

**1. We were created in God's image as male and female to complement or "complete" each other. All sexual intimacy is to be between a man and a woman in a lifelong, committed relationship. The union of man and woman in marriage is meant to picture the union of Christ and His church [Eph 5:25-32]. Procreation is the normal and expected consequence of marriage. Therefore, the original design for optimal child rearing is a biological mom and dad.**

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

Gen 2:20 But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Matt 19:4 [Jesus on divorce] "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

**2. Sodom and Gomorrah were punished due to their blatant practice of homosexual sin (among others).**

Gen 19:4...all the men from every part of the city of Sodom — both young and old — surrounded the house. 5 They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."

Jude 7 Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. [see also: Jer23:14]

**3. The "holiness code" in Leviticus singles out homosexual behavior from other sinful sexual behaviors as an "abomination".**

Lev 18:22 "'Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable [KJV, ESV, NASB "abomination"]

Lev 20:13 "'If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death..."

**4. It is listed by Paul with other sins that will keep one out of heaven if persisted in. But by repentance and faith in Christ people can be delivered from the damning and defiling effects of this sin.**

1 Cor 6:9 Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**5. It is a sin that graphically illustrates the idolatrous rejection of the Creator and His established order.**

Rom 1:26 ... God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

**6. Paul includes it with other sins that are exposed by the law.**

1 Tim 1:9 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers...

**Sites to help those struggling with same sex attraction, gender dysphoria or sexual sin in general...**

help4families.org harvestusa.org firststone.org livingstoneministries.org restoredhopenetwork.org

purelifeministries.org desertstream.org joedallas.com homosexualsanonymous.com

**Prominent persons who once identified as "homosexual" but now identify as being "in Christ"...**

christopheryuan.com

rosariabutterfield.com

jackiehillperry.com

