

Homosexuality and Homosexual Marriage

- I. Biblical marriage and civil marriage are different.
 - A. New Testament marriage had purposes
 - 1. Ephesians 5:22 – 33 An illustration to unbelievers of the relationship between Christ and His church
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 7 The appropriate context for sexual intercourse.
 - B. Civil marriage is a comparatively recent invention
 - 1. For raising tax revenues.
 - 2. For defining property contracts.
 - C. It is unfortunate that the two use the same word to describe them
 - 1. Also impacted are actuarial tables.
 - a. The insurance industry has used the Biblical relationship in their statistics and offers lower rates to the married.
 - b. Homosexuals have higher rates of health problems and shorter life expectancies.
 - c. Heterosexual couples will pay higher premiums if the two types of couples are required by politics to be made statistically equal.
 - 2. The church needs to start using a different word. Let the homosexuals and politicians keep the word “marriage.”
- II. Obviously, homosexuality is defined in the Bible as bad behavior
 - A. Romans 1:26 – 27
 - B. 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 10
 - C. 1 Timothy 1:9 - 10
 - D. Leviticus 18:22, 20:13 (a capital crime)
- III. Homosexuality is only one of many bad behaviors
 - A. Christians are bought out of the right-and-wrong economy through the sacrifice of Jesus
 - B. Early Christians obviously had difficulty with the transition
 - C. We are being transformed
 - D. Accepting bad behavior as inevitable is called self-deception
 - E. Our motives for good behavior are not fear of Judgment but to please God and enable the progress of the gospel.