

REDEEMING SEXUALITY: RESPONDING TO 377A REPEAL

Romans 1.18-32

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Introduction

1. Our Learning Journey

2. Biblical understanding of same sex attraction (SSA) (Rom 1.18-32)

1. Rom 1.21-24: People “exchange” the glory of God for idols—God “gave them over” to sexual impurity.
2. Rom 1.25-26a: People “exchange” the truth of God for a lie—God “gave them over” to shameful lusts.
3. Rom 1.26b-28: People “exchange” natural sexual practices for the unnatural—God “gave them over” to a depraved mind.

Truths:

- a) Homosexual acts are sinful manifestations of rebellion against God the Creator. Other sinful acts are equally sinful as homosexual acts, but forgiveness and wholeness are found in Christ.
- b) Our identity is defined by Christ, not by our sexuality. We are called to be holy and to love others.
- c) The Community of faith is intricately involved.

3. Nuances of SSA:

1. Homosexual attraction (tendency).
2. Homosexual act.
3. Homosexual activism.

4. Tensions of S377A?

- On the one hand
- On the other hand

5. Our response

1. Eradicate any prejudice or pride.
2. Encourage one another to love God and love others.
3. Educate ourselves and our people.
4. Engage wisely and winsomely in the public square.

Conclusion:

We need truth as well as love. We need God to help and guide us.