

BIBLE STUDY ON HOMOSEXUALITY

1. Read Leviticus 18:22, 24 & 20:13. What is forbidden here, and why?
2. Christians have always understood that the Ten Commandments are summaries of all possible sin. In other words, any sin we commit – any thought, word, or deed against the will of God – can be placed under one of the commandments, with all of them – that is 2-10 – being symptoms of the First Commandment (i.e., we steal [7th Comm.] because we do not truly fear, love, and trust in God [1st Comm.] to fully provide for us). That being the case, what commandment(s) would violations of Leviticus 18:22 fall under? (hint...see Exodus 20:14).
3. What is adultery? Discuss (see Matthew 5:27-32).
4. But, you might ask, “We are in New Testament times, those Old Testament moral teachings don’t apply to us, do they?” See Matthew 5:17-18 and Romans 6:1-2.
5. The bottom line is that God knows what is best for us. He showed us the proper use for sexuality and any deviation from that is sin. See Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:18-28, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
6. We are also told in Scripture that God’s design for marriage is to keep us from sinning. See 1 Corinthians 7:2-5.
7. Sexual sins are especially dangerous (not worse). See 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.
8. What about pastors? What does God say about who should and should not be pastors? Let’s look at 1 Corinthians 14:33-37; 1 Timothy 2:11-14 and 3:1-7.
 - A. What does God say about the gender of pastors?
 - B. Whom does God say pastors must be the husband of...?
 - C. In 1 Tim. 2:13-14, God talks about an “order of creation”, what does this have to do with who should be pastors?

9. Read Mark 7:1-23. Here we see how the Pharisees wrongly believed (and taught) that God's Law could actually be kept and that human beings could, therefore, make themselves righteous in God's sight. In other words, they watered down the Law with man-made rules and taught that if people kept those rules they were actually fulfilling God's Law. Scripture, however, teaches that the Law functions to show us our utter inability to keep God's holy Law, thereby revealing our complete and total need for a Savior. How are those who advocate for the ordination of homosexual clergy (or gay marriage) acting like modern day Pharisees?

10. Look at Luke 13:1-5 and discuss.

11. Ephesians 4:13 tells us to "speak the truth in love". How can we apply this Christian teaching to the issue of homosexuality (or any other sin)? See James 5:19-20).