

Homosexuality as a Serious Apologetic Issue

Since the 1960s, the sexual revolution has swept the western world and radically changed the way people think about sex and how they choose to live sexually. Previous assumptions about the importance of connecting sex with love, of excluding same-sex romantic relationships as well as polygamous or polyamorous relationships are now abandoned. So how can we explain the Christian view of love and sex – especially when it comes to the issue of same sex relationships?

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I. Introduction

The Confusion Between Anthropology and Ethics

II. Four perspectives on homosexuality

- A. a disorder
- B. a solution for some
- C. an equivalent variation
- D. a superior lifestyle

III. Natural Law

- A. Perspectives related to same sex *relations*:
physiology, biology and psychology
- B. Perspectives related to same sex *marriage*:
distinctions between different relationships, the rights of children

IV. The Biblical Material

- A. Five groups of texts addressing homosexual relationships:
Gen 1-2, Rom 1, 1 Cor 6 & 1 Tim 1, Lev 18 & 20, Gen 19 & Judge 19

B. A coherent perspective all through the Bible

C. Interpretation in the light of what we know about the first century

V. Conclusion

The Cost of Discipleship: Matt 10:37-39, Luk 14:25-27