



CHRISTIANITY Q&A "What About Homosexuality?" Romans 1:18-32

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Dr. Gary Collins says, "There probably is no other word in the English language which is so symbolic of controversy and which so quickly triggers emotional reactions." Our task is to think biblically about the subject and deal Christianly with those who are involved.

I. Biblical Statements About Homosexuality.

A. Human sexuality.

1. A divine creation. Genesis 1:27; 2:18-23
 - a. Image of God – male and female.
 - b. Man – male and female.
 - c. Woman – **answer to man's aloneness.**
2. A divine gift.
 - a. Procreation – fruitful and multiply. Genesis 1:28
 - b. Celebration – e.g., Song of Solomon.
 - c. Integration – one flesh.

B. Homosexuality.

1. Sodom and Gomorrah—gang rape. Genesis 19; Jude 7
 - a. N.B. "Know." vv. 5, 8
2. Holiness code—Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
 - a. N.B. Leviticus 18:3—You must not do; you must obey.
 - b. Homosexuality one of numerous prohibitions.
3. Gibeah. Judges 19
4. Gospels—Silence on subject.
 - a. Not a major problem in Israel.
 - b. Jesus always assumes heterosexuality.
5. Paul's teaching.
 - a. Romans 1:26-27
 - i. God's revelation resisted.
 - ii. God's judgment revealed—"Gave them up."
 - iii. Unnatural replaces natural—"inversion," "perversion."
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10
 - i. Unrighteousness and lawlessness includes homosexual acts.
 - ii. This leads to exclusion from Kingdom.

II. Contemporary Attitudes About Homosexuality.

A. Definition.

1. Attraction.
2. Action.

B. Condition.

1. Constitutional.
2. Learned behavior.

C. Reaction.

1. Homophobia.
2. Acceptance and militant propagation.
3. Rejection and concern.

III. Christian Responses to Homosexuality.

- A. Recognition of divine condemnation.
- B. Sensitivity to human condition.
- C. Commitment to compassionate ministry.
- D. Conviction of spiritual possibilities. See 1 Corinthians 6:10