

Thinking Biblically About Same Sex Attraction

Mark 10:1-9

Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”³ “What did Moses command you?” he replied.⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”⁵ “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied.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 flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”^[16]
¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable.¹⁸ “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them?¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)
²⁰ He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them.²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder,²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Thinking Biblically about any aspect of life begins with Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning God created*. A Biblical worldview includes a belief in God and His authority as the Creator of the world, see also Psalm 24:1, John 1:3, Rev 4:11.

What the Bible says about homosexuality and therefore, same sex attraction, is not everything that God wants to say to those who are same sex attracted. In other words, what the Bible says about same sex attraction is not the entire message of Christianity.

In Mark 10, Jesus affirmed marriage as described in Genesis 2.

In Ephesian 5, the Apostle Paul affirmed marriage as described in Genesis 2 and took it beyond the words of Jesus by describing marriage as a picture of the relationship the Risen Lord Jesus has with His Bride, the Church.

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