

## **A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE LGBT MOVEMENT (PART 4)**

Introduction – We must approach this moral issue like all others. We come as confessed sinners sexually and in other disordered ways. Our identity is not in our sexuality, but our relationship to God through Christ. We do not stand in judgment of LGBT people, but as fellow strugglers in need of God’s transformative grace.

- A. First we must hear the truth about our sin and not deny, avoid, or justify it. All sin enslaves us with the promise of pleasure without negative consequences. Real freedom is found only in Christ.

Romans 6:16-18

1. This does not mean we will have no ongoing struggle with sin as Christians. Romans 7 makes this clear.

2. The power of the indwelling Holy Spirit is what empowers us to change. Romans 8:13-14

- B. Christian therapy requires us to confess our sins to one another. God already knows our sin, but our confession to others enables us to overcome the slavery to shame. James 5:16

- C. We must continue the process of repentance that changes our minds, hearts, and attitudes. Romans 12:2

- D. We must avoid people and places that might tempt us. We must associate with godly people who encourage us to live love. Hebrews 3:12-13

- E. We must fill up our lives with good things to do and not just passively resist temptation. Hebrews 13:15-21

Conclusion – Our society is becoming more like the first century pagan world when it comes to morality. It will take a first century church response to influence others. The contemporary compromising Christian entertainment churches are influenced by our culture rather than the other way around.

2 Timothy 3:12-17

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the therapeutic process needed to overcome sexual sin?
2. What can we do as a congregation to help one another and outsiders overcome slavery to sin?