



- I. What does Genesis and the rest of the Bible say specifically about gender and marriage?
  - A. God says humanity is gendered by \_\_\_\_\_ design and \_\_\_\_\_ creation (Gen. 1:27).
  - B. God says that the amazing phenomenon of \_\_\_\_\_ is based on gender (Gen. 1:28; 2:23).
  - C. God says sex is for \_\_\_\_\_, and He relativizes its importance (1 Cor. 7:32-35).
  - D. God says this “perfect fit” of sex inside marriage sets a foundation for every human marriage since the beginning (Gen. 1:27; Matt. 19:4-6).
  - E. God says that human marriage of 1 male and 1 female reflects God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:24; Deut. 6:4).

F. God says human marriage also reflects His \_\_\_\_\_ to humankind (Eph. 5:31-32).

G. God says homosexual sin is serious and each time it is addressed in the Word of God it is condemned, saying the \_\_\_\_\_ homosexual will not enter God's kingdom (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

H. God says while homosexuality is serious and wicked, so is greed, theft, drunkenness, and all sexual activity outside of heterosexual marriage (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

I. God gives all of us great \_\_\_\_\_ for change (Eph. 1-3).

J. God's answer to all of us who sin is, and will always be, the \_\_\_\_\_. All of our sins and all of our brokenness that is part of humanity's fallen condition finds hope in the same place and in only one place: in Christ Jesus.

II. How do we, as believers in Jesus Christ, live and have hope while living in a culture that is changing so quickly?

A. Show a watching world that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and God is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Remember that God is chiseling us, making us more like His Son, and this is a \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Remember that God is exposing some people who may have been mouthing Christian truths but living out lies. It provides more opportunities to present the Gospel.

D. As members of the human race who are ALL affected by original sin, we can see more clearly that we are all in the same boat.

- 1- We ALL need a Savior and the hope of a risen Christ.
- 2- We ALL are in desperate need of helping each other with grace and mercy.
- 3- We ALL need changing, but only the Holy Spirit can change me or you.
- 4- We ALL need the hope of the Gospel.
- 5- And we ALL need to share this gift of repentance unto life in a way that others can see.

E. Distinguish between believers and unbelievers.

- 1- If they are not a believer, the greatest sin in their life is not the sexual sin. It is unbelief and a hardened, unrepentant heart. That is what will send them to hell for eternity. This is why instead of showing them their sin with \_\_\_\_\_, we need to share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2- If they are believers, they can come to \_\_\_\_\_, and repentance is necessary to confirm they are truly saved. God disciplines those he loves.

F. Admit that sometimes we Christians struggle with being more disgusted with homosexual or transgender or genderqueer sins than we do other sexual sins. Why? Two possible reasons:

- 1- It's celebrated in our culture while other sins are not.
- 2- They are \_\_\_\_\_; they are doing things in contrast to how God ordered things physically and physiologically between man and woman.

III. How do we relate to, interact with, respond to, and love the LGBTQQI community?

- A. We cannot have a \_\_\_\_\_ of man.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ and be involved, which means you're possibly going to get hurt. As Rosaria Butterfield says, *"In order to put a hurting hand into the hand of the Savior, you have to be close enough to possibly get hurt yourself."*
- C. Humbly love them. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ does not further the Gospel!
- D. Tell them the Gospel eventually, and do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.
- E. If they come to Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- F. Pray, pray, pray.

IV. "What if?" scenarios...

- A. First, make sure you have a reputation of \_\_\_\_\_ gays rather than \_\_\_\_\_ them. In other words, make sure you're not seen as arrogant and angry and as someone who thinks homosexual or gender sin is worse than other sexual sins or your sin, for that matter.
- B. Be ready to tell them the \_\_\_\_\_ with gentleness: tell them what God says and what the Good News is.
- C. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences for your choices after prayer.

V. Why are some people who call themselves Christians supporting same sex marriage?

A. The first step downward is they oppose taking a \_\_\_\_\_ stand on the question when they are in a very public position.

B. The next step down happens when people begin \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible's validity, or truthfulness, or they apply revisionist interpretations to the biblical text.

C. The last step is to \_\_\_\_\_ traditional marriage proponents.

VI. Why do some men and women struggle with their God-ordained gender?

A. It begins in our \_\_\_\_\_ .

B. Born that way?

VII. Where is God in all of this?? How do we not be fearful with all of these changes happening; how do we have hope?

A. God is sovereign and He \_\_\_\_\_ .

1- So why are you fearful?

2- Why are you angry?

3- Why are you defensive?

4- Why do you have trouble engaging and listening?

5- Do you trust God?

## B. A glorious chiasm!

- 1- Genesis begins with the creation of the heaven and the earth (1:1ff).  
Revelation ends with the “re-creation,” and the new heaven and earth (21:1).
- 2- Genesis begins with sin and pain and death (ch. 3).  
Revelation ends with no more sin, no more pain or tears, and no more death (21:4).
- 3- Genesis begins with a paradise in the Garden (Gen. 2:8ff).  
Revelation ends with the paradise of Heaven (21:4).
- 4- Genesis begins with the theme of marriage (2:8).  
Revelation ends with the great wedding of the Lamb (21:9).
- 5- Genesis begins with the evil of the serpent’s lies and deception (3:1ff).  
Revelation ends with the serpent’s destruction (20:10).
- 6- Genesis begins with the horrid curse put on our world (3:14ff).  
Revelation ends with that curse being lifted (22:3).
- 7- Genesis begins with the creation of day, night, and oceans (1:3; 10; 14).  
Revelation ends with no more need for day (sun), or night, or oceans (21:1; 22:5).
- 8- Genesis begins with the tree of life among the people of God (2:9).  
Revelation ends with the “tree of Life” among the people of God (22:2).
- 9- Genesis begins with Adam and Eve (2:7ff).  
Revelation ends with people “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages (7:9).
- 10- Genesis begins with God dwelling with His people (2:8; 3:8).  
Revelation ends with God finally, victoriously, wonderfully dwelling with his people again (21:3) forever and ever and ever.

## C. John Piper: Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ

“He is sovereign over all! He is supreme!

He is supreme in every admirable way over everything, over all the galaxies and all the endless reaches of space. Supreme over the earth from the top of Mt. Everest 29,000 feet up, to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean 30,000 feet down in the Mariana Trench.

He's supreme over all the plants and animals, from the peaceful whale to the microscopic killer viruses. He's supreme over all the weather movements, hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, tsunamis, earthquakes, avalanches, floods, snows, rain, sleet.

He's supreme over all the chemical processes that heal, destroy cancer, AIDS, malaria, flu. All the workings of antibiotics and 1000 healing medicines, he's supreme over that.

He's supreme over all the countries, and all the governments, and all the armies. He's supreme over Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and terrorists, and kidnappings, and suicide bombings and beheadings. He's supreme over Kim Jong-un and Bashar al-Assad. He's supreme over nuclear threats and chemical threats to and from the U.S. And all the rogue regimes in the world.

He's supreme over politics and elections, and Iowa caucuses. He's supreme over media, and news, and entertainment and sports, and leisure and education, and universities. Scholarships, science research, business finance industry, manufacturing, transportation, the internet, and information systems.

As Abraham Piper said, "There's not one square inch on planet earth where Jesus Christ doesn't say, "MINE!!!"

And he rules that little inch everywhere in the universe. Oh, that God Almighty would grant you to see and savor the supremacy of Jesus. That he would grant you to be satisfied with all that God is for you in Jesus. Oh, that he would grant you simply to trust Jesus."