

How to Respond Biblically To The Same-Sex Marriage Debate

Sermon Series: In Case Of Emergency Break Glass! Pt. 4

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(1 Peter 3:13-18) (2 Timothy 1:14)

What Are The Biblical Principles Of Marriage?

(Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:23-25; Matthew 19:4-6)

Principle #1: Both genders are separately created and equally _____.

Principle #2: Gender differences allow for God-ordained and prescribed procreation and _____.

Principle #3: Marriage involves a monogamous relationship between one man and one _____.

Principle #4: Biblical marriage is for life.

What Does The Bible Say About Homosexual Activity?

- 1) It was condemned implicitly at the beginning of human history in the creation of a man and a woman to form the first marriage and the home (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10; Ephesians 5; 1 Peter 3).
- 2) It was condemned as “wicked and sinful” and “very grievous” in Sodom and Gomorrah during the pre-Mosaic age (Genesis 13:13; 18:20; 19:1-11; 2 Peter 2:7-8; Jude 1:7).
- 3) It was condemned under the Law of Moses (Leviticus 18:22-30; 20:13), even to the point of being described as “wickedness,” “outrage,” “vileness,” “lewdness,” and “evil” (Judges 19:23-24; 20:3,6,10,12,13).
- 4) Jesus condemned all sexual activity outside of the “one-man and one-woman” bond as “sexual immorality” (Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12).

- 5) Biblical authors condemn all “sexual immorality” as sin after Jesus’ return to heaven (Acts 15:20; Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9-13, 18; 10:8; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 13:4; Jude 1:7).

Common Arguments By The Pro-Same Sex Marriage Crowd:

1) Marriage Is Just A Contract!

Reasoned Response: Not True – Historically, governments have protected marriage as the foundation for societal flourishing because it provides a safe harbor for raising children that would keep that society strong.

2) Science Has Found The “Gay Gene”!

Reasoned Response: Not True – For all the reckless claims of genetic link to homosexuality, the fact of the matter is that no scientific evidence has been discovered that establishes the existence of the alleged “gay gene.”

3) Jesus Didn’t Speak Against Homosexuality!

Reasoned Response: That is true! However, a) Jesus clearly defined marriage as between “one man and one woman;” b) Jesus condemned all sexual activity outside the bonds of biblical marriage as “sexual immorality;” c) Jesus is God, so if God condemned homosexuality so did Jesus; and d) Jesus also didn’t condemn bestiality, polygamy or pedophilia so would they make a case for those being right?

4) The Apostle Paul Was Mean Spirited And Was Out Of Step With Jesus’ Message Of Love And His Disciples/Apostles!

Reasoned Response: Not True – a) Peter, James, John, the other apostles and elders affirmed Paul’s message (Acts 15; Galatians 1:15-19; 2:6); b) Peter quoted him as authoritative (2 Peter 3:14-16).

CONCLUSION: (Ephesians 2:1-5)