

7 FAQs ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

Q. Why do Christians believe that marriage is only between a man and a woman?

- A. God created man and woman, telling them to “be fruitful and multiply.” *Gen. 2:18-24*
Jesus defined marriage as a man and woman. *Mt. 19:4*

Q. Are people born gay? What about Sexual Orientation?

- A. People are born with all types of sinful orientations; lying, stealing, strongholds of fear and sexual perversions. (*Eph. 2:1, Rom. 5:12*) Jesus said, **[Because of these sinful orientations and to reconcile you back to God] “You must be born again.” Jn. 3:3* There are a plethora of studies with conflicting results and conclusions on both sides of the argument, so we must trust God’s Word over current, trending data.
1. Do we excuse an orientation to lie? To have a temper attack?
 2. Do we condone people who have an orientation to bully? Murder? Do we simply admit that “*they were born that way?*”

There is no conclusive evidence people are born gay, but there *is* biblical evidence that we were all born with an orientation towards sin. When we get born again, we receive a new nature.

Q. Leviticus 18:22 condemns homosexuality, but it also condemns eating fried shrimp (*Lev. 11:9*) and wearing mixed fabrics. (*Lev. 19:9*) Aren’t we being hypocrites to point to that first reference while we eat seafood and wear our jeans?

- A. No. The Law of Moses is divided into three sections: 1) Civil Law 2) Ceremonial Law 3) Moral Law
The “shellfish / mixed fabric” Ceremonial Law is no longer in effect, but the Moral Law still applies to all.

Q. If I have a same-sex attraction, am I homosexual?

- A. Not at all. Evil whispers of all types swirl around your thoughts. Any thoughts that you meditate and dwell on will grow. Your feelings respond to your thoughts. Your body responds to your thoughts.
TRAIN: Thoughts --- feelings --- physical body (caboose)
Rom. 12:1-2 “Renew your mind”
Ps. 119:11 “Your Word have I hid in my heart....”

Q. How should I respond to these same-sex urges?

- A. Every thought that does not agree with the Bible is a lie. Respond the same way you do when you are tempted to steal or lie. Respond the same way that a married man does on a business trip when his secretary is in the next room or desires to cheat on his taxes. Recognize it. Resist it. Replace it.
Col.3:5, Ph. 4:8, Jm. 1:14,15

Q. Doesn’t homosexuality exist in the animal world?

- A. Yes, there are a few animal species which practice homosexuality: keep in mind, however, it’s a fallen world corrupted by sin. By the way, animals also eat their young, sniff their mate’s rear ends, barf up food to give to their young, lie in ambush to wait and kill, eating poop... Are we going to use that excuse to condone the same practices in our homes?

Q. Homosexuality is now considered “normal,” so what’s wrong with it? Couldn’t this be God’s answer for many of the orphans of the world? Can’t I love who I want to love? Isn’t it cruel for Christians to prevent my emotional fulfillment just because it’s different from their dogma?

- A. Normal, defined -- conforming to the standard of the common type
It’s not statistically normal --- only 5%
It’s not biologically normal --- animal kingdom’s examples don’t apply
It’s not physiologically normal --- male/female body parts fit perfectly
It’s not evolutionarily normal --- how would homosexuality have survived since they cannot reproduce?
Homosexuality may be “socially acceptable lifestyle” but it is a biblically unacceptable lifestyle.

Q. How should I, as a Jesus follower and Bible believer, respond to someone who is gay?

- A. Your relationship with them will indicate the level of responsibility you have towards them. Peer? Casual friend? Relative? Youth leader?
1. Hate the Sin, but love the sinner is a shallow cop-out. Our role is to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and you might be their friend for a long time before the subject even comes to surface. At the time, speak the truth in love --- with sobriety, humility, compassion; never harsh or arrogant. *Gal. 6:1, Luke 15*
 2. The same way that you would respond to a friend who is addicted to drugs.
 3. Accept and pray for them. Confront their sin with compassion, and follow up with an affirming activity such as dinner or a gift.
 4. Listen to them. A high percentage have experienced unfair, painful emotional and sexual abuse. As they grow to trust their Father, He will heal them and lead them into wholeness.
 5. Ask the Holy Spirit for a strategy. Build a bridge and lead them out to freedom.

We cannot bend the principles of God’s Word to suit vocal minority groups.