

You Asked For It 1

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31% of those under 30 now classify themselves as something other than heterosexual.

24% of those 30 to 44 classify themselves as bi-sexual, compared to less than 8% of those over 45.

There is no way to explain this other than the impact culture has made on a person's sexuality.

"I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn't involve an animal and everyone is of age," she told Paper magazine. "Everything that's legal, I'm down with. Yo, I'm down with any adult -- anyone over the age of 18 who is down to love me. I don't relate to being boy or girl, and I don't have to have my partner relate to boy or girl." - Miley Cyrus

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3 Areas of Understanding

1. Logical Understanding
2. Theological Understanding
3. Relational Understanding – How you communicate the issue

1. LOGICAL

Tolerance?

- Tolerance is defined today as AGREEMENT.
- Tolerance can only exist in the midst of disagreement.

I Thessalonians 4:1-8 - ¹ Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ **For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.** ⁸ Therefore, **he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God**, who gives you his Holy Spirit. *NIV*

What is being hailed as tolerance requires me to REJECT GOD.

Answer this question – What kind of culture do we have in America?

1. **Theonomous Culture – Law of God** is embedded in our hearts – **MORAL ABSOLUTES** (Natural Law) – we believe these truths to be self-evident. We no longer hold to this view.
2. **Heteronomous Culture – Another Law** Leadership dictates to the masses – Marxism, Islam – dictates everything – The few at the top dictate to the masses below.
3. **Autonomous Culture – Self Law** – Self Governing – The power to choose
 - Which are we today in America?
 - Are you going to switch from Autonomous to Heteronomous once we disagree and will you now dictate what I must believe?

2. THEOLOGICAL

BIBLE ON GENDER IDENTITY

Genesis 1:26-27 – ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created man **in his own image**, in the image of God he created him; **male and female he created them.** *NIV*

- All gender confusion and sexual sin or brokenness is an attempt by the enemy of your soul to distort the IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN.
- Satan, who is the god of this world, wants to create "his image in man."

II Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from **glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. *NKJV*

BIBLE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:24 - For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. *NIV*

JESUS VIEW OF MARRIAGE

Mark 10:6-9 – ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." *NIV*

BIBLE ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Leviticus 18:22-25 – ²² "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is **detestable.** ²³ "Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a

perversion. ²⁴ "Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because **this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.** *NIV*

- **DETESTABLE – DEFILED**

Romans 1:25-27 – ²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. ²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to **shameful lusts**. Even their women exchanged natural relations for **unnatural ones**. ²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed **indecent acts** with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their **perversion.** *NIV*

- **SHAMEFUL – INDECENT – UNNATURAL – PERVERSION**

I Corinthians 6:9,18-20 – ¹⁷ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁸ **Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own;** ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your body.** *NIV*

IMMORAL – sinning against your own body

You BELONG TO GOD, so HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY.

3. **RELATIONAL – How to communicate what you believe**

Sexual sin isn't only issues with homosexuality or gender confusion. Let's not forget:

- Porn
- Porn addictions – false intimacy
- Promiscuity
- Adultery – 10 million 1/6 Ashley Madison users

I Thessalonians 4:7 - For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

What does it mean to be HOLY?

Dr. Jack Hayford:

"The Holy Spirit desires to bring each of us to complete personhood. This practical pursuit—our partnering with Him as He comes to help—is geared to make us whole or holy. That's what "holiness" is really about—wholeness. What the Holy Spirit is up to is bringing the *whole* life of Jesus Christ into the *whole* of our personalities so that

the *whole* love of God can be relayed to the *whole* world. Holiness involves the completion in all parts of the human being. As the Holy Spirit rebuilds you to the depths of your being:

- Your spirit can be revived to life in God (made holy).
- Your soul can be restored in mind and emotions (made whole).
- Your physical body, habits and conditions can become disciplined, recovering to well-being (kept healthy). Now, doesn't holiness look like a far more desirable goal, even a practical, attainable reality? God wants to make us holy—just as He is."

Sexual Sin vs. Sexual Brokenness

- Sexual sin is when you accept a behavior that God deems sinful or against his will. You define God.
- Sexual brokenness is when you are trapped in a sexual sin and don't know how to get free, because the root of your "sin" isn't attached to "sex," but being broken.
- This is why we JUDGE the sin, but not the person.

Romans 14:10-12 – ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" ¹² So then, **each of us will give an account of himself to God.**
NIV

If will power was enough, God would have stopped with the ten commandments and said, "Now go and do what I told you."

Will power won't fix brokenness.

Grace is when you say, "I can't stop, I can't do it" and the gap is filled by divine enablement and a community of believers that will stand with you.

Is God asking people to **change** or **become Holy** or **be made whole**?

EXAMPLE: BROKEN LEG

- Will we be a place where broken people are able to be made "whole" or "holy"?
- We should respond to BROKENNESS with mercy, grace, and truth.
- Can you imagine berating a person who has a broken leg?
- When someone is BROKEN sexually, they deserve our compassion, love, and mercy. Then they deserve our prayers and a desire to see their brokenness made whole.
- Jesus longs to see people—ALL PEOPLE—made whole. DO WE?