

YOU ASKED FOR IT

What the Bible Says about Homosexuality and Gay Marriage: Genesis 2, 1 Corinthians 6

October 1, 4-5, 2014: Cam Huxford , Senior Pastor

The Lord Jesus has the power to change the eternal destiny and lifestyle of unrighteous people... no matter what has led them away from God!

I. Understand the Issues.

Four distinct types of homosexual behavior in our culture:

1. Experimental homosexual behavior.
2. Situational homosexuality.
3. Addictive homosexuality.
4. Orientalional homosexual behavior.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Everyone experiences the impulse of temptation...but not everyone acts out their destructive impulses.

Three factors that contribute to the development of a homosexual orientation:

1. Destructive family dynamics.
2. Early homosexual experiences with a trusted friend or family member.
3. The physiological factor.

The politically correct, urban legend, is that people are born homosexual and any other position is considered intolerant bigotry. But there is not a single conclusive scientific study to validate that position.

Environmental influences are powerful! But they don't mean you are physiologically selected to have a homosexual orientation.

II. Embrace the Truth.

Leviticus 18:22-23 NIV

Some truth about the gay lifestyle:

- Homosexual behavior is numerically rare.
- Homosexual behavior is relationally unfulfilling.
- Homosexual behavior is physically dangerous.
- Homosexual behavior is spiritually transformable.

In Christ, there is hope for change for us all.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. What does God's unconditional love look like?
2. How can you show love to someone who refuses to acknowledge sin in their life?
3. What is an inspiring story of overcoming struggle that you have experienced?
4. Give the lack of reliable scientific evidence, why do you think society continues to accept being "born gay" as a fact?
5. Why do you think homosexuality is such a hot topic in today's society?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Life Chain

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5

Publix at Largo Plaza, Abercorn Street

Join Savannah Christians and others in the pro-life community for this annual, one-hour public time of prayer for unborn children.

Marital Bliss

6:30 – 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10

The Link across the lake

So you think YOUR marriage is stressful? Join us for an evening of encouragement and insight into how to build and strengthen your marriage despite the stresses and tensions that can creep in. Our guest speakers Matt and Danielle Davis and Jeff and Casey Sanders will share their experiences of stress in marriage and how they grew stronger as a couple through the challenges. The evening will begin with a light dessert reception and worship. Childcare is not provided. Purchase your \$5 ticket from The Source bookstore by Monday, Oct. 6.

Moses: Prince of Egypt

7 – 9 p.m. Friday – Sunday, Oct. 10 – 12

Worship Center

In this epic musical based on the book of Exodus, witness the majesty of ancient Egypt and the persecution of the Hebrew slaves. Meet Moses, the humble, broken man whom God raises to become their deliverer. Join him on his pursuit of personal identity that changes the course of history. Feel God's sovereign power in the middle of the Red Sea. Experience the celebration of the Israelite people on their path to freedom. Purchase your \$5 ticket from The Source bookstore for this production performed by our youth drama team.

Next Steps Classes

Fireside room just off the lobby

Want to find out more about Savannah Christian? Come to Next Steps, a set of three classes that will walk you through what our church believes and how to get fully connected in our community. You'll learn how you can grow in your faith here. We will also help you identify and find ways to use your God-given gifts and abilities. These classes take place the first, second and third Wednesday and weekend of each month. For more information, contact Danielle at ddavis@savannahchristian.com.