

Human Sexuality in the 21st Century
Contemporary questions, The will of God, and the Spirit of Christ

- LGBTQA estimates run between 1-10 percent based on the study
 - Atlanta, Seattle, Denver, Dallas, San Francisco...some of the highest numbers of the LGBTQA community
- What does God say about these types of questions
 - Are we handling this with the right disposition?
 - We do not need to be afraid
 - We live by the Gospel of Christ
 - We learn what is right and pure
 - We get nervous because the world has repressed the truth about God
 - Lack of honoring God
 - Lack of gratefulness
 - Given ourselves over to worshipping other things (sound like O.T. Issues)
 - What can we learn about these things and what God says.
- Romans 1:24-32
 - Story about what has happened with God's wrath and his reaction regarding these issues
 - One of a handful of passages that actually addresses these issues
 - Because they turned away from God, God allowed them to their lusts
 - God Gave them up (three sections of this passage)
 - Ruled by passions
 - Unnatural behaviors
 - Depraved minds
- Biblical Perspective on Human Sexuality
 - God created Humanity male and female, distinctive and complimentary
 - God did not create us "unisexual"
 - God created distinctive binary beings
 - Genesis tells us God made male and Female
 - Woman was created to be a compliment and helpful to man, someone suitable
 - Sin and the Fall resulted in "curses" that affect humans in a wide variety of ways
 - Because of giving into temptation, God instituted curses (humanity turned away from God)
 - Spiritual consequences
 - Between woman's seed and serpent
 - Physical experience
 - Pain in childbirth
 - You will not live forever, body will decay
 - Environmental
 - Cursed the ground

- Sociological impact
 - Husband and wife
 - Your desire will be for your husband
 - Conflict of power between men and women
 - Psychological effects of the fall
- Romans 8:18ff
 - God subjected creation to futility
 - Creation also suffers along with humankind
 - We are waiting eagerly and longingly for reconnection with our God
 - The World we live in is broken
 - This includes our Sexuality
 - What about people who sense that they were born in the wrong body?
 - We see this in being born in the wrong body
 - God even addresses this brokenness
 - Study in the U.K. Shows the consequences of sex change surgery
 - There was a class of people in the body who dealt with similar situation
 - Eunuchs
 - Changes were sometimes by choice or by alteration for the courts
 - Hard for them to identify as male
 - Jesus address Eunice's in Matt 19:12
 - Eunuchs by birth
 - Made eunuchs
 - Made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom
 - Jesus acknowledges the difficulty, however, does not suggest that alteration is the answer...
 - 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
 - Addresses this issue

- In other words, how your body is physically different, the solution is not to change your body according to the scriptures.
 - Only .6 of the population would identify as transgender
 - Unfortunately, the media is promoting this as bigger than it really is.
- God exclusively affirms heterosexual, monogamous, sexual relations
 - Jesus addresses Gay Marriage, polyamorous marriage in his description of marriage
 - God made them male and female
 - Because of the distinctiveness of humanity, there is a bond that God approves of, male and female
- All mentions of extra-marital, non-heterosexual relaxations in scripture are expressly negative and are condemned alongside other sinful acts
 - Any claim that the Bible is misrepresenting the Greek translations etc...is inaccurate and false.
 - The bible in no place condones these conditions/choices
- What do you say when people say “god loves us but we can’t make our own choices about who we love, etc....)
 - Where do sexual deviations (physical and/or psychological come from
 - God does not wish us to be unhappy, however he does set down laws and rules
 - Biblically
 - Naturally
 - Physically
 - At the end of the day, God is not out to get us.
 - Romans 8:18-25 continues to tell us that by our choices, the world is groaning and is cracked.
 - Of course by turning from God we have created our own enmity
- Every human being battles temptations that result from wrong desires within each of us
 - James 1:13
 - God does not tempt us!
 - God did not create man to have these urges
 - Our own lusts and desires create this disparity
 - This is a product of free will and the choices made early on after the creation of the earth

