

## Living in Love and Faith – Part Two

### Living in Faith

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Recommended Resources:

*Is God anti-gay?* by Sam Allberry

*What does the Bible really teach about homosexuality?* by Kevin DeYoung  
[wwwLivingOut.org](http://www.LivingOut.org) (loads of great podcasts and articles)

[www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/sexuality](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/sexuality) (resources by Sam Allberry and others)

### Introduction – Trusting God's Word

#### (1) Why do sexuality and relationships matter to God?

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. <sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" <sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."  
(Matthew 19:1-6)

Jesus is the bridegroom of his people

- Ezekiel 16:1-14, Song of Songs 4, Isaiah 62:5
- Matthew 9:15, Matthew 25:1-13, Ephesians 5:21-33
- Revelation 19:7, Revelation 21:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 7:8

#### (2) Isn't same-sex marriage a matter of equality?

Prejudice and abuse is wrong...

... but the Bible focuses on behaviour not orientation

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men <sup>10</sup> nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God... <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality.  
(1 Corinthians 6, NIV 2011)

#### (3) Why do churches disagree on this issue?

Cultural pressure!

- Understanding the Old Testament Law: Leviticus 18, Matt 5:17
- Unorthodox translation of the New Testament:  
1 Corinthians 6:9-20, 1 Timothy 1:10, Romans 1:26-27
- Undermining the authority of the Bible: Psalm 119, John 17:17
- Unbelief: Romans 1:25

#### 4) So what shall I do?

Trusting the better story