

Tough Stuff: Homosexuality

How Are We to Respond?

The Bible must drive our _____

His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. » [2 Peter 1:3](#)

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. » [John 17:17](#)

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The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us ...full of grace and truth » [John 1:14](#)

a. Homosexuality is _____; and Christ _____ for it

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners » [1 Timothy 1:15](#)

Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. » [1 Samuel 18:1](#)

b. Change is _____; your struggle may be _____

[1 Corinthians 6:9–11](#)

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. » [Romans 6:22](#)

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
» [2 Thessalonians 2:13](#)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality »
[1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)

In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. » [Psalm 16:11](#)

c. _____ is likely; our current _____ is unusual and atypical

All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted » [2 Timothy 3:12](#)

If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; »
[John 15:19-20](#)

The decline of morality is _____!

Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. » [1 Peter 3:13–16](#)

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;²⁸ in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake » [Philippians 1:27–29](#)