



Hot Potato #9: ***“Is Being Gay A Sin?”***

INTRODUCTION – FIRST THINGS FIRST

Matthew 7:1-5

ORIENTATIONS AND ORIGINS

- i) GENETIC _____
- ii) DESTRUCTIVE _____ DYNAMICS
- iii) FORMATIVE SEXUAL _____
- iv) CULTURAL _____
Galatians 5:22-23; John 13:25 & 21:20; Luke 22:10

WHAT SCRIPTURE AFFIRMS

- i) Male & female together best reflect the _____ of God's image.
Genesis 1:26-27
- ii) Male & female are intentionally designed to be _____. **Gen. 2:18**
- iii) _____ is humanity's God-given arena for sexual expression. **Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6**
- iv) Humanity's sin has distorted, detached, and derailed our sexual experience from _____ plan. **Genesis 3; Romans 8:20-22**

Summary...

1 _____ + 1 _____ 4 1 _____ = “ _____ ”
(Genesis 1:31)

WHAT SCRIPTURE CONDEMNS

- i) **Leviticus 18:22** ii) **Leviticus 20:13** iii) **Romans 1:18-2:1**
 - iv) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** v) **1 Timothy 1:10**
- (Also see **Genesis 19:1-28 + Jude 7; Judges 19:22-30.**)

MAKING THE HARD CHOICES

- The Choice of _____.
1 John 1:9; Matthew 19:10-12; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:24-25; Matthew 16:24-26; John 8:31-32; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- The Choice of _____.
1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:18-25
- The Choice of _____.
Matthew 5:28; John 8:3-11; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:15-16

CONCLUSION – THE TRUTH ABOUT “US” & “THEM”

Romans 3:23-24

Home Church Questions...

1. After reviewing Sunday's sermon, share one thing that encouraged you, challenged you, puzzled you, or just plain made you uncomfortable.
2. A Christian friend of yours confesses to you that he/she is homosexual...
 - a) What do you think would be your initial reaction and response?
 - b) What counsel would you give them if they said that they wanted to "change"?
 - c) What counsel would you give them if they said that they believed God made them this way and planned to live a gay/lesbian lifestyle (in a loving, committed, and monogamous relationship, of course)?
 - d) How would you modify your answers, if at all, to "a", "b", & "c" above if your friend was not a professing Christian?
3. Read **Romans 1:18-2:1**.
 - a) What, for you, is the most important point of this passage?
 - b) In what ways can 'getting what you want' be a curse rather than a blessing?
 - c) Do you think people need the Bible to understand that homosexual behaviour is unnatural? (See **2:13-16**.)
 - d) Re-read **1:29-31** slowly. How intensely do you see *yourself* in this list?
 - e) How does **1:16-17** give hope to us sinners?
4. What do you think should be our attitude toward those churches and denominations that condone homosexual practice and ordain practising homosexual ministers? (See **Isaiah 5:20**.)
5. Read **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**. What were you before God's grace transformed your being from a sinner into a saint? Think about it quietly, then close in thankful prayer.

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