

LOVE IS LOVE

Whether it's songs, t-shirts, comic book titles, or shouted at pride rallies, the phrase "**Love is Love**" is a catchy little slogan meant to convey something bigger. Taken at face value, the phrase doesn't mean much. It's akin to saying "A=A," meaning it's essentially useless.

The phrase's hidden power, however, is in the idea that you can load the word "love" with your own definition. "**Love is Love**" is used as a hammer to argue that whatever I *call* love must therefore *be* love. If you like love--and who doesn't?--then surely you will like what I say is love.

Similarly used is the phrase "**God is love.**" Once again, we load up the word "Love" with whatever definition we desire and use that as a way to define God. If God *is* love, then surely he must approve of what I *call* love. In this way, anything could be used to define God.

Most people are indignant at a man having a sexual relationship with a child and calling it love. Yet that man can use his definition of love to attempt to define God and demand all accept that "love is love." "Well," you might say, "we are talking about real love." That begs the question:

WHAT IS REAL LOVE

The phrase "God is love," taken from 1 John 4:7, is actually helpful here. But rather than leaving "love" up to our own definitions, it teaches us what love is. God embodies the definition of love because it is from his very nature and character. *If we want to define love rightly, we must start with God.* God in his works and Word provides the definition of love.

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS DEFINE LOVE.

This is why the same book that says "God is love" also says, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments," and, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (1 John 5:2,3).

Love is the fulfillment of the law of God because God's commands come from the God who is love. His commandments teach us how to love him and our neighbor. To define love, we look at commandments like:

- Thou shall have no other gods.
- Honor your Father and Mother.
- Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- Thou shalt not covet.
- You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

The one who breaks the commandments of God is being unloving. Anything that goes against God's moral law is hateful. The Bible is clear; homosexual practices are anything *but* loving. They are called "abominations," acts that the loving God hates. If we are to be loving, we will love what God loves and we will hate what God hates.

The Bible says that love does not rejoice in wrongdoing but instead rejoices in the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6). True biblical love exposes evil and warns of imminent danger.

**IT IS NOT LOVING TO
CELEBRATE
HOMOSEXUALITY
IT IS HATE**

WHY

First and foremost, homosexuality and transgenderism are rebellion against the Creator God. Jesus said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female" and, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." God created two *and only two* sexes, and he designed them to complete each other. The male and female bodies and minds were designed to complement each other and to enable each other to serve each other and God by starting families and raising children.

Those who commit homosexual thoughts and actions are rebelling against the way God designed man to live. It is a giant middle finger raised against the God who is love.

Because sexual immorality is rebellion against God, it is dangerous to the **BODY, MIND, AND SOUL** of everyone who practices it.

Homosexual acts, whether man on man or woman on woman, are dangerous to the body. The statistics for sexual disease and other harmful side effects are astronomical, leading the National Institutes of Health to say "homosexual activity may be associated with a lifespan shortened by 20 to 30 years."



THE BODY

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports:

- Anal sex is the riskiest sexual behavior for getting and transmitting HIV, carrying a risk twice that of sharing syringes for drug use.
- 1 in 6 "gay" and bisexual men will be diagnosed with HIV in their lifetimes.

The American Cancer Society reports:

- Receptive anal intercourse also increases the risk of anal cancer in both men and women, particularly in those younger than 30.
- Gay men have twice the risk of various cancers and are affected by it 10 years earlier, compared to heterosexual men.

Diseases like gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, genital warts, HPV, and shigellosis are rampant among those who practice homosexuality.



"Once nearly eliminated in the U.S., syphilis is increasing, especially among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM)." - CDC

