

We Have To Talk About It: Homosexuality
Romans 1:26-27

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1. There are four reasons why I must talk about this.
 - a. Reason one: We just can't avoid addressing the topic of homosexuality.
 - b. Reason two: Some here may struggle with this problem.
 - c. Reason three: The religious world continues to wrestle with this issue.
 - d. Reason four: Christians must not be intimidated by the radical gay activist.
2. I personally believe that it is unconscionable that our young people have to be raised in an environment that makes them defensive of their own Christian beliefs.
3. We know that homosexuality is a difficult issue. There are no easy answers to it. We don't fully understand its causes, and there are no easy formulas for its solution.
 - a. There is very little "gay" about it.
4. I want us to consider at least three specific principles. Let's look at these.

I. First: Homosexuality Is A Sin Which God Judges As An Abomination.

- A. Not one single passage endorses homosexual conduct as acceptable to God's will.
 1. **Genesis 2:20-24, Genesis 19:5, and Leviticus 18** condemned homosexuality and prescribed severe penalties against it. It is called "an abomination."
- B. The Apostle Paul did not accommodate the pagan sexual behavior of his time.
 1. **(Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:9-10)**
- C. The Bible clearly distinguishes between temptation and sin.
 1. Every single one of us here today has orientations which can lead to sin.

II. Second: The Bible Teaches Us To Love The Sinner And Hate The Sin.

- A. That may sound like a frequently stated cliché, but one needs to differentiate between the two.
- B. What is the difference between a believer and a non-believer?
 1. There is a place for anyone who is willing to confess sin, acknowledging Jesus Christ as Savior. There are no limits to God's reconstituting power.

III. Third: What the Bible Doesn't Say About Homosexuality.

- A. The Bible does not tell us how homosexuality develops in persons.
 1. The Bible does say that there are moments of choice in which a person decides to live out that orientation.
- B. The Bible describes each of us as sinners in need of God's love and forgiveness.
 1. David's repentance came late, and the earthly consequences of his lifestyle were horrendous.
 2. We are called to help our young people grow in their life and service as we take a stand on each serious issue.