

The St. Peter Option: To Everyone an Answer
Living as Exiles in a Foreign Land
1 Peter, 2 Peter, Christian Vocation, and the Table of Duties

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Introduction—LGBTQ what do the letters mean?

Peter's Warning: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Ancient Sodom and Gomorrah Vs. Present Day Sodom and Gomorrah

- The ancient world of homosexuality (Sodomites and Catamites), as well as the Graeco/Roman world's practices of homosexuality and fornication were simply governed by raw lust, "carnal desire"—the gratification of sexual appetite in self-centered pleasure.
- The modern world of LGBTQ has "sophisticated" the practices of homosexuality by disconnecting gender from the objectivity of one's biological sex organs and allowing for the redefining of one's state of being purely in terms of the personal subjective choice of each human individual. (This is relativism on steroids. I determine WHO I AM and WHAT is RIGHT for ME.)

The Tragedies of the LGBTQ movement:

1. There is a malevolent Satanic component involved in the motives of those who are promoting this agenda in healthcare and education. They are out to destroy the Biblical world view of humanity, marriage, and family.
2. The agenda of the LGBTQ movement and its emphasis upon each individual doing what seems right in his or her own eyes appeals to the sinful flesh in everyone. ("I do not like...but I do desire that...and the ideology of personal freedom and choice gives me license to indulge my desires.")
3. Those who have been emotionally, psychologically, and physically abused (children, youth, and adults) within God's proper relationships (marriage, family, parent child) often fall prey to the false hopes and dreams of the LGBTQ ideology and, in extreme cases, gender dysphoria).
4. Civil government and culture have acquiesced to the LGBTQ agenda. Public policy, corporate medicine, big business, and popular culture promote the ideology as the "enlightened mainstream" point of view over against the "unenlightened bigoted" Biblical view of humanity, marriage, and human sexuality.
5. Liberal mainline churches are accommodating the culture on this subject.
6. The historic Church has condemned homosexuality but has not done enough to extol the gift of God's creation, redeemed in Christ, as the better way to mental, physical, and spiritual health and well-being.

The Order of Creation: Men, Women, and State of Being Under God in Creation

Historic Christianity confesses the wonderful gift that humanity is made, male and female, in the Image of the Triune God of love to be fruitful and to exercise dominion over the creation. We were created by God in love. Our biological and spiritual identities (who we are created to be) as men and women are gifts of God and are the means by which God has given us to give and receive spiritual and biological love with one another within the orders of creation. A man is so ordered by God to give and receive love as a man before God, as a son to his parents, a brother to his siblings, a husband to his wife, a father to his children, and a friend to his friends. Each ordering has its proper relationship to God and to the object of love within each particular relationship. A woman is so ordered by God to give and receive love from God in the subordinate relationship to the headship of her father and then the headship of her husband (1 Corinthians 11:3 "the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God"). From her head she is gifted with the capacity to give and receive love (still as daughter to parents and sister to her siblings) but most especially as wife to her husband, mother to her children, and friend to her friends. These states of being and relationships within the created order are not without significance but are intrinsically connected to being either male or female.

Our biological state of being as male and female is both physical and spiritual. Apart from this ordering we cannot truly love as God loves, nor can we produce life or be healthy. The overthrowing of God's order and who He has created us to be leads to death. All the organs of our body have a proper function and use. To use the organs of our body in ways and for purposes for which God did not design them is sin which separates us from God and contributes to spiritual, physical, and psychological sickness, separating us from God and from one another.

Our sex organs are as important to who we are and to the procreation and preservation of our lives and our mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being as are any other vital organ of the body (heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, brain, etc.) We would never simply remove our heart as if it is not a vital organ. Similarly, the mutilation of the body to alter our state of being sexually is not only a fantasy, but it destroys everything that we were created to be as men and women made in the image and likeness of God.