

## Homosexuality condemned in the New Testament

- **Romans 1:26-27 (18-27)**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**
- **1 Timothy 1:9-10**
- **Jude 7**
- **Matthews 19:1-8** — Did Jesus say anything about homosexuality? Of course, when asked about marriage, Jesus issued a sweeping condemnation of all sexual relationships outside of the male/female model established in Gen 1:27, which he specifically cited.
- **All scriptures that condemn uncleanness**
  - **Rev 21:27**-(... the abominable...)-The final book of the Bible, finalizing the complete picture denouncements of all **forms** of homosexual conduct. From Genesis to Revelation, the Word of God firmly establishes once and for all the sinfulness of homosexuality, but also provides a wide opportunity for repentance and redemption through Jesus Christ. Homosexuality, as seen through the eyes of scripture is a spiritual aberration (**the act of departing from the right, normal, or usual course; deviation from truth,**) a result of the fallen nature of man, a disease of the soul. It produces nothing life giving, in essence, opposite of the nature of God who is life. Therefore it “worketh” or produces abomination which is death.

The Bible is **consistent** through **both** Old and New Testaments in confirming that homosexuality is sin

- The New Testament **reinforces** what the Old Testament had **declared** since the Law was given to Moses (Lev. 20:13).
  - The **difference** between the Old and New Testaments:
    - is that the New Testament offers hope and restoration to those **caught up** in the sin of homosexuality through the **redeeming power** of Jesus
    - It is the same hope that is offered to anyone who chooses to accept it (John 1:12; 3:16-18).
- God's standards of holiness **did not** change with the coming of Jesus, because God **does not** change (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).
- The New Testament is a **continuing** revelation of God's interaction with humanity.
- God **hated** idolatry in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 5:8), and He **still** hates it in the New (1 John 5:21).
- What was immoral in the Old Testament is **still** immoral in t

**The New Testament says that homosexuality is:**

- a “**shameful lust**” (Romans 1:26),
- a “**shameful act**,”
- an abandonment of “natural relations” (Romans 1:27),

- a “wrongdoing” (1 Corinthians 6:9),
- “sexual immorality and perversion”
- carries a “due penalty” Romans 1:27; (Jude 1:7).
- “is contrary to the sound doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:10),
- and is listed among the sins that bar people from the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9).

**Despite the attempts of some to downplay these verses**, the Bible could not be clearer that **homosexuality is a sin against God**.

- **Homosexuality is not the cause of a society’s decline**, but it is **a symptom** of it;
- **it is the result of** people making themselves the final authorities.
- **Romans 1** gives the natural digression of a society that has chosen **idolatry** and **sinful pleasure** **INSTEAD** of obedience to God.
- The downward spiral begins with **DENYING** that God has absolute authority over His creation (**Romans 1:21–23**).

**The RESULT of a society’s rejection of God’s rule in their lives is that:**

- God gives **“them over in the sinful desires of their hearts”** to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.
- **They exchanged the truth about God for a lie**, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator” (Romans 1:24–25).
  - Roman 26 and 27 say, “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts.
  - Even their women exchanged **natural sexual relations** for **unnatural ones**.
  - In the same way the men also **abandoned natural relations** with women and were inflamed with lust **for one another**.
  - Men committed shameful acts with other men, and **received** in themselves the **due penalty for their error**.”

**The phrase “God gave them over” means:**

- ... that when we insist on shaking our fists at God, He finally lets us have the **perversion** we demand.
- And that is a **judgment** in itself.
- Homosexual behavior is the result of **ignoring God and trying to create our own truth**.
- When we defy God’s **clear instruction**, we **reap** the “due penalty” of **our disobedience** (2 Thessalonians 1:8–9; Revelation 21:8).



## THE GOOD NEWS:

- is that homosexuality is not the **unpardonable** sin.
- It is **forgivable** just like greed, theft, and murder are forgivable when we repent and turn to Jesus (Acts 2:38). He provides us with **new identities**
- (1 Peter 1:14; Colossians 2:13). Second Corinthians 5:17 says that "if **anyone** is in Christ, the **new creation** has come: The **old has gone**, the new is here!"
  - Those "old" things include **former sins** that once held us captive. Whereas we were **once defined by our sin**,
- being **born again** (John 3:3) means we are now **defined by Jesus** and His righteousness (Colossians 3:3).
  - A thief no longer has to define himself as a thief. He is cleansed from his former ways and made new in Christ.
  - A murderer—such as Saul before he became the apostle Paul—is forgiven and conformed to the image of Christ (Galatians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 15:9; Romans 8:29).
- And someone **trapped** in homosexuality can be **made free** to **walk in purity** when he or she **agrees** with God about **sin** and **trusts His power to forgive and restore**.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 **includes homosexuals** in a list of **those who will not have a part in God's kingdom**.

- But verse 11 goes on to say, "
  - **Such were some of you**;
  - but you were **washed**,
  - but you were **sanctified**,
  - but you were **justified**
  - in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- The truth is that **some** of the saints in the Corinthian church were **former** homosexuals.
  - God's kingdom is populated by sinners. No one comes to God on **personal merit**.
  - We all come the same way: through **repentance**, **RENOUNCING** the sin for which **Jesus died**, and **ACCEPTING** the righteousness of Christ in its place (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - Also Col. 1:20-21 (...yet now hath He **reconciled**).

The New Testament offers **GOOD NEWS** for everyone struggling with **sexual identity**. Jesus wants to **REPLACE** our **sinful lifestyles** with **His own righteousness** so that we become free from the bondage of slavery that has been inflicted by Satan.