UNSHAKEABLE

A Study Through Colossians

Colossians 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: SEXUAL **IMMORALITY**, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Goals: 1) Equip- biblical view of sexuality 2) Understand- deeper problem of sin 3) Awaken-love and truth dwelling together

Outline 1) A Call to Truth 2) A Call to Love 3) A Call to those with Same-Sex Desire



A Call to Truth: A defense of the Biblical view of Homosexuality

A deeper, theologically cohesive and practical understanding of homosexuality starts with the doctrine of depravity. Homosexuality and the Bible Genesis 19 Leviticus 18 Leviticus 20 Romans 1 1Corinthians 6 1 Timothy 1

Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the **Creator** -who is forever praised.

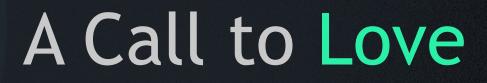
God's Judgment for Disordered Worship: 3x "God gave them over" v.24,26,28

Romans 1:26-27 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.

Romans 1:26-27 Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Alternative View? Homosexuality in the Bible is not the same version as what we see today.

View Refuted: -Historical artifacts -Inclusion of Lesbianism -Paul's personal ministry among the ancient LGBT community (1 Cor. 6)



Luke 18 **The Pharisee** and the Tax Collector

Luke 18: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Gospel is the great equalizer. We are more sinful than we ever dared believe and simultaneously more loved, forgiven and accepted in Christ than we ever dared hope.

Luke 10: The Good Samaritan Those who receive mercy, grace, forgiveness and love should give mercy, grace, forgiveness and love.

Humility NOT Selfrighteousness

See people NOT politics

Sensitivity NOT Stereotypes

Love People NOT Projects

Good News NOT Moral Conformity

A Call to those with Same-Sex Desire

Desire is not sin, acting on it is.

Acknowledge the presence and pain of disordered sexuality, but find identity in Christ.

Seek authentic Christian friendships with both sexes, especially in groups.

Resolve to live a celibate life by the power of God's Spirit.

Following Jesus is costly to our desires. Matthew 16:24 Those who seek to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

There is true fulfillment of our deepest longings in Christ.

Matthew 19:17-30 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us? Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne,

Matthew 19:17-30 you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake

Matthew 19:17-30 will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.