as a faithful and universal guide to define sin.

Matthew 5:17–18 (ESV) — 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

- Jesus condemns sexual sin using words associated with homosexuality in the OT Law, specifically Leviticus.

Mark 7:21–23 (ESV) — 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

- Jesus reinforced the inherent heterosexual nature of marriage.

Mark 10:1–12 (ESV) — 1 And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. 2 And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” 5 And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7 ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” 10 And in

*the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11** And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, **12** and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”*

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What’s wrong with homosexuality?

***Romans 1:24–27 (ESV)** — **24** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. **26** For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.*

1. It dishonors God’s design for their bodies as sexual instruments.
2. It is frequently tied in scripture to idolatry, because it is worshipping sexual identity over God’s obvious and expressed design for sexuality and marriage. Therefore, it is a rebellious rejection of human submission to the will of God.
3. It dishonors God’s design for marriage (Ephesians 5) and ourselves as creatures whose purpose is to honor God.
4. It is “unnatural.”

It is often asked, as one of you did, “**Is homosexuality a greater sin than all the others?**”

- What is meant by abomination? (See Leviticus 18 and Deuteronomy)
- All sin is equally damning. (Rom 3:23; 6:23)
- All sin is rebellion. Not all rebellion is equally rebellious.
- All sin is not equally destructive to the participant, to the family, and to the culture.

Is an LGBT person beyond salvation?

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (ESV) — 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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Q&A

Next session (8/6):

- What does the Bible say about gender and transgender?
- Answering (many of) The Questions You Submitted
- ***Is God Anti-Gay*** chapter 2.