



## Homosexuals, lesbians and same sex marriages.

Before we touch on this subject, we need to be very clear on what the following words mean in context within the Scriptures.

**Incest** H8397 (Heb – tebel) Perversion, unnatural mixture, even called bestiality

**IN'CEST**, n. [L. incestum; in and castus, chaste.]

The crime of cohabitation or sexual commerce between persons related within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by the law of a country.

**Fornication** G4202 (Gr - por neia) incl. Adultery

**FORNICA'TION**, n. [L. fornicatio.]

*Sexual immorality. Any sexual intercourse other than that between husband and wife.*

The incontinence or lewdness of unmarried persons, male or female; also, the criminal conversation of a married man with an unmarried woman.

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But **IMMORALITY** or any impurity or greed must **not** even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be **no** filthiness and silly talk, or coarse *\*jesting*, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. (Eph 5:1-4)

\* G2160 (aka Ribaldry, namely mean, vulgar and obscene language)

**Immorality; Immoral** G4202 (Gr - por neia) incl. Adultery and Incest

H2154 (Heb – zimmah) *a plan, device, wickedness*: - acts of immorality,

**lewdness** H5040 ; shamelessness and disgrace of a woman, lustful crime

**IMMOR'AL**, a. [in and moral.] Inconsistent with moral rectitude, contrary to the moral or divine law, wicked, unjust, dishonest, vicious. Every action is immoral which contravenes any *divine precept*, or which is contrary to the duties which men owe to each other.

Wicked or unjust in practice; vicious; dishonest; as an immoral man. Every man who violates a divine law or a social duty, is immoral but we particularly apply the term to a person who habitually violates the laws.

*Immoral acts, in the bible are usually improper sexual relations.*

**Please note:** There is no distinction in the Greek between Fornication and Immorality...

Hopefully the above meanings will now be clear (if there was any doubt before) as we commence with the issue of marriage and whether marriage is solely between man and woman, also if same sex marriages are prohibited in the Bible.

In order to do this we need to start at the beginning (Genesis) and find out what the Bible says about marriage:

Gen 2:18 "Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him..."

Gen 2:22-25 "The LORD God fashioned into a *woman* the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought *her* to the man. 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."

**Woman / Wife** ; G802 (Gr – ishshah) ; female, feminine (again no distinction between woman / wife).

From the above scriptures we can clearly see and come to the conclusion that God intended for man and woman to be joined together and that this woman would become his wife...

The next passage(s) address the marriage with regards to immorality:

1Th 4:3 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own *\*vessel* in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God..."

\* G4632 (Gr – skeyoos) A man's own body or his wife (In context of the scripture).

Rom 13:13 "Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and *\*sensuality*, not in strife and jealousy."

\* G766 (Gr – aselgia); licentiousness, wantonness, unbridled lust, shamelessness, lasciviousness...

Even after proving that marriage is solely between a man and his wife some people will still say that being homosexual or lesbian is not a choice... Using the following scriptures in the Bible we will prove quite the opposite.

Rom 1:24-27 "Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; **for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural**, and in the same way also the **men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another**, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error."

1Ti 1:9-11 "...realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and **immoral men and homosexuals** and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted..."

1Co 6:9 "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither **fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals...**"

The Bible explicitly says that it is forbidden and also that neither homosexuals nor immoral men will have eternal life...

**Immorality and fornication are sexual sins and the Bible says it plainly in the following verses:**

Leviticus lists all the sexual sins imaginable by man. We will only quote the scriptures related to our argument:

Lev 18:22 "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination."

Lev 20:13 "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

**In closing I will quote the following scriptures in order to show what God wants us to do when we find ourselves struggling to address the issues we have discussed.**

1 Co 5:9-13" I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any **so-called brother** if he is an **immoral** person, or covetous, or an idolater,

or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? *Do you not judge those who are within the church?* But those who are outside, God judges. **REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES."**

Paul was addressing immorality in the church just as we should do today and therefore the following guidelines are given regarding church discipline:

**Situation:**

1. Unintentional error and/or private sin:

**Steps (Mat 18:15-17)**

1. Go to the brother or sister. Show the fault to him/her in Private.

2. Public sins and/or those done flagrantly and arrogantly

2. If he/she does not listen; Go with one or two witnesses

3. If he/she refuses to listen, take the matter before the church.

After these steps have been carried out, the next steps are:

1. Remove the one in error from the fellowship (1 Cor 5:2-13)

2. The church (fellowship of believers) gives united disapproval, but forgiveness and comfort are in order if he / she choose to repent (2 Cor 2:5-8)

3. Do not associate with the disobedient person; and if you must, speak to him / her as one who needs a warning (2 Thes 3;14-15)

4. After two warnings, reject the person from the fellowship (Tit 3:10)

1 Co 6:18-20 **"Flee immorality.** Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the **immoral man sins against his own body.** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

When one lives an immoral life you don't only harm yourself spiritually and physically, but you also sin against God by violating his law. It is impossible to live in sin and have the Holy Spirit because the Almighty God is incorruptible.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul also writes the following in order to help us deal with the questions we have regarding marriage, seeing that it is the only way a man and woman can be united as one and live in holy matrimony.

1Co 7:2 "But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband."

Eph 5:22-27 "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, **having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless...**"

**The above passage compares the relationship between a man and his wife with the relationship of Christ with his church.**

The Word of God clearly shows us that any sexual relationship other than that between a man and his wife is a "...abomination to the Lord our God..." (Lev 18:22)

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I sincerely hope that each one of you reading this will be inspired to study God's Word even more heartily and that you will test what I have written according to God's Word... Never accept what is said about the Word of God without testing it and remember that "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. " (**Ps 12:6**).

Also read the following scripture which joins with the above passage:

**Pro 30:5** "Every word of God is tested; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Add nothing to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be exposed as a deceiver."

The Lord also says in His Word in **Rev 22:18** "I warn everyone who hears the prophetic words in this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words in this prophetic book, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city described in this book. "

The question remains... Do you believe that God's Word is perfect...?

**I pray that our Lord, Jesus Christ will call your name and that you will answer to His call and accept Him as your Savior and by believing in Him you will have eternal life... Amen.**