



Two Key Goals of This Series:

- 1.) To be biblically informed about a critical topic
- 2.) To learn how best to love those around us and lead them to Christ while boldly standing for truth

Big Idea: Understanding homosexuality begins with a right understanding of absolute moral truth.

1.) The world hates moral **ABSOLUTES** about sexuality.

- The moral dimension has disappeared from our culture's debate over homosexuality.
- Is morality relevant to the homosexuality debate?

2.) Like it or not, **EVERYONE** believes in moral absolutes.

- Even though our culture claims to despise the notion of absolute moral truth, it appeals to it all the time.
- Everyone behaves as though there are absolute moral standards to which every person is accountable.
- Homosexual activists are making an absolute **MORAL** argument.
 - Their argument is that homosexuality is right and good and that opposition to it is wrong.
 - Such an argument necessarily appeals to a sense of universal right and wrong.

3.) Every valid **ARGUMENT** appeals to absolute moral authority.

- Without absolute moral standards, there can only and will only be moral anarchy.
- Moral truth exists outside of us, beyond all human authority.
- **There are only two options when making an ethical argument:**
 - a.) Declare that there is absolute moral truth and that one given truth claim more closely corresponds to it than another (James 4:12).
 - b.) Declare that any ethical debate is nothing more than the hashing out of two groundless **OPINIONS**
 - The atheist philosopher can be logically consistent, but only if he is willing to deny the objective existence of right and wrong.
 - If there is no Divine Judge who establishes right and wrong, then there can be no absolute morality, only opinions.
- The starting point for any debate about homosexuality is to identify the seat of absolute morality authority.

4.) Absolute morality flows from God's **CHARACTER** (v. 1:17-21).

- v. 17 – The Christian life in general and salvation in particular are all about faith, because ⇒ v. 18 – God's wrath upon this sinful world is coming, because ⇒ v. 19 – We have been given sufficient knowledge of what God is really like, because ⇒ v. 20 – God has revealed a clear understanding of His power and holiness in all that He has made. And people are, therefore, without excuse, because ⇒ v. 21 – Although people know what God is like, they rebel against Him and set their own standards of right and wrong and ⇒ v. 22-27 – This self-centered rebellion against God is depicted most vividly in homosexuality (We will look at these verses next week).
- The Point: True morality is established upon the character of God and should be intrinsically obvious to every sincere seeker of truth.

5.) The **BIBLE** is God's revelation of absolute moral truth.

- Psalm 119:160, John 17:17, Luke 21:33, Hebrews 6:18, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Human beings have no ultimate authority with regard to the issue of homosexuality, for ultimate moral authority belongs only to God.
- Any conversation that would yield a right understanding of homosexuality, must begin with the acknowledgement that absolute moral truth exists and that it is perfectly revealed in God's Word.