

**Intro:**

- A. Tonight, I will address a huge issue in the church world today, and that is homosexuality.
- B. The question is, “What does the Bible teach about homosexuality?”

**I. The Truth About Marriage and Sex**

- A. God instituted marriage as a life-long bond between one man and one woman. (Gen. 1:27, Gen. 2:24, Mark 10:2-4, 6-8)
- B. God has determined that sex is good only within the marriage bond, between the husband and wife. (Gen. 2:24-25, Gen. 1:28, I Cor. 7:2-3)

**II. The Sin of Homosexuality**

- A. Several passages of God’s Word explicitly teach that homosexuality is sin.
  - 1. Genesis 1:28 and 2:24, as well as Mark 10:2-12:
  - 2. Genesis 19, in reference to Sodom and Gomorrah:
  - 3. Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13:
  - 4. Romans 1:18-32:
  - 5. I Corinthians 6:9-10 and I Timothy 1:8-11:
- B. People give many objections today, and we must answer these objections.
  - 1. The Bible does not condemn the kind of homosexuality we are speaking of today.
  - 2. The church is supposed to be a place for sinners, and so we must allow homosexuals to be members and even office-bearers.
  - 3. The homosexual was born homosexual, so homosexuality is acceptable.
  - 4. God is a God of love, so homosexuality is acceptable.
  - 5. Being homosexual is like having a different skin color than someone else. It is not a sin.
  - 6. The relationships that I have had with homosexuals have led me to see that homosexuality is good and right.

**III. The Church’s Response to Homosexuality**

- A. How must elders in the church respond? (Acts 20:28, I Thess. 5:12, I Cor. 6:9-11)
- B. How are regular members to deal with it in the church? (I Cor. 6:9-11, Eph. 3:20)