

Human Sexuality God's Way

(Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 7; Heb. 13:4)

At issue is whether or not there is a human design, a manifesto. The Bible outlines a human design. At issue for Christians is how seriously we are to be about that human design in the matters of human sexuality, marriage, gender distinctiveness, human value, etc. Is your worldview based on the Bible or your own subjective sensitivities?

The biblical design for human sexuality is based on moral standards as set by a Holy God – Designer / Creator in his Word.

Violation of the moral standards of human sexuality “is precisely the sort of sin that characterizes those who will not enter the kingdom of heaven” and remain as “objects of God’s wrath” (Kevin DeYoung; Rom. 9:22)

1. God’s Design: The truth about God - approved sexuality (Gen. 2:18-25; Heb. 13:4) .

- an official marriage between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Jn. 4:18; Heb. 13:4)
- complete freedom within marriage to fully enjoy God’s gift of sexuality and the emotional wholeness that a life of sexual purity brings. (Prov. 5:15-19; Eccl. 9:9; Song of Songs)
- godly offspring (Mal. 2:15)

2. Man’s Deconstruction of God’s Design: The truth suppressed and the glory exchanged for degradation (Rom. 1:18-32) .

When man exchanges God for Idols, sexual design confusion always results. Where there is sexual perversion and gender confusion, there is always idolatry.

Suppressing the truth of what may be known about God (natural revelation) results in...

- F lawed thinking (1:22)
- Exchanging God for lesser gods (1:23)
- Sexual disorders: degrading of bodies with other bodies (1:24)
- Believing that joy and fulfillment can be found in created things – “a lie” (1:25)
- Shameful unnatural sexual expressions with the same sex-lesbianism/homosexuality (1:26-27)
- Depraved minds incapable of making accurate assessments of the world, morality or their place as humans; freewheeling evil (1:28-31)
- Approving of people who practice such things (1:32)

3. What is Sexual Immorality? (Mk. 7:21-22; Rom. 1:24-31; 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 3:5-9; 1 Tim. 1:9-10; Rev. 21:8)

“ You would be hard-pressed to find a sin more frequently, more uniformly and more seriously condemned in the New Testament than sexual sin .” (Kevin DeYoung)

“porneia” – any form of sexual contact , real or virtual, between creatures who are not in a heterosexual marriage.

Consider 1 Cor. 6:9-17 No case can be made from any Scriptures that God made anybody contrary to his design for sexuality – or any sinful offenders to be the way they are.

“ The body is not meant for “porneia” but for the Lord .” (6:13).

The early church was instructed to preclude from membership anyone who was actively and impenitently practicing “porneia” (Acts 15:20).

To be sure there were no subjective limitations on the prohibition, Paul included specific examples of “porneia

” which includes but is not limited to ... (6:9)

- Adulterers
- Expressions of gender confusion (“effeminate”)
- Homosexual practice (“sodomite”)

[visually opposes the profound mystery of Christ and his church (Eph. 5:32)]

In the example of prostitution, the body is not reserved for the Lord because ... (6:15-17)

- A Christian connects (“hooks up”) Christ with impurity .
- A Christian practices an act of casual sex (sin) in connection with Christ, the representative of ultimate commitment.
- A Christian abuses someone by having no commitment to their greater good .

4. What Should We Do?

Flee from sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:18-7:4)

- Ruins that part of you designed for the most intimate bodily communication between persons (Byrne)
- False ly advertises the God who lives in you (6:19) .
- God only shares ownership of your body with your heterosexual spouse (6:20-7:3) .
- Celibacy is the biblical alternative for people who have not yet found or are unable to find a permanent partner of the opposite sex (1 Cor. 7:1, 32-34; Matt. 19:12)

Repent of sexual immorality (Rev. 2:20-23)

Failure brings suffering (Rom. 1:27; Rev. 2:22-23).

Churches that misrepresent/suppress the truth will have their lampstand removed from its place (Rev. 2-3).