

Help! Someone I Love Is Gay

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1. Is it right? Gays can be Revisionists. They take 6 “pesky” references in the Bible and reinterpret them (Genesis 18:17-19:29; Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Leviticus 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:9-10). Their version makes these verses about inhospitality, male prostitution and dehumanizing sex, not homosexual sex. Is this right?

2. Is it wrong? The gays say even if the behavior is wrong, the desire, the same-sex attraction, is right. But, Matthew 5:27-28 says, *if we desire something wrong at the heart level, it is called sin.*

3. Is it sinful? Galatians 5:19-20 says *sexual immorality and fornication are deeds of the flesh* (from the sin nature). Homosexuality falls into that list. But, are homosexual desires any different than pride, anger, or lying? We *all* have a sin nature inherited from Adam. We *all* have a sin that so easily besets us. They WERE born that way! Just as you and I were born that way (in sin)! How do we *all* treat fleshly desires? Mortify the flesh—self-denial of sinful instincts so that we can be freed from sin and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. We let cultural Christianity and a comfortable, consumer lifestyle direct our lives rather than living based on the Bible. ...**But God Requires Holiness.** The Word of God gives us right and wrong. We can fight for their freedom from lies. We must step up and speak up. There is no other cavalry. We are the only cavalry.

5. Truth does not exist – socially constructed reality. ...But God Speaks Truth Even if they now declare their *own* identity, and define their *own* truth, you can speak their *God-given* identity. We believe God knit them together in their mother’s womb (Psalm 139). We know God declared only two sexes – male or female. (Genesis 1&2). We know it is woe to argue with our Maker about the way He has formed us (Isaiah 45:9-10).

6. ...But God Speaks Through Us

“Get our voices right,” Dr. Heath Lambert, 7 ways:

1. Speak grace with repentance (It’s not wrong to say “it’s wrong to be gay,” but be kind)
2. Speak change with Jesus (You cannot change by your own strength even if you wanted to)
3. Speak truth with the Bible (Interpret the Bible correctly, with gentleness)
4. Speak behavior change with heart change (Clean out your heart, then change your actions)
5. Speak conviction with care (God loves you even in your sin)
6. Speak ethics with love (Don’t say, “It’s wrong, so stop it!” Sin is blinding, so be patient)
7. Speak Jesus with change (God is big enough to help you)

But God...

“We are called to be people of Truth, even when the Truth is not popular and even when the Truth is denied by the culture around us. Christians have been in this position before, and we will be again. God’s Truth has not changed. The Holy Scriptures have not changed. The gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed. The Church’s mission has not changed. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

RESOURCES

Transforming Homosexuality by Dr. Heath Lambert

We Cannot Be Silent by Albert Mohler

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