

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Examining
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
in light of the Scriptures

LGBTQ & THE GOSPEL

WHY SO CHALLENGING FOR US?

- It is a passionate issue seen as identity / liberation.
- Tolerance can be demanded in a very intolerant way.
- This issue affects many families.
- Rapid change = terminology unclear.
- Fundamental opposition between what the Bible teaches and what the culture wants.

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**GEN. 1:27 – GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE
IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM;
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.**

**GEN. 2:23–25 – THE MAN SAID, “THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES,
AND FLESH OF MY FLESH;**

**SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN, BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN.”
FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND
BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE; AND THEY SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. AND THE
MAN AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH NAKED AND WERE NOT ASHAMED.**

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AND HE SAID TO THEM, “ARE YOU SO LACKING IN UNDERSTANDING ALSO? DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THAT WHATEVER GOES INTO THE MAN

FROM OUTSIDE CANNOT DEFILE HIM,

BECAUSE IT DOES NOT GO INTO HIS HEART, BUT INTO HIS STOMACH, AND IS ELIMINATED?” (THUS HE DECLARED ALL FOODS CLEAN.) AND HE WAS SAYING,

“THAT WHICH PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MAN, THAT IS WHAT DEFILES THE MAN. “FOR FROM WITHIN, OUT OF THE HEART OF MEN, PROCEED THE EVIL THOUGHTS, FORNICATIONS, THEFTS, MURDERS, ADULTERIES, DEEDS OF COVETING AND WICKEDNESS, AS WELL AS DECEIT, SENSUALITY, ENVY, SLANDER, PRIDE AND FOOLISHNESS. “ALL THESE EVIL THINGS PROCEED FROM WITHIN AND DEFILE THE MAN.”

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4. Jesus Christ is the certain hope of all sinners to run to Him for safety (1Cor. 6:11)

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SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU; BUT YOU WERE WASHED, BUT YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, BUT YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Go exhibit your
freedom.

Live how ever
you want.

Biblical Wisdom

Truth and Love
(Eph. 4:5)

Go away.

Your kind
aren't
welcome
around here.

EPHESIANS 4:5

**BUT SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE
ARE TO GROW UP IN ALL ASPECTS INTO
HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, EVEN CHRIST, . . .**

TRUTH AND LOVE IN COMPLEX TIMES – SOME EXAMPLES

- A mom asks, my daughter has invited me to her same-sex wedding. How should I respond?
- How can I better interact with coworkers or friends who are involved in LGBTQ lifestyle?
- How can I help someone who struggles with their gender?
- How do I unpack what is happening to our culture with our kids?

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