

## Lecture 24 – Homosexuality (Part II)

*“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.” Romans 1:21-27 (NIV)*

*“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” I Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)*

### Key Terms

Full expression, prohibition, accommodation, abstinence

### Objectives

- \*Define issues related to homosexuality.
- \*Identify major biblical passages related to homosexuality.
- \*Examine various responses to homosexuality.

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### I. Biblical Testimony on Homosexuality

C. Law of Moses: Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13

D. Testimony of Paul

1. Romans 1:21-27
2. I Corinthians 6:9-11
3. I Corinthians 6:18

### II. The Churches

A. Contemporary response

B. The present generation

1. Affirmation
2. Accommodation
3. Abstinence

### III. Social Policy

A. Persecution

B. Prosecution

C. Tolerance

D. Special protection

E. Affirmation of equality

F. Andrew Sullivan and gay marriage

G. David O. Cumidge