

How Do We Respond?

Text(s): 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 13:6; James 5:20

Why Homosexuality Is Wrong

- 1 Timothy 1:8-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Genesis 19:1-11; Jude 7; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:26-32

- The truth is... when one examines the Scriptures, there is no manipulating they can do to create a version of the Bible where God promotes, allows, or endorses homosexuality.
- Therefore, it seems to be a foregone conclusion that if you consider yourself a Christian, you would state that homosexuality is wrong.
- However, there are groups calling themselves "Christians" that are now openly supporting this choice, offering to perform marriages, and encouraging homosexuals to take leadership roles in their organizations.

How Are We To Respond?

- Jude 23; James 5:20; Romans 1:32; 1 Corinthians 13:6

- Perhaps the better conversation for us to have is concerning how we should respond to people who are in this type of lifestyle.
- God loves all sinners and we must too, but that love does not hinder us from sharing the truth, rather it forces us to teach the truth.
- "I am just going to love them anyway..." is a very dangerous choice to make. When we use that phrase, we must understand passages like **1 Corinthians 13:6** – "it [love] does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."
- How should we respond? 1) Speaking the truth in love, 2) Rebuke, 3) Encourage repentance, 4) Refuse to believe the lies, 5) Stand firm

Redeeming The Words – Rebuke & Repent

- Proverbs 27:5, 28:23; 2 Timothy 4:2; Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38, 3:19-20

- There must be a movement within churches, elders, preachers, teachers, and members to redeem the words "rebuke" and "repent".
- Unfortunately, when these words are used, people immediately assume a negative rather than seeing these words biblically.
- To rebuke someone biblically is to show them the error of their ways and assist them in returning back (repenting) to what they know to be right. When someone rebukes us biblically, in love, and using Scripture, we should be thankful for their concern for our soul.
- Likewise, repentance should be met with great joy and encouragement. – **James 5:20**

Notes