



Homosexuality

Sep 18, 2022 • Pastor Gregg Matte (9:15a, 11a & The5) • Romans 1:22-32

“Many people passionately hold views on subjects they have not deeply or biblically thought through.” – Gregg Matte

► The Bad News

Three “exchange” and three “delivered them over” statements.

1. Exchanged the Immortal God for earthly idols. *Romans 1:23*

Delivered them over to _____ . *Romans 1:24*

2. Exchanged the _____ of God for a _____. *Romans 1:25*

Delivered them over to disgraceful passions. *Romans 1:26*

3. Exchanged heterosexuality for homosexuality. *Romans 1:26*

• Paul sets homosexuality apart from the list of 21 other sins and so has our society. *1 Corinthians 6:18-20*

Finally: The Romans are active in and applauding of sin. *Romans 1:32*

• _____ became affirmation and now the only option is _____, or you will receive condemnation.

► Let’s look biblically at homosexuality.

- All six passages speak to it as sin: *Genesis 19, Leviticus 18 & 20, Romans 1, 1 Corinthians 6, and 1 Timothy 1*
- At least _____ couples specifically named in the Bible (countless others), _____ are same sex.
- We have no positive statements or examples of homosexuality.
- The biblical view of sex is _____ or _____ in marriage. *1 Corinthians 7*

► **Thankfully there is Good News!...**

► **Here's the BIG question...**

- Where is our _____ found?
 - Sex used to be an _____, now it's an identity.
 - Sex used to be something you _____, now it is _____ are you.
- This has resulted in the most _____ and loving act in all the world...becoming the most public, political, and divisive.

► **More Good News!**

- Our primary _____ is far deeper than our sexuality. We were created in the _____ of God!
- We all need Jesus to:
 - _____ our neighbors by listening, loving, and sharing truth
 - _____ and guide us. *1 Corinthians 6:9-11 & Colossians 3:1-11*
 - a. Past tense - Sin forgiven
 - b. Present tense - Righteousness lived out
 - c. Future tense - Blessing received

RELATED RESOURCES

Visit HoustonFirst.org or scan code for links to these books recommended by Pastor Gregg, as well as more than a dozen other books, websites, videos, articles, and ministries recommended by church staff members.

Compassion without Compromise by Adam T. Barr and Ron Citlau
Gay Girl, Good God by Jackie Hill Perry
Holy Sexuality and the Gospel by Christopher Yuan

Strange New World by Carl R. Trueman
The Madness of Crowds by Douglas Murray
We Cannot Be Silent by R. Albert Mohler Jr.



COUNSELING CENTER

If you or a loved one are experiencing same-sex attraction and are struggling with how to live faithfully in your faith, the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center at Houston's First can help you navigate that in a safe and confidential way. Call them at 713.335.6462, text **COUNSELING** to **44322**, or visit the resources page above.

DECISIONS

Week ending Sep 11, 2022

For Baptism

Tony Nokeo
Jaziel Solano

From Other Fellowship

Lauren Biar Allison Saxby
Nola Johns

ATTENDANCE

Week ending Sep 11, 2022

Life Bible Study
MidLink

5,240
983

GENEROSITY

at Houston's First

From Dec 1, 2021-Aug 31, 2022:

First-Time Givers to Date	747
Total Givers to Date	5,096
Kainos Giving to Date	\$42,582,213
Kainos Goal to Date *	\$39,934,054

* Based on commitments and expected gifts of \$103,700,000
Kainos covers our Great Commission Fund (ministry operating budget) plus special projects and additional missional endeavors. Giving to Kainos is from Dec 2021-Dec 2023.

SYMPATHIES

- Pat Lester in the loss of her sister, Mildred Argyle
- Hugh & Marsha Smith in the loss of her mother, Jessie Lou Anderson; Topher (Deacon) & Marcia Smith, grandson; Nathaniel, Henry, and Benjamin, great-grandsons
- Lynn Popkowski in the loss of her father



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