

Answering

“The Best Defense
of Homosexuality”
Part 2

Argument 3: Hypocrisy Necessitates Acceptance of Homosexuality

Christians accept sins that the bible condemns, so they should also accept homosexuality

Part 1:

Hypocrisy Justifies Homosexuality – Quotes

- “Heterosexual Christians are being **unbiblical** by using the clobber passages as justification for applying absolute standards of morality to homosexual ‘sins’ that they themselves are not tempted to commit, while at the same time accepting for themselves a standard of relative morality for those sins listed in the clobber passages that they *do* routinely commit.”
- NOTE: By “clobber passages” they imply that Christians use certain passages to *clobber* homosexual – Rom. 1:26-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10

Part 1: Answered

- It is wrong to apply an absolute standard of morality to homosexuals without applying this same standard to oneself.
- But, failing to do so only condemns oneself of being a hypocrite, while it in no way justifies homosexuality.
- God's standard of holiness is not filtered through our hypocrisy or failings – 1 Pet. 1:14-16
- God condemns hypocrisy as well as all other sin, including homosexuality – Rom. 2:1-3

Part 2:

We All Justify Degrees of Sin – Quotes

- “As we’ve seen, in the clobber passages Paul also condemns, along with homosexuality, those three specific sins. **But Christians don’t think that they are expected to never commit any degree of those sins.** They understand that **circumstances and normal human weaknesses must be taken into account before condemning any transgression.** We all readily understand and accept the moral distinction between drinking socially and being a drunk; between a lustful thought and committing adultery; between telling a flattering white lie and chronically lying.”

Part 2:

We All Justify Degrees of Sin – Quotes

- “Even a **sin as heinous as murder we do not judge without first taking into account the context in which it occurred.** Self-defense, protection of the innocent, during a war—we recognize that there are times when even taking the life of another is not only *not* a sin, but a morally justified, and even heroic act. **Christians evaluate the degree of sin, or even whether or not a real sin has occurred, by looking at both the harm caused by the sin, and the intent of the sin’s perpetrator.”**

Part 2: Answered


- It is false to argue that we can excuse certain sins based on *human weakness* and *circumstances* – Rev. 21:8; Mt. 5:28
- These quotes are very deceptive because...
 - We do not **judge** the heinous **sin of murder**, but rather the **act of killing** to determine if it is murder – Rom. 13:1-4
 - They falsely imply that we must accept homosexuality because we judge the seriousness of the sin by its extent, or whether one **chronically commits** the sin.

Argument 4: Homosexuality is unimportant because it is mentioned so few times in the Bible

“Homosexuality is briefly mentioned in only six or seven of the Bible’s 31,173 verses...The fact that homosexuality is so rarely mentioned in the Bible should be an indication to us of the degree of importance ascribed it by the authors of the Bible.”

Argument 4: Answered

- The number of times a sin is addressed in Scriptures does not indicate its seriousness or lack thereof.
- To say homosexuality is only mentioned 6-7 times is false.
 - Sodom's and Gomorrah's sin and destruction are referenced at least 16 times.
 - Homosexuality is condemned at least 17 times in the N.T. because it is "sexual immorality" – Jude 7
- Arguing the importance of a sin based on the number of biblical occurrences ignores the content of those occurrences – Lev. 18:22, 20:13; Rom. 1:26-27, 32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Jude 7



Argument 5: The New Testament is not a set of instructions or a rulebook by which we determine how to live the Christian life.

Argument 5: Quotes

- “It is important to understand that even the most fundamentalist Christian sects do not take the Bible wholly literally. The New Testament is 2,000 years old. Its cultural contexts, along with the translation at hand, is always taken into consideration by any Christian serious about understanding this vast and complex work.”
- “Further, the Bible is not a contract, or a **set of instructions**, with each passage spelling out something clear and specific. **It is not a rulebook for being Christian.** It is instead a widely varying collection of poetry, history, proverbs, moral directives, parables, letters and wondrous visions. We would be foolish to fail to understand that not everything in the Bible is a commandment, and that Christians cannot take any small section of the Bible out of its own context, and still hope to gain a clear understanding of its meaning.”

Argument 5: Answered

- This is an attempt to undermine the inspiration and authority of the bible to judge our actions today.
- It is false to argue that the Bible is not a set of instructions or a rulebook for Christians.
 - We must obey Christ's words if we hope to be saved – Heb. 5:8-9; 2 Thess. 1:7-8
 - The N.T. is the ONLY rulebook for how to be a Christians – 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 3:14-15; 2 Pet. 1:10
- This argument is hypocritical, seeing that the authors regularly appeal to the N.T. to tell Christians how they must act toward homosexuals!

Conclusion

- The writers fail in seeking to justify homosexuality on the basis of...
 - Hypocrisy of others
 - How many times homosexuality is addressed
 - Downplaying and denigrating the authority of the Bible to judge our actions today.
- The authors aren't interested in what the bible says, unless they think it helps their cause.
- Their approach twists the scriptures to their destruction – 2 Pet. 3:16