



Is God Anti-Gay?

Romans 5:8-9 (HCSB)

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! ⁹ Much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath.

1. A godly response to homosexuality is always full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14; John 8:10-11)

- Both affirming sin and alienating the sinner are the most unloving things a person can do. (Matthew 7:1-2)

2. We are all broken and in desperate need of God's grace.

Matthew 7:1-5 (NASB)

"Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ² For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (HCSB)

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or anyone practicing homosexuality, ¹⁰ no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. ¹¹ And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

3. We must put forward God's design for sexuality - not merely condemn its' perversions.
(Matthew 19:4-6)

- Jesus refers us to the standard for sex and thus anything that does not fit the standard is sin. (Genesis 2:24)
- We have exchanged God's pattern for our preferences.
- Homosexuality is a rebellion against God's design for the uniqueness of men and women, the purpose of sex, the means of procreation, the institution of marriage, and the illustration of the church.

2 Timothy 4:3 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4. Homosexual sin is not inescapable.

- We must make the Gospel not merely sexual ethics but the center of our marriage.
(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- Temptations and feelings may well linger.
- Having a same sex attraction is not sin.
- God's acceptance is the power that liberates us from sin, not the reward for having liberated.

Further Resources:

- ◇ Summer School — July 9: Understanding Sexuality and the Gospel
led by Dakota Logan
- ◇ *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert, Expanded Edition: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith* (Rosaria Champagne Butterfield)
- ◇ *Is God Anti-Gay?* (Sam Allberry)
- ◇ www.livingout.org