

Is Homosexuality a Sin?

1 Timothy 1:10

Introduction: While we should be peace makers we should never make peace at the expense of truth.

Key Truth: Scripture is truer than your feelings or experiences.

If certain lifestyles and actions are contrary to sound doctrine then that implies how you live is connected to what you believe.

I. The Re-interpretation of Homosexuality

Two primary arguments:

A. Good tree, good fruit; bad tree, bad fruit

Matthew 7:15-20

The problem with this is that it places our evaluation of consequences above God's Word as the standard for determining what is right and what is wrong.

B. Scripture does not prohibit sexual orientation, only homosexual excess

The sufficiency of Scripture means everything that is necessary for salvation, and for living a life that brings pleasure and glory to God, is given to us in Scripture.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

II. The Driving Force Behind Re-interpretation

Something very dangerous and deceptive has happened in our day: personal feelings and experiences are recognized as the ultimate source of truth.

Feelings should not be your ultimate source of truth because you are fallen.

Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:1; 4:18; Colossians 1:21;

Romans 1:20; John 3:19-20

Personal experience should not be your ultimate source of truth because experience can be fabricated.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Luke 16:19-31

III. Hope for those Who Struggle

While homosexuality is a serious sin against God, it is not an unforgivable sin.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:15

Same-sex attraction is a sinful desire that is but one manifestation of indwelling sin.

Romans 6:11; Colossians 3:5

“Our call is not to despair but to hope in Christ and to drive a fresh nail into our choice sin every day (Col. 3:1-5).” - Rosaria Butterfield