

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. 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.

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Responding to LGBTQ+ Arguments Pt. 3



We first discussed *Civil Rights, Biological and Pragmatic arguments*, and last time we addressed the *Biblical arguments* many use. These passages, for *thousands of years*, were interpreted to say that *God calls the homosexual and related lifestyles a sin*. As sins, they can be forgiven, through **repentance** and **faith** in Christ. But if someone *persists* in living in that lifestyle, *God will judge him or her in the Lake of Fire forever*.



There are *different kinds of churches*:

1. Those that view **homosexuality as a sin**, because of what Scripture says, love people and tell the truth.
2. Those who have spewed hatred and insults towards those in this lifestyle.
3. Those who celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.
4. Those who skirt the issue.



E. Bad Responses

1. Hatred, Insults and Fear

Some church leaders have *ignored gambling, unbiblical divorce, alcoholism, or confronting the deacon who is abusing his wife, or those in the cult of Freemasonry.* Yet they *demean, spew out condemnation on those who practice homosexuality.*



E. Bad Responses

1. Hatred, Insults and Fear

This is still *taboo in many Conservative churches*. Christians who struggle with this, and confess it in public, can cause misunderstanding, because *some assume the worst*. Some think *he or she is sleeping with many people*, or fear their *brother or sister in Christ has lusted after them*. This can *push Christians away*.



E. Bad Responses

2. Celebrating the Sin

I quote an article from Prophecy News Watch,
June 12, 2019:

*Progressive Churches Now Pushing the LGBT
Agenda*

[http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?
recent_news_id=3267](http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=3267)



E. Bad Responses


2. Celebrating the Sin

The Episcopal Church, some Presbyterians, the United Methodists and others, in *part* or in *full* have *embraced the LGBTQ+ agenda* and *push it*, like the *Metropolitan “church,”* that states God orchestrated gay marriage, etc. Many books *claiming to be Christian*, yet say God is behind the changing attitudes to the LGBTQ community.

E. Bad Responses


3. Skirting the Issue

Some don't want to "*push people away*" by *lovingly standing firm on what the Bible says*. Some don't want to *be labeled a hate group*. Others are *part of the agenda* and speak out of both sides of their mouth. *If we do not stand for something, we will fall for anything.* **To not take a position, IS to take a position!**



F. Good Responses

There should be no hatred in our hearts or on our lips for anyone! We should be against the homosexual agendas, and others, but never put down or mock someone. We must **do and say** everything out of love! Some are bold enough to declare that *homosexuality is a sin*, and loving enough to confront others with this **fact**, and sensitive enough to know what to say, how to say it and when to say it.



F. Good Responses

One example is of a pastor, invited to a political event. He sat beside a transgender man, who told him about being bullied as a kid. The *pastor sincerely said* he wished he could have protected him. Though this *man and others* knew his stance on Biblical marriage and that *homosexuality and transgenderism were sin*, his willingness to talk to this individual and have a conversation and listen, **broke down barriers.**

F. Good Responses

From: <https://youtu.be/WPOiy4xtUPM> - Another example is from Ken Ham, of Answers in Genesis. He was invited to speak at a university, but the LGBTQ group *didn't want it because of his Biblical stance on marriage*. Due to pressure, the university cancelled his speaking. Many found out and due to additional pressure, he was *invited back*.




F. Good Responses

This is a *worldview response!* We cannot expect *those who reject the Bible* to agree with what Scripture teaches. This is why we first set the foundation of Scripture, as Ken Ham did, starting with *Genesis*.



F. Good Responses

I am a Christian, believe the Bible alone is God's word, and everything in it is true. (While our *belief does not make something true that is not, nor make something a lie that is true, this way, let them know your foundation.*) *We must start with the truth of God's word!* It's about the gospel, and we can't get to the gospel without God's word. *We cannot give up our foundation!*



F. Good Responses

Use the 5 words: *Creation, Expectation, Declaration, Explanation* and *Consummation*.

God **created** everything very good in the beginning, including man and woman. They disobeyed God, which brought sin, death and suffering into the world. Through **Abraham**, and **more** there was the **expectation** of this *Messiah, and Savior*. He came. His Name is Jesus, *God*

F. Good Responses

in human flesh. He lived the perfect life, died as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and was physically resurrected 3 days later, as **declared** in the Gospels. The Bible **explains** that by faith alone in Him, we can be forgiven, changed and saved from God's judgment. This same Jesus is *coming again* to **judge the world** and **consummate** history.




F. Good Responses

Historically, marriage has **always** been a *man and a woman*, until the early 21st century. Biblical interpretation has **always** said *homosexuality is a sin*, until the early 21st century. DNA is the *language of our bodies* was placed there by God, **not** as the result of evolution and is specific. *Men* have XY and *woman* have XX chromosomes.



F. Good Responses

Genetically, men **cannot** become women and women **cannot** become men. *Men become feminized men and women become masculinized women*, but **still retain** their birth genetics, which **cannot be changed**, yet. The XX or XY code is *embedded* within *every cell* of the body. Whether you are male or female, the *XY and XX chromosomes are in each of your cells!*



F. Good Responses

Then discuss *homosexuality, transgenderism* and *marriage*. Because we *start with the Bible*, we have a foundational belief those who do not have a *Biblical foundation will not have*. This **doesn't mean** we are better than anyone. We stand on an *objective truth*, rather than *subjective feelings*.



F. Good Responses

Then, talk to that person about *Genesis 1-2*, because *without that foundation*, there is no way to *communicate a Biblical worldview about homosexuality, transgenderism and marriage*.

This is **not** about someone's personal experience or desires. God **never** *contradicts His word*.



F. Good Responses

This is **not an attack** on a person or group. It is a *loving response*, to someone who needs Christ and needs to understand what God says. Other questions may arise, but **don't get sidetracked**. You can do this in a few minutes... This is defending the truth based on a *Biblical worldview* as the *foundation*, starting in *Genesis*.



G. What About...

1. What about those who claim Christ, yet still have no change in their life?

Someone says he/she is a Christian, lives with their partner or is in a homosexual or lesbian relationship. *There's a problem. Christ changes our desires and actions.* This is a **major battle** in the church.



G. What About...

2. What about true Christians who struggle with same sex attraction?

There is freedom in Jesus! He can free someone, though the struggle may still be there.

Article: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/200-ex-lgbt-men-women-rally-to-show-freedom-theyve-found-in-following-jesus> - May 27, 2019...



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article: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/ex-homosexual-im-not-denying-who-i-really-am-because-i-was-never-that-in-the-first-place> -

June 4, 2019



G. What About...

3. What about the Christian parent or grandparent whose child says, “I’m gay?”

First, *pray!* Pray for yourself. Pray for your child to *turn away from sin and turn to Jesus*. Pray for God to work in his or her life, by doing *whatever is needed* for them to give their life to Christ.


Second, *love your child*. *Express your love in every way you can.*



G. What About...

4. What about the Christian parent or grandparent whose child says, “I’m gay?”

Third, *don't compromise the truth of the gospel.* You just heard this in a testimony. *Don't stop loving your child, and don't compromise Scripture.* **Fourth**, *get help.* Find a Godly pastor, Christian counselor or both, to get counsel. Find a Christian group to give you support...



H. Be Prepared

Many will **not be happy**, or agree with you, but *you still love people enough to tell them the truth.* Expect **opposition** to a Biblical view of sex, gender and sexuality! You will be called: homophobic, bigot, evil, unloving, the devil and more.



H. Be Prepared

"Hate" has been redefined. It no longer means something evil, but saying anything against those who hold to a worldview that supports abortion, homosexuality, etc. To say anything against these makes one guilty of "hate speech" in their mind. This goes with the prevailing Marxist thought in society.



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NEXT STEPS

At [GraceLife Church](#), our mission is drawing people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE CHALLENGE IS:

There is hope and help! Christian ministries exist to help people *come out* of this lifestyle.

Exchange Ministries, which is local:

<https://exchangeministries.org>. *New Life*

Ministries is a national counseling ministry that can help. June Hunt has a wonderful Christian counseling ministry called *Hope for the Heart*.

Call them: 1-800-488-HOPE. We pray you *find the freedom only Christ can give!*



Prayer

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

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Please take a minute to complete your **CONNECTION CARD**

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Thank you for handing in...

MY PRAYER REQUEST / PRAISE REPORT:

Please pray for me to see others as you see them.

Please help me to love those in my sphere of influence and draw them into a growing relationship with Jesus.

God answered my unspoken prayer! Thank you Lord!

Each week, leaders from GraceLife Church gather together and pray for you. We believe in the power of prayer. Please let us know if you have any prayer needs. You can drop this card in the offering and we will pray for you!

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- Facebook
- Twitter
- Driving by
- Other:

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Tithes & Offerings

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.**” 2nd Corinthians 9:7