

The Bible and “Same Sex Marriage”

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Hillary Clinton says, *“I support marriage for lesbian and gay couples... personally and as a matter of policy and law.”* Time Magazine, March 18, 2013

The question is not, however, what does Hillary and her political colleagues say, but what does the Bible say. Here are four truths for your consideration:

1. **God loves people, irrespective of their sexual preferences.** *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that **whoever** believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”* **“The world”** includes everyone. Christ died for heterosexuals and homosexuals, for Christians, Moslems, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Communists, Atheists, and every other category of humanity. Every person deserves our respect because every person is precious in the sight of God. The blood of Christ is God’s estimate of a soul. Let all accept the truth that God loves homosexuals.
2. **The Bible teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman.** Jesus said, *“Haven’t you read that at the beginning the Creator made them **male and female**, and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’”* Matt. 19:4,5 Nowhere in Scripture is so-called Gay Marriage approved, blessed, condoned, or in any way accepted. Remember, it’s not what the politicians say, it’s what God’s Word says.
3. **Sexual relations between members of the same sex are condemned and forbidden by the Word of the Lord.** Please note:
 - *“If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is **detestable...**”* Lev. 20:13
 - *“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.**”* Rom. 1:26,27
 - *“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.”* 1 Cor. 6:9-11

Politicians are not a safe guide when it comes to truth, the Bible is.

4. **All sin, heterosexual as well as homosexual, will keep us out of the Kingdom of God unless repented of and surrendered to our Savior.** Lying, stealing, fornication,

greediness, adultery, drunkenness plus many other sins will close the doors to Paradise unless those sins are abandoned. Let us not be deceived, God is not mocked. What we sow we shall surely reap. **Let not the heterosexual who breaks God's Law feel himself superior to the homosexual transgressor.** We are all sinners, in desperate need of the redemptive grace of God.

I therefore urge all to follow Christ and the Word of God. Politicians generally say what will get them elected. We have a better guide and an infallible source of truths.