

Holy Sex
Sexual Purity in a World Gone Mad
**5 - Looking at Same-Sex Attraction through the
Cross-Centered Lens**

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I. The times they are a changin'... but you need to know that God is not. He is the same yesterday, today & forever!

One of the greatest most comforting and reassuring attributes of God is His *immutability*; the fact that He does not change.

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Malachi 3:6 “For I am the LORD, I do not change;

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Just as God Himself does not change, neither does His Word.

Isa. 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.”

II. Don't buy the lies being sold to us in our day and age. The unchanging Word of God roundly presents homosexuality as sin, every time it's mentioned throughout the Scriptures.

Leviticus 18:22 “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”

Leviticus 20:13 “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.”

1 Corinthians 6:9,10 “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,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

III. Sex is a key way a person expresses worship... and when you forsake the Author of nature, you're not far from forsaking the order of nature. (Rom. 1:18-32)

A. Read through Romans 1:18ff and watch the spiral of degradation as man bows at the altar of sexual idolatry.

suppress truth (1:18) → hearts darkened (1:21) → foolishness is thought to be wise (1:22)

B. 3 “exchanges” that happen at the altar of sexual idolatry

a. changed the incorruptible glory of God into a corruptible image (1:23)

i. God gave them up to uncleanness (1:24)

b. changed the truth of God for a lie by worshiping the creature instead of the Creator (1:25)

i. God gave them up to their vile passions (1:26)

- c. changed sexual behavior from what is natural to what is unnatural (1:26,27)
 - i. God gave them over to a debased mind (1:28)

As always, the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart. Homosexuality isn't just bad moral behavior. It's symptomatic of one that is bowing at an altar that we were never intended to worship. It's an example of **idolatry**.

“For when we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing, we worship anything.” ~G.K. Chesterton

“Sin is what we do when we're not satisfied in God.” ~ John Piper

Responding like Jesus means looking for opportunities to respond with both grace & truth.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

IV. Responding like Jesus means having a heart of compassion for people who are lost and in need of a Savior... because you were there, too.

Heb. 5:2 “He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.”

Don't judge people just because they sin differently than you do.

V. Responding like Jesus means staying focused on the primary goal & the primary message: not making heterosexuals, but making disciples.

Matt. 5:13,14 “You are the salt of the world... You are the light of the world...”

Matt. 28:19,20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

VI. There's hope & help for all who will trust in Christ. He can set you free from life-dominating sin, and grant you repentance to walk in holy obedience.

A. Remember—the goal isn't heterosexuality, but holiness. (1 Pet. 5:16)

B. It's not about sexual orientation. It is about a person's identity before the Lord and striving to walk in obedience in this and all areas of life.

1 Cor. 6:9-11 “... Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 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 God.”

1 Cor. 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”