

Same Sex Relationships

Romans 1:18-32

We should expect a number of Christians to experience forms of same-sex attraction. We live in a fallen world. Creation has been affected by our sin. It has been subjected to frustration (Romans 8:20). There is sickness. There is disorder. It affects our bodies, our hearts, and our minds as well. Christians succumb to the ravages of this fallen order as much as anyone. Being Christian makes us no less likely to fall ill, face tragedy, or experience insecurity. It is not un-Christian to experience same-sex attraction any more than it is un-Christian to get sick. What marks us out as Christian is not that we never experience such things, but how we respond to them when we do.

~ Sam Allberry

1. Do you agree with the statement above? Why or why not?

2. Read Romans 1:18-23
3. How have humanity suppressed the truth? What kind of truth is Paul talking about? How is this truth revealed to mankind?

4. What are some reasons for God's wrath towards mankind? Why is not honoring and thanking God such a grievous sin?

5. Read verses 21-27. What words and phrases appear multiple times in this section? What do they teach us about man's depravity?

6. What was exchanged in verses 26-27? How is this "exchange" connected to the "exchange" in verses 22 and 25? How is this passage connected to the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2?

7. How would you summarize what this passage says about same-sex relationships?

8. Knowing the gospel, what would be the best Christian attitude towards LGBTQ community? How have you interacted with gay or lesbian friends/co-workers/family members?

9. What would you say to a Christian friend who is struggling with same-sex attraction?

10. How can we honor God and love people concerning this issue?