

## Here We Stand

Lesson Four • 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

### Is God Anti-Gay?

#### Homosexuality and The Bible

The Bible is not fixated on HOMOSEXUALITY; the Bible is fixated on God's reconciliation of humanity to Himself through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*  
2Corinthians 5:19-21 ESV

#### Homosexuality Within the Context of the Bible

### 1. Homosexuality and the Bible: We Must TELL the Truth!

#### *The Truth*

Homosexuality is a SIN, expressly forbidden by God in His Word.

#### **Telling the Truth:**

- Homosexuality is a REJECTION of God's intended design in creation for humanity. *Genesis 1:27-28 & 2:23-25*
- Homosexuality is a GRIEVOUS SIN against God. *Genesis 19:4-5; Jude 7*
- Homosexuality is an ABOMINATION to the Lord. *Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13*

- Homosexuality is the mark of a society's REBELLION against God. *Romans 1:18-32*
- Homosexuality leads to eternal DESTRUCTION. *1Corinthians 6:9-10*

### 2. Homosexuality and the Bible: We Must TRUST the Truth!

#### *The Truth*

The only orientation indicated by Scripture is the universal human orientation to SIN. Therefore, the only HOPE for any sinner, whether heterosexual or homosexual, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*For there is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*  
*Romans 3:22-23 NKJV*

*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.* *1Corinthians 6:11 ESV*

#### **Trusting the Truth:**

- Homosexuality is a sin that can be FORGIVEN through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Isaiah 1:18; Romans 8:1; 1John 1:7, 9*
- Homosexuality is a sin that can be FORSAKEN through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *1Corinthians 6:15-20; 2Corinthians 5:17*

#### **Here We Stand**

We must be a church full of GRACE and TRUTH toward all peoples.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* *John 1:14 ESV*