

the consequences of IDEAS

the church *and* lgbt

understanding the complexity of lgbt

Definition of terms:

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender)

SSA – Same Sex Attraction

Gay identity/orientation

LGBT behaviors

them and you: the same boat

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.²⁶ Because of this, 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.²⁸ Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. **2** You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. **Romans 1:24-2:1**

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NOTES - The icons below may be helpful as you take notes on the outline.



the lgbt agenda to normalize lgbt behavior the stories of struggle and the church's response

get afraid and get angry

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **James 1:19-20**

give in

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. **Jude 1:3-4**

is there another way?

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

jacob's well response

Wherever we are

We will walk together

Taking steps

Know Christ

And become like Christ

the wrong side of history and the right side of eternity

Next steps

Further reading:

Gay Children Straight Parents: A Plan for Family Healing by Richard Cohen

Coming Out Straight by Richard Cohen

Out of a Far Country by Christopher Yuan & Angela Yuan

Same Sex Marriage: A thoughtful Approach to God's Design for Marriage

by Sean McDowell & John Stonestreet

Organizations:

The International Healing Foundation @gaytostraight.tripod.com

The Institute for the Study of Sexual Identity @www.sexualidentityinstitute.org

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