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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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Understanding Homosexuality & Transgenderism Biblically

! Purpose:

To explore God's design for gender and sexuality with truth and grace. To address difficult questions about homosexuality and transgenderism through the lens of Scripture.

■ Section 1: God's Design for Sex and Gender

◆ Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26–28

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

- Genesis 2:24

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

- Matthew 19:4–6

"Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female..."

🔑 Main Points:

- Humanity is made in God's image as male and female, created with purpose and distinction.
 - God established heterosexual marriage as the only proper context for sexual intimacy.
 - Jesus reaffirms the gender binary and divine intent for marriage in the New Testament.
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While God's design was good and beautiful from the beginning, the entrance of sin into the world corrupted every part of human life—including our understanding of sex and gender. To understand current confusion and distortion, we must look at what happened after the fall.

Section 2: Human Rebellion and Sexual Distortion

◆ Key Scriptures:

- Romans 1:24–27

“Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity... For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions...”

- Leviticus 18:22

“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.”

- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

“...nor men who practice homosexuality... will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you...”

Main Points:

- The fall introduced disordered desires, including sexual sin.
 - Homosexual acts are clearly condemned in both Old and New Testaments.
 - The Bible consistently teaches that homosexual behavior is a violation of God's will, regardless of cultural or emotional justification.
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But the Bible doesn't stop at describing the problem. God is not only holy; He is merciful. Through the gospel, God provides a way for anyone—regardless of past sin—to be **forgiven**, made new, and empowered to walk in obedience.

Section 3: The Hope of the Gospel and a New Identity

◆ Key Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 6:11

“And such were some of you. But you were washed... justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ...”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

- Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ...”

Main Points:

- The gospel transforms identity: we are no longer defined by past sin or present temptations.
- God promises not just forgiveness, but newness of life and ongoing transformation.

- Christians with same-sex attraction are called to holiness and hope, not shame or despair.

Still, many people struggle with honest questions—about identity, science, and personal experience. Let's turn to some of the most common objections raised and examine how Scripture and truth respond to them.

? Section 4: Answering Common Objections Biblically

! Objection #1: *"People are born gay and can't change."*

Biblical Response:

- All humans are born into sin (Psalm 51:5), but being born with a tendency doesn't justify sin.
- Jesus calls everyone to die to self and follow Him (Luke 9:23).
- Countless believers testify to God's power to bring either change or grace to live faithfully despite temptation.

🧠 **Key Point:** Natural inclination does not equal moral approval.

! Objection #2: *"Homosexuality is genetic—science proves it."*

Biblical + Scientific Response:

- No conclusive "gay gene" has been found—science shows complexity, not determinism.
- Scripture teaches that we are accountable for behavior, not predispositions (James 1:14–15).
- The gospel addresses both nurture and nature with the power of a new birth.

🧠 **Key Point:** Our biology doesn't define our morality—God does.

! Objection #3: *"Environmental or trauma factors caused this—I didn't choose it."*

Biblical Response:

- Experiences may shape us, but they do not determine our destiny.
- Christ heals wounds and gives purpose beyond pain (**Hebrews 4:15–16**).
- God calls us not to be ruled by past influences but by the Spirit of God (**Romans 8:13–14**).

🧠 **Key Point:** Our past explains us, but it does not excuse us.

The truth of Scripture must never be used as a weapon—but neither should we hide it out of fear. God calls His people to hold both grace and truth, just as Christ did.

♥ Section 5: Loving People with Truth and Grace

◆ Key Scriptures:

- John 1:14

“...full of grace and truth.”

- Ephesians 4:15

“Speaking the truth in love...”

- Galatians 6:1

“...restore him in a spirit of gentleness...”

🔑 Main Points:

- We must never affirm sin, but we must always love sinners.
- Real love cares enough to tell the truth, even when it's unpopular (***Proverbs 27:6***).
- The Church should be a safe place for repentance, not a platform for pride or shame.

As we reflect on what we've studied, let's summarize the truth we've seen in Scripture and remember that the same grace that saved us is available to all.

✓ Summary and Key Takeaways

1. God's design for sexuality and gender is good, purposeful, and unchanging.
2. Homosexual behavior is a result of the fall and is consistently called sin in Scripture.
3. Objections, whether scientific or emotional, do not override God's truth.
4. Identity in Christ is greater than any sexual or gender identity.
5. The Church must be a place of truth, love, and restoration.

🧠 Memory Verses

- Genesis 1:27 – ***“Male and female He created them.”***
- Romans 1:26–27 – ***“God gave them up to dishonorable passions...”***
- 1 Corinthians 6:11 – ***“But you were washed...”***
- Ephesians 4:15 – ***“Speaking the truth in love...”***

🙏 Closing Prayer

“Father, thank You for creating us in Your image. Help us to walk in Your truth, speak it with love, and trust in Your power to heal, restore, and transform. May we be faithful witnesses of grace and truth in a confused world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”