

## COLORING INSIDE THE LINES

### Thinking Biblically About Homosexuality

July 5, 2015 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 by Bob Branch

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**MAIN IDEA:** Discover what the Bible actually says about homosexuality, call us to agreement with it, and chart a biblically thoughtful, loving & courageous course ahead.

#### What's happened? What's being said?

- "LOVE wins?"
- Christians are Haters?  
"Let your gentleness be known to all" **Philippians 4:5**
- The Sky is Falling!?!?

#### ONE: The Bible and What it says about the issue.

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As Christians we have One authoritative source of truth.  
(God's Word/Scriptures/Bible; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

"Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 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." **1 Cor. 6:9-11**

- 1) Every lifestyle choice has a trajectory/destination.
- 2) We're prone to deception.
- 3) Those heading away from God:  
Sex *outside* marriage; Idols; Sex *outside* marriage *by those inside*; Same-sex sex; Thieves; Greedy; Drunkards; Slanderers; Swindlers... NO KINGDOM!

**AT ISSUE: Homosexuals:** *arsenokoites* (sex with a man), *malakoi* (passive partner)

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." **Leviticus 18:22 (20:13)**

"Only that which is explicitly renewed from the Old Testament law can be considered part of the New Testament "law of Christ" (Gal 6:2)." **Doug Stuart**

- 5) These are all sin... parted ways with. You WERE this!
- 6) The work of God in Christ is powerful enough to change us.

**Passages on Homosexuality:** Gen. 19:1-11; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Judges 19:16-24; 1 Kgs 14:24; 15:12; 2 Kgs 23:7; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:8-10; Jude 7

#### TWO: Questions people are asking...

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**Q:** Does the Bible condemn homosexuals?

**Q:** Isn't the Bible dealing with illicit same-sex sex, and not sex under a committed union? Not the same kind of homosexuality. (Mt. 19:4-5; Mk. 10:7).

**Q:** Since our gov't has now affirmed same-sex marriage, shouldn't we? ***Whenever any government's decisions and God's standards differ, we go with God.***

**Q:** The church is supposed to be a place where broken people can come and get Jesus and get healed.

**Q5: The God I worship is a God of love.**

#### THREE: Conclusions (Carey Nieuwhof)

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1. The church has always been counter-cultural
2. It's actually strange to ask non-Christians to hold Christian values.
3. We've been dealing with sex outside of traditional marriage for a LONG time
4. The early church never looked to the government for guidance.
5. We need to learn to love better!  
Judging outsiders is un-Christian. (1 Cor. 5:12-13).

**Recommended:** *What Does The Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality*, Kevin DeYoung, Crossway Books, 2015.