



National support for the homosexual (e.g. same-sex marriage) and transgender (e.g. Bruce/Caitlin Jenner) agendas in America (esp. the public schools) has once again placed the Christian Church into a defensive and discipleship position. This is most especially true since many claiming to be Christian are attempting to defend such practice as acceptable (in certain forms) before God. The outline below therefore represents the biblical witness regarding these two issues:

1. Our sexuality (or sexual orientation) is God's sovereign choice not ours (Psa 139:13-16).

2. Homosexuality/Transgenderism¹ is condemned by God as one of the worst forms of sexual immorality (an abomination) and therefore as a sin equal to murder (i.e. it is a capital crime). It represents clear rebellion against His sovereignty (in sexuality) and as serious perversion/depravity of the mind (Ecc 7:29; as it re: to homosexuality - Lev 18:22, 20:13; Rom 1:26-28, 32; 1Co 6:9-10; 1Ti 1:10; Jud 7; as it re: to transgenderism- Deu 22:5; 1Co 6:9 [NAS] "effeminate" = transgender).

3. America's current position on homosexuality and transgenderism (as our lifestyle choice) reveals that we are now living in a atheistic society:

3.1. Theistic (God/Moral Lawgiver exists) = Both lifestyle choices and moral absolutes exist and are easy to distinguish (e.g. LC = the choice to have kids, get married, go to college, buy a house; MA = homosexuality/transgenderism is sin; Gen 3 - "God said!")

3.2. Agnostic (Unknown God/Lawgiver exists) = Both lifestyle choices and moral absolutes exist though it is often hard to distinguish (Postmodernism: there are absolutes, we just can't be certain as to what they are; Agent Mulder: "the truth is out there"; Gen 3 - "Did God really say?")

3.3. Atheistic (No God/No Moral Lawgiver exists) = All things are simply lifestyle choices. There are no moral absolutes (i.e. there is no objective morality but rather moral relativism - morality is subject to the determination/preference of each culture/individual; Judg 17:6, 21:25; Jer 18:12; Num 15:39; Gen 3 - God DID NOT say.").

4. America's current position on homosexuality (and transgenderism) reveals that we are now living in a country without God's protection and under His severe wrath (Gen 18:20-21 w/19:1-13 w/Jud 7; also Rom 1:21-27; Lev 18:22 w/26-30).

5. American Christianity is the one most responsible for this nation's acceptance of homosexuality/transgenderism:

5.1. (Mat 5:13-16; 16:18)

"I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." - Alex de Tocqueville (French historian who visited America in the early 19th century)

5.2. Evangelical Feminism (Egalitarianism) is what "opened the door" on homosexuality.

"In the wake of the secular feminist movement, women have found a new confidence to claim a role for themselves within the church. They have developed a hermeneutic to deal with the biblical texts which had been used to deny them that role in the past...(The result) the majority of evangelicals have moved very substantially in the direction of welcoming women into Christian leadership. Gay Christians are using exactly the same kind of hermeneutic tools to challenge the tradition in regard to homosexuality." - Roy Clements

"There may be no way the authority of Scripture is being undermined more quickly or more thoroughly in our day than through the hermeneutics of egalitarian readings of the bible....Feminist scholars have devised thousands of pages of arguments attempting to show that those parts of the Bible don't apply to us today, are contradicted by

¹ The definition of *transgender* according to Wikipedia includes:

-Of, relating to, or designating a person whose identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender roles, but combines or moves between these.

-People who were assigned a sex, usually at birth and based on their genitals, but who feel that this is a false or incomplete description of themselves.

-Non-identification with, or non-presentation as, the sex (and assumed gender) one was assigned at birth.

experience or are simply wrong. Endorsement of the ordination of women is not the final step in the process, however. If we look at the denominations that approved women's ordination from 1956-1976, we find that several of them, such as the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church USA, have large contingents pressing for the endorsement of homosexual conduct as morally valid and the approval of homosexual ordination. Francis Shaefter warned years ago that the first generation of Christians who lead the church astray doctrinally change only one key point...so it can seem for a time that the change is not too harmful. But their followers and disciples in the next generation will take the logic of their arguments much further and will advocate much more extensive kinds of error." - Wayne Grudem

5.3. Many of America's largest/most popular Evangelical churches/pastors are pro-gay, allow gays to become members or even serve in high profile positions (e.g. Mars Hill Michigan and pastor Rob Bell; Josh Canfield and Reed Kelley - choir director and singer for NYC Hillsong Church to be wed; Darren Calhoun - openly gay worship leader at Willow Creek Church).

5.4. Many producing Christian music today have come out as openly gay/transgender or pro LGBT:

5.4.1. Jennifer Knapp, Ray Boltz, Vicky Beeching, Jen Foster, Shawn Thomas, Micah's Rule (openly gay)

5.4.2. Jars of Clay lead singer, Dan Haseltine (pro LGBT)

"Not meaning to stir things up BUT... Is there a non-speculative or non "slippery slope" reason why gays shouldn't marry? I don't hear one. Because most people read and interpret scripture wrong. I don't think scripture 'clearly' states much of anything regarding morality." - 2014 Tweet

5.4.3. Amy Grant (pro LGBT)

"The journey of faith is just being willing and open to have a relationship with God. And everybody is welcome. Everybody (including practicing gays, transgenders, etc.)." - 2013 Interview

5.4.4. Caedmon's Call lead singer, Derek Webb (recently co-headlined w/Jennifer Knapp)

5.4.5. Carrie Underwood (pro LGBT)

6. A redefining of Christianity/the bible: popular arguments made by the LGBT (or pro-LGBT) community who claim to be Christian:

6.1. "At the end of the day, it really doesn't matter what I do since Jesus died for my sins and as long as I have faith (in Him as Savior) and admit I am a sinner (their understanding of repentance), I am a Christian (and going to heaven when I die)."

The problem w/such thinking = (Eph 5:5-7).

6.2. "All the biblical passages that seem to speak against homosexuality are in reference only to those who are practicing such things outside of (same-sex) marriages/holy unions."

The problem w/such thinking = If such a distinction existed then so would the remedy. Case in point: when an un-betrothed man and woman are found committing acts of sexual immorality the way to "right the wrong" is by forcing them to be married (Deu 22:28-29). Nowhere do we ever find such a prescription for those committing homosexual acts. To think such a thing is tantamount to saying that if a person is a pedophile or is given to bestiality, the way to "right those wrongs" would also be to enter into wedlock (with children or animals). In addition marriage is always and only defined in the biblical text as between a man and a woman. Jesus acknowledges that it's parameters are not something that all can accept demonstrating its narrow or limited scope (Mat 19:4-11).

6.3. "All the biblical passages that seem to speak against LGBT are in reference only to those not born LGBT."

The problem w/such thinking = Our birth is an irrelevant issue since we have all been born in sin and therefore need to be born again (Joh 3:3)! This includes dying to what God calls sin and living to what He identifies as righteousness. In other words, saying "no" to the flesh and its desires - irrespective of what that costs us or requires of us as our future lifestyle - i.e. living as celibate or as a eunuch (Luk 9:23-25; Mat 5:30; Rom 6-8; Tit 2:12; 1Jo 3:7-10; Mat 19:12).

7. Our response as Christians:

7.1. Educate our children as to what God says about these issues (Deu 6:7; Rom 16:19).

7.2. Love and evangelize the homosexual/transgender community (1Co 6:11)

7.3. Vote/support the right for homosexuals to marry (i.e. condemn as sin yet support freedom of religion in this country) (1Ti 2:1-2; Luk 6:37-38 w/1Co 5:22).