Homosexuality: A Case Study of Bible Authority

Greg Kline · Galatians 1:6–12

INTRODUCTION

- I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.
- But we must first commit our minds to knowing that what God says goes. Period.
- There is but one will of God. There is one gospel, and what that means is we must understand it and live it.

1 Paul's Writings Were Inspired

1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Romans 1:26–32; Galatians 1:11–12

- The will of God is not defined by culture, brothers and sisters. It is defined by him who inspired it.
- 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.
- We need to understand that when we question Paul on the basis of some sort of lack of scientific understanding, that we're not questioning Paul. We're questioning God.
- Paul's writings were either inspired or they were not.
- The gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- His messengers, including Paul, whether he says something that our society agrees with or not, has the words of God.

2 Silence Is Not Always Permissive

Matthew 19:4–6

- Silence is not always permissive because why? Silence is rarely silent in the New Testament.
- Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female?
- Whether we like it or not, the scripture is not silent on a homosexual marriage, because marriage is a male and a female.
- The New Testament doesn't say don't use instruments, but the New Testament does talk about singing. That's not silent, folks.
- Silence is nothing. Not nothing that doesn't agree with our point.

3 Does Jesus Contradict God?

Genesis 19:4–8; Leviticus 18:22; 1 Timothy 1:8–10

- We're going to see who moved on this issue of homosexuality, God or men.
- Just as Sodom and Gomorrah in the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

- You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.
- And anything that is not that covenant relationship of marriage, any sexual activity outside of the marriage between male and female, is wrong.
- Does Jesus, through his silence of all things, contradict the will of God? Unequivocally, no. He does not.
- We need to not put the Son and the Father at odds, because they are one.

4 The Argument That Paul Was Biased by Culture

Ephesians 5:22–31; Titus 2:3–8

- Is male and male, female and female, what God has planned for us?
- Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
- Here we have a beautiful picture of Christ in the church, and a husband and a wife. That is not a homosexual relationship.
- You may not like what the Bible has to say about the roles of men and women, but that doesn't change what the will of God is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us live the life that God expects us to.**

MY NOTES