

Marriage and Homosexuality
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There are basically three questions at hand:

- What is the Biblical definition of marriage?
- What does the Bible say about homosexuality?
- Can an homosexual be saved?

Answering the last question first, the answer is **YES**. But, they like everyone else must agree that:

- (1) God's ways are right; what God says is sin, is sin
- (2) we are all sinners; deserving of death
- (3) we all need to repent; and are in need of salvation
- (4) we all must accept Jesus as our Lord and
- (5) we all must try to live according to His will not our own.

{To accept Jesus as Lord means to accept Him as our God and our Boss and be willing to do what He wants us to do.} Just as a thief must give up stealing, a murderer must give up murdering, a fornicator must give up fornication, a drunk must give up being drunk, the homosexual must give up homosexuality. {The act of having sex with the same sex.}

In every language, in every culture the word for wife is always feminine and requires feminine modifiers. The word for husband is always masculine and always requires masculine modifiers. These statements are true in the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament also. Jesus' statement about divorce in the New Testament is one very good example:

{40} Matthew {Chapter 5:3-32}	
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<p>(31) It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:</p> <p>(32) But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.</p>	<p>(31) It has been said, Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:</p> <p>(32) But I say to you, That whoever shall put away his wife, unless she is guilty of fornication^h, causes her to commit adultery: and whoever shall marry her who is divorced commits adulteryⁱ.</p>
<p>5:32h - Fornication is having sex with someone your are not married to. If either of the individuals is married, then it is also adultery. See I Cor. 6:9-13</p> <p>5:32i - Since the only legitimate reason for a man to divorce a woman is because she has committed adultery – if another man marries her [knowing she is an adultress] – he himself is guilty of adultery. Or if the man or woman gets a divorce for the purpose of <u>marrying someone else</u>, they are guilty of adultery (see Mark 10:11-12). [Note: a "divorce" by definition means that the woman and the man are legally free to marry someone else.] The certificate of divorce was primarily protection for the woman if she was innocent of adultery since she had no means of financial support. See I Cor. 7:15f</p>	

Why does anyone not live according to God's will?

The book of Romans gives the answer: because they've rejected God.

{45} Romans {Chapter 1: 16-32}	
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<p>(16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.</p> <p>(17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.</p> <p>(18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;</p> <p>(19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed <i>it</i> unto them.</p> <p>(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, <i>even</i> his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:</p> <p>(21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified <i>him</i> not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.</p> <p>(22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,</p> <p>(23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.</p> <p>(24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:</p>	<p>(16) Because I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.</p> <p>(17) Because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“The just shall live by faith.”^b</p> <p>(18) Because the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;</p> <p>(19) Because that which may be known about God is revealed in them; because God has revealed <i>it</i> to them.</p> <p>(20) Because from the creation of the world His invisible attributes have been clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, <i>even</i> His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:</p> <p>(21) Because of this, while they knew God, they did not glorify <i>Him</i> as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened.</p> <p>(22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,</p> <p>(23) And <i>they</i> exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image made in the form of corruptible man, and birds, and four footed beasts, and crawling things^c.</p> <p>(24) Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies among themselves:</p>
<p>1:17b - Hab. 2:4</p> <p>1:23c - note the descending order</p>	

{44} Romans {Chapter 1: 16-32 continued..}

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<p>(25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.</p> <p>(26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:</p> <p>(27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.</p> <p>(28) And even as they did not like to retain God in <i>their</i> knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;</p> <p>(29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,</p> <p>(30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,</p> <p>(31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:</p> <p>(32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.</p>	<p>(25) Who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen.</p> <p>(26) For this reason God gave them up to evil affections: because even their women exchanged their natural use into that which is against nature:</p> <p>(27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust towards one another; men with men doing that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves just punishment for their error.</p> <p>(28) And even as they did not like to retain God in <i>their</i> knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not beneficial;</p> <p>(29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication^d, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, arguments, deceit, slanders; gossips,</p> <p>(30) Vengeful, haters of God, spiteful, arrogant, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,</p> <p>(31) Without understanding, contract breakers, without natural affection, unsatisfiable, unmerciful:</p> <p>(32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that those who commit such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but have pleasure in those who practice them.</p>
<p>1:29d - See Mat. 5:32</p>	

Note that it is the rejection of God and His will that results in eternal damnation. The will of God is that all accept the heavenly Father's Son, Jesus as their Lord. See John 6:37-40 below and note at the end.

{45} I Corinthians {Chapter 6:9-11}

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<p>(9) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,</p> <p>(10) Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>(11) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.</p>	<p>(9) Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate {homosexuals}, nor those who abuse themselves {their bodies} with mankind,</p> <p>(10) Nor thieves, nor covetous {greedy}, nor drunkards, nor revilers {slanderers}, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>(11) And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified {made holy}, but you are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.</p>

{3} Leviticus {Chapter 20:13}

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<p>(13) If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood <i>shall be</i> upon them.</p>	<p>(13) If a man also lies with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood <i>shall be</i> upon them.</p>

{3} Leviticus {Chapter 18:22-23}

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<p>(22) Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.</p> <p>(23) Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.</p>	<p>(22) You shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.</p> <p>(23) Neither shall you lie with any beast to defile yourself with it: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down with it: it is confusion.</p>

Concerning the Biblical definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman.

{41} Mark {Chapter 10:2-9}	
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<p>(2) And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away <i>his</i> wife? tempting him.</p> <p>(3) And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?</p> <p>(4) And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put <i>her</i> away.</p> <p>(5) And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.</p> <p>(6) But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.</p> <p>(7) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;</p> <p>(8) And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.</p> <p>(9) What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.</p>	<p>(2) And the Pharisees came to Him, and asked Him, Is it lawful for a man to divorce <i>his</i> wife? tempting Him.</p> <p>(3) And He answered and said to them, What did Moses command you?</p> <p>(4) And they said, Moses allowed a bill of divorcement to be written, and to put <i>her</i> away.</p> <p>(5) And Jesus answered and said to them, Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.</p> <p>(6) But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.</p> <p>(7) For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and cling to his wife;</p> <p>(8) And they two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh.</p> <p>(9) Therefore what God has joined together, let no man put asunder.</p>

Concerning salvation – we are all sinners and deserve to die, but those of us who accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; for us the price for our sin was paid on the cross by Jesus even for the homosexual. See Luke 17:34 below and the note attached.

{62} I John {Chapter 5:11-13}	
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<p>(11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.</p> <p>(12) He that hath the Son hath life; <i>and</i> he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.</p> <p>(13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.</p>	<p>(11) And this is the witness, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.</p> <p>(12) He who has the Son has life; <i>and</i> he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.</p> <p>(13) These things have I written to you who believe on the Name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the Name of the Son of God.</p>

{43} John {Chapter 6:37-40}

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<p>(37) All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.</p> <p>(38) For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.</p> <p>(39) And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.</p> <p>(40) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.</p>	<p>(37) All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me I will in no way cast out.</p> <p>(38) Because I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me.</p> <p>(39) And this is the Father's will Who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise it up again at the last day.</p> <p>(40) And this is the will of Him Who has sent Me, that every one who sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.</p>

{43} John {Chapter 5:24}

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<p>(24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.</p>	<p>(24) Truly, Truly, I say to you, He who hears My word, and believes on Him Who sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life.</p>

{44} Romans {Chapter 10:9-11}

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<p>(9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.</p> <p>(10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.</p> <p>(11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.</p>	<p>(9) That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.</p> <p>(10) Because with the heart a man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.</p> <p>(11) Because the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed.”^d</p>

10:8c - Deut. 30:12f

10:11d - Is. 28:16

In reference to the Rapture of the Church. Note that the word “men” in verse 34 is italicized meaning it is not in the original Greek text. See note that follows.

{42} Luke {Chapter 17:34-36}	
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<p>(34) I tell you, in that night there shall be two <i>men</i> in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.</p> <p>(35) Two <i>women</i> shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(36) Two <i>men</i> shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p>	<p>(34) I tell you, in that night there shall be two <i>men^e</i> in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.</p> <p>(35) Two <i>women</i> shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left^f.</p> <p>(36) Two <i>men</i> shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p>
<p>17:34e – two men - literally 'two' [masculine]; Jesus does not even refer to them properly as <i>men</i>; yet one is forgiven and taken and the other is left.</p>	

{40} Matthew {Chapter 25:41}	
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<p>(41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:</p>	<p>(41) Then He shall say also to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:</p>

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels – if any person goes there is because they choose to go there rather than accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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