

1  ~~1 Cor. 7:2 - Sexual sin is dangerous~~

2  "Unnatural" Perversions

- Incest

"You are not to come near any close relative for sexual intercourse; I am the Lord."

~~Lev 18:6~~

It is widely reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even condoned among the Gentiles—a man is living with his father's wife.

~~1 Cor 5:1~~

3  "Unnatural" Perversions

- Bestiality

If a man has sexual intercourse with an animal, he must be put to death; you are also to kill the animal. If a woman comes near any animal and mates with it, you are to kill the woman and the animal.

~~Lev 20:15-16~~

4  "Unnatural" Perversions

- Pedophilia/ Pederasty
- Pederasty is a sexual relation of an older man with a young boy
- Some interpret Rom. 1:26-27 to refer to pederasty

5  "Unnatural" Perversions

- Homosexuality

If a man sleeps with a man as with a woman, they have both committed an abomination. . . .

~~Lev 20:13a~~

Do not be deceived: no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom.

~~1 Cor 6:9-10~~

6  "Unnatural" Perversions

- Homosexuality (other passages)
- ~~Gen. 1-2~~
- ~~Gen. 19:1-11~~
- ~~Lev. 18:22~~
- ~~Rom. 1:26-27~~
- ~~1 Timothy 1:8-10~~

7  Science

- **Brain Differences**

1. Simon LeVay

- Studied the hypothalamus region of the brain
- While the volumes of INAH 3 in the homosexual men studied was twice as large as that in heterosexual men, it could not be determined if this was a cause or consequence of homosexual activity

8  Science

- Further studies (William Byne) have resulted in conflicting data
- "It's important to stress what I didn't find. I did not prove that homosexuality is genetic, or find a genetic cause for being gay. I didn't show that gay men are born that way, the most common mistake people make in interpreting my work. Nor did I locate a gay center in the brain . . ."

9  Science

- **Gene Studies**

1. Identical Twin studies

- Bailey & Pillard (1991) = 52%
 - Bailey, Dunne, & Martin (2000) = 30%
 - Bearman & Bruckner (2002) = 6.7%
2. Other genome studies have had either erratic or conflicting results and have not proven that homosexuality is in any way genetic

10  "Natural" Perversions

- Adultery

Do not commit adultery.

Ex 20:14

"You have heard that it was said, **Do not commit adultery**. But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Matt 5:27-28

11  "Natural" Perversions

- Fornication

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity. . .

Gal 5:19

12  "Natural" Perversions

- Rape

But if the man encounters the engaged woman in the open country, and he

seizes and rapes her, only the man who raped her must die.
Deut 22:25

13  "Christian" Perversions

- **Augustinian view**
- Brought his background as a Manichee into his interpretation of Scripture
- Manichees believed that the epitome of the evil nature was held to be matter, encompassing all the sensory pleasures (especially sex).
- Accepted and propagated by the Roman Catholic Church

14  "Christian" Perversions

- **Victorian view**
- Victorian morality was the backlash from the lax morality and debauchery that had broken out under Charles II.
- Said debauchery was the backlash from the puritanical morality that had been imposed by law under Oliver Cromwell.
- Held and propagated by American Puritans

15  "Christian" Perversions

- **Results**
- An austere view of sex
- Sex is for procreation not recreation
- It is a necessary evil
- If one enjoys sex or has sex solely for pleasure they are seeking to satisfy the flesh by enjoying evil and therefore they are sinning

Deut. 24:5 ; 1 Cor 7:5

16  Conclusion

Biblical sexuality is:

1. **Consensual**
2. **Heterosexual**
3. **Within the covenant of marriage**
4. **Pleasurable**

17  Conclusion

Drink water from your own cistern, water flowing from your own well. Should your springs flow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares? They should be for you alone and not for you [to share] with strangers. Let your fountain be blessed, and take pleasure in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful fawn— let her breasts always satisfy you; be lost in her love forever.
Prov 5:15-19