

### **Jesus didn't say anything about homosexuality.**

The charge: why do Christians who are supposed to follow Christ make such a big deal about something Jesus didn't even address?

- Jesus referenced Genesis 1 and 2 as God's standard, original design, and purpose for marriage ( Matthew 19:3-6)
- Jesus condemned porneia (sexual immorality) which is an umbrella term for all extra marital sex (Mark 7:20-23) including fornication, homosexuality, and bestiality (which he also did not explicitly mention because it was such a given).
- According to Jesus the only alternative to marriage is celibacy (Matthew 19:10-12)

### **Why do Christians pick and choose what commands they want to obey?**

The charge: Leviticus also condemns eating shellfish and working on the Sabbath. It is hypocritical for Christians to condemn homosexuality and at the same time have no problem doing these other things.

- Old Covenant was between God and Israel (Deuteronomy 5:2-3) not every nation on earth. Jesus fulfilled the Old Covenant (Matthew 5:17), instituted a New Covenant (Matthew 26:27-28), rendering the Old Covenant obsolete (Hebrews 8:13, also read the whole chapter). Christians are under the New Covenant not the Old. The laws of the Old Covenant don't directly apply to us . (Colossians 2:16-17) who have died to the law and have been joined to another, Jesus Christ the Lord (Romans 7:1-6)
- Homosexuality was not just condemned in the Old Covenant like eating shell fish or working on Saturday, it was condemned before the Old Covenant (Genesis 19, Leviticus 18:21-25, Romans 1:18-32)), and after the Old Covenant (today) as soul damning sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

### **The New Testament condemns a different kind of homosexuality not "loving, committed, relationships"**

- The Bible has absolutely nothing positive to say about homosexuality. Every time it is mentioned it was condemned.
- The word "arsenokoitai" was most likely coined by Paul (no examples of it in surviving ancient literature) and is a compound of man (arsen) and bed (koitai) and could literally be translated "bedders of men" or "of those who take males to bed ". You find the the two words in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, the passages which condemn homosexuality.
- Romans 1:18-32 is replete with allusions to the creation account in Genesis and it descriptively condemns homosexuality, both the male and female version, as being against nature.

### **How do you feel about homosexuals?**

- LOVE! Created in God's image, sinful like me, Christ came to save them (1 Tim 1:15)