

# Back to Bible Basics

**Issue 28**

## **God Knows What is Best for Us**

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Does the Bible really condemn homosexuality and fornication? It certainly does! In Rom. 1:18-29 Paul describes homosexuality as dishonourable, unclean, vile, unnatural and error. In verse 29, Paul wrote that homosexuality, fornication and a whole list of other sins are worthy of death. He backed up these remarks in letters he wrote to the Corinthians and the Galatians (I Cor. 6:9-11 and Gal 5:16-21).

There are many who profess to be Christians who claim that Paul's remarks are uninspired. There are some who even go as far as professing that the Bible never condemned homosexuality, fornication etc. These folks live in an ignorant bubble. Jesus taught that sexual relationships were the privilege of a heterosexual couple who are bound together in marriage (Matt. 5:27-32; Matt. 19:3-9).

There are some who do admit that the Bible clearly condemns homosexuality and fornication, but they argue that the Bible should not have condemned these practices. Those that argue this point of view go on to suggest that the Bible's comments on homosexuality and fornication are not in line with twenty-first century western culture. They say that the Bible is not relevant, and that Christians need to abandon these teachings or the Christian religion will become irrelevant.

Why does the Bible condemn homosexuality and sex outside of marriage? Most practices that God condemns in Scripture are condemned because they are not conducive to maintaining good physical or mental health. Is homosexuality or fornication good for one's physical or mental health? Everyone knows the answer to that question whether they want to openly admit it or not. AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases are not contracted by individuals who are in a committed

heterosexual relationship. The only way, that a non-homosexual or a person in a committed heterosexual relationship can contract AIDS is by means of a blood transfusion. It may also be the case that an individual will contract AIDS if they have an open wound that comes into contact with the blood of an individual who has this disease. However, these cases are very rare. Syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases are transmitted by an individual who engages in sex with more than one partner. Those who are in a committed marriage relationship are never in danger of contracting these diseases.

The Australian Red Cross asks questions about your sexual activity before you give blood. Homosexuals have recently protested the Red Cross's right to ask these questions. They claim it is discrimination, however, the Red Cross is simply protecting the public from being contaminated with these deadly diseases which affect the sexually loose portion of the population. Unfortunately, sometimes the Red Cross' measures fail to protect the public. The sixth-grade teacher of my children had a niece that was contaminated with blood that contained the AIDS virus. She received a transfusion of bad blood during a surgery. She has subsequently died from the disease have not mentioned the toll that these practices take on the mind or the detrimental social and family problems created by homosexuality and loose heterosexual practices.

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**30 - 31 August 2019**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00 pm Welcome Dinner**

**7:30 pm - The Family**

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 am - Marriage**

**11:00 am - Singles**

**12:00 pm – Lunch provided**

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There are too many social and mental problems created by these “lifestyles” to mention in this short article. The point is that if one confines himself/herself to boundaries on sex that the Bible sets forth that person will be happier and healthier. Remember, God always knows what is best for us even when we do not. 

## Things That Christians Cannot Choose

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It is true that all men are born with the ability, and the right, to make choices. Joshua appealed to this when he said *“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”* Josh. 24:15. Joshua here was calling on his audience to make a choice that would decide their destiny. His admonition and his personal resolve to follow God, for ever silences the advocates of Calvinism who state that men, because of Adam’s fall, do not have the ability to choose to follow God.

All men have been born with the right of choice, but the only two choices available are to choose between either good or evil -- Gen. 3:5, 22. We can believe either a lie or the truth - Matt. 6:24, 2Thess. 2:10-11. There is no middle ground. If we decide not to follow God, then our choices are virtually unlimited, but the Lord will hold us to account on the Judgment Day – Eccl. 12:14, but if we decide to become a Christian then we are no longer free to choose the imaginary, false ways of men. As Jeremiah said; *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”* – Jer. 10:23.

Here are some things that we as Christians are not free to choose.

Our own faith: *“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”* -Jude 3. When the New Testament was completed, God stopped speaking verbally to man. There is only one faith – Eph. 4:5. No man can change a single syllable. Our faith is confined to what we hear in the word of God — Rom. 10:17.

Our own sex: *“And he answered and said unto them, have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female”* - Matt. 19:5. God made only two sexes. No law of man or surgical operation can change this.

Our own marriage laws: *“And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore*

*they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”.* - Matt. 19:4-6. To be valid, marriage must be between a man and a woman and must comply with God’s law of marriage that began in Eden and was endorsed by Christ. We cannot choose to marry someone of our own sex.

Our own divorce laws: God permits divorce only for fornication. *“And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery”.* - Matt. 19:9. Therefore, no one can choose to put away (divorce) a spouse who has not committed fornication against them, and no one can choose to marry any divorced person who has not put away their spouse for fornication. When we marry we commit ourselves to a life time commitment to God’s law - Rom. 7:1-3.

Our own order in creation: Man is head of the woman *“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God”* - 1 Cor. 11:3, and husbands are also the head of their wives and families Gen. 3:16, 1 Tim. 3:5, Eph. 5:23. The woman’s Liberation Movement cannot change this; neither can government legislation or social propaganda.

Our own church: *“And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* - Matthew 16:18. Jesus is the builder of the church. It was purchased by His blood — Acts 20:28, Christ is the supreme head of the church - Col. 1:16-18, Eph. 1:23, and He adds all saved people to His church – Acts 2:47, Eph. 5:23. Any church that we cannot read of in the Bible is a figment of man’s imagination.

Our own moral code: *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of god? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”* - 1 Cor. 6:9-11. The world has no fixed standard of morals or faith to appeal to, and therefore is *“double minded unstable”* in all its ways – James 1:8. The Christian however, chooses to follow the Bible which is given by inspiration, and therefore complete, inerrant, unchangeable and authoritative – 2 Pet. 1:3, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Rev. 21:18-19.

