



GOD'S WILL AND REDEEMING GRACE
A Biblical Look at Same-Sex Marriage
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► *The Christian position on the same-sex marriage issue involves understanding the _____ of God and His redeeming _____ as revealed in the _____.*

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND THE _____ OF GOD

1. Jesus Christ is _____ of every aspect of our lives.

"We know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life."
1 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)

2. The _____ is our greatest source of insight into God's will.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..." 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

"Haven't you read in your Bible that the Creator originally made man and woman for each other, male and female? And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh...Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, no one should desecrate his art by cutting them apart."

Matthew 19:4-6 (MSG)

- _____ is assigned by God.
- _____ is a blessing that bonds husbands and wives.
- _____ is for one man and one woman.

"Do not practice homosexuality...It is a detestable sin."
Leviticus 18:22 (NLT)

Will and Grace (Cont'd)

"[Mankind] did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie...Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women...did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved."
Romans 1:24-27 (NLT)

(See also Genesis 19:1-13 and Leviticus 20:13)

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"Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people – none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ ..." 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)

"Show proper respect to everyone..." 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Describe one good quality of your family of origin.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: How can we strengthen and honor marriage?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the salvation and healing of sexually broken people as well as the success of Proposition 8 on November 4th.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)