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WHY DO CHRISTIANS SEEM HOMOPHOBIC?



SEXUAL

Why Homophobia?



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UNUSUAL
QUESTIONS

Bible is not a book *ABOUT* homosexuality. The Bible is a book *ABOUT* a Holy God who came to rescue and restore an unholy people through Jesus Christ so that we can be in a loving relationship with Him forever in the new heaven and new earth.

**THE
BIBLICAL
QUESTION**

**What do LGBT+ Affirming
Christians/Churches
Believe?**

**What does the Bible Teach
about Homosexuality?**

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LGBT+ Affirming

**“We are born good,
innocent and perfect.”**

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LGBT+ Affirming

**“God made LGBT+
people that way,
therefore it is good.”**

LEGAL
TIP
KEY

LGBT+ Affirming

“The Biblical passages that call homosexuality a sin are incorrect, no longer applicable or must be reinterpreted.”

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LGBT+ Affirming

**“Individual happiness
and sexual expression
is a divine right.”**

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LGBT+ Affirming

“Our Sexuality is our Identity.”

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Link to video from Mayor Pete Buttigieg

From NBC News. Published on Apr 8, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hViAbRitbmw>

At 2:35

“I think it is important to state clearly that we do, in fact, reject the straightforward commands of Scripture, and appeal instead to another authority when we declare that same-sex unions can be holy and good.

And what exactly is that authority? We appeal explicitly to the weight of our own experience and the experience thousands of others have witnessed to, which tells us that to claim our own sexual orientation is in fact to accept the way in which God has created us.” —Luke Timothy Johnson

**SCAL
TIP
KEY**

KEYWORD

**What does the Bible
Teach about
Homosexuality?**

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1) God's original intent for
Sexuality:

One Male and One Female in a
life-long, procreative, loving
covenant commitment.

(Genesis 1-2, Matthew 19:4-6)

THE BIBLICAL RESPONSE

**What does the Bible Teach
about Homosexuality?**

**2) Because of the breaking of
“Shalom” we are all born with
desires and orientations not in
harmony with God.**

KEY TOPICAL

**What does the Bible Teach
about Homosexuality?**

**3) Acting on and pursuing
our disordered desires is sin,
including homosexuality.**

SCRIPTURAL

**Six passages in Scripture
address Homosexuality.**

Genesis 19

Leviticus 18, 20

Romans 1

1 Corinthians 6

1 Timothy 1

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What Does the Bible Really Teach About
Homosexuality?



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“In this case that [gay affirming] support is lacking. Wherever homosexual intercourse is mentioned in Scripture it is condemned.”

-Gay Dutch Scholar Pim Pronk

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QUESTIONS

Gay-Affirming Argument:

“Homosexuality in the
Bible is not the same
version as what we see
today.”

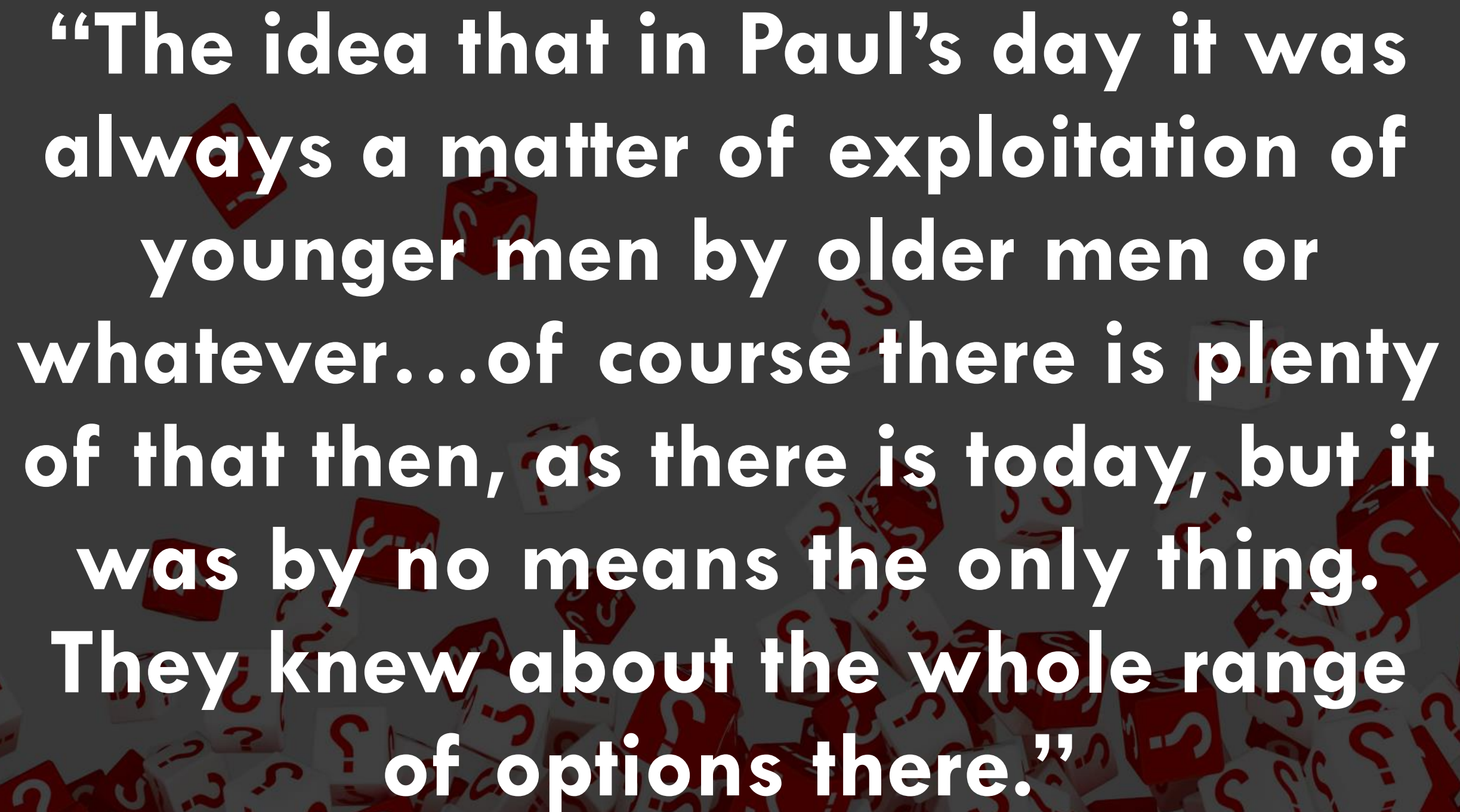
“The Bible does not talk about monogamous, loving same-sex relationships between consenting adults. The Bible and specifically, the New Testament, would not know about monogamous loving same-sex relationships, because that didn’t exist.”

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CRITICAL REFLECTIONS

“They knew just as much about it as we do. In particular, a point which is often missed, they knew a great deal about what people today would regard as longer-term, reasonably stable relations between two people of the same gender. This is not a modern invention, it’s already there in Plato.”

-N.T. Wright

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“The idea that in Paul’s day it was always a matter of exploitation of younger men by older men or whatever...of course there is plenty of that then, as there is today, but it was by no means the only thing. They knew about the whole range of options there.”

-N.T. Wright

QUESTIONS

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**What does the Bible Teach
about Homosexuality?**

**4) Homosexuality is NOT
the “unpardonable sin”
rejection of the Gospel is.**

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**What sends you to heaven
is that fact that you can't
save yourself, you need to
be properly related to
Christ.**

CRITICAL
QUESTIONS

**What does the Bible Teach
about Homosexuality?**

**5) The goal is not
Heterosexuality but Sexual
HOLINESS**

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1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

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“I know now what I didn’t know then. God was not calling me to be straight; he was calling me to himself. The choice to lay aside sin and take hold of holiness was not synonymous with heterosexuality. . . . In my becoming holy as he is, I would not be miraculously made into a woman that didn’t like women; I’d be made into a woman that loved God more than anything.” —Jackie Hill-Perry

THE
BIBLICAL
RESPONSE

What does the Bible Teach about Homosexuality?

6) Identity does not equal
Sexuality or Gender, Identity
is in Christ.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old [Identity] has passed away; behold the new [Identity] has come.

“Our sexuality is not our soul. I don’t believe it is wise or truthful to the power of the gospel to identify oneself by the sins of one’s past or the temptations of one’s present but rather to only be defined by the Christ who’s overcome both for those he calls his own. All men and women, including myself, that are well acquainted with sexual temptation are ultimately not what our temptation says of us. We are what Christ had done for us; therefore, our ultimate identity is very simple: We are Christians.” —Jackie Hill-Perry

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It just doesn't seem fair....



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**Jesus does not call us to
self-fulfillment but to self-
sacrifice.**

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

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**We must carry each other's
crosses.**

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What we all need are deep,
meaningful, loving
friendships.