

## Q&A Questions

- How do you honor a father who has never been caring and has ruled over you like a tyrant?

Bear with me for a moment while I set the groundwork. Let me be clear that God does not condone unloving or abusive parental behavior. Yet, both the OT and NT are very clear that we are to honor our parents (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3). Honor is an outward and inward attitude of respect and esteem. Learning to respect our parents is one of the ways God teaches us to accept authority. We may at some point in life have bad bosses or awful leaders that we have to work under. Ultimately, learning to accept the authority of our parents helps us accept God's authority in both good and difficult situations.

Honoring a parent can be very difficult if the parent isn't living an honorable life or is treating his/her children badly. But as a command from God we must find ways to do so. (1) We can pray for our parents. Pray for God to help them overcome whatever personal struggle is causing them to act out in negative ways. Pray for them in general as well, finances, health, ect. (Luke 6:28) (2) Take captive every negative thought about your parent and remember that he/she is a child of God going through personal struggles. Try to see them and think of them through God's eyes. (2 Cor 10:5) (3) Take captive your words and try to speak only words that edify your parent. (Eph 4:29) These three points apply to both the child/teen/young adult who still lives at home and an adult who lives away from their parents. If the negative behavior of a parent is so extreme then it may be necessary to distance oneself while continuing to honor them in the above ways. Honor is not an emotion. It may take days, months, or years of praying, taking thoughts captive, and speaking only words that edify before our emotions follow suit.

Let me be clear one again that God does not condone abuse. If the behavior of a parent is abusive then help from a professional should be sought.

- How can my husband be my spiritual leader when he isn't yet spiritually mature? (He believes but does not have a relationship with Jesus)

First Peter 3:1-6 addresses the issue of a wife yoked to an unbelieving husband. I believe this also applies to a wife with a husband who is spiritually immature or stagnant.

1. In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
2. as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.
3. Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;
4. but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.
5. For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;
6. just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

Being unequally yoked is very hard on a family, but only God can change hearts. He can work best when we are obedient to Him, and the above verses tell us how to behave in such a difficult circumstance (1 Pet 2:12). We are still commanded to love, respect, and submit to our husbands. We would only refuse to submit in cases where a husband asks us to do or say something that is contrary to the will of our higher authority, God. If the husband is truly a Christian, then God will hold him accountable for what he did or did not do as the spiritual leader of the home. That is not the task of the wife. All we can do is try our best to honor our husband and our faith at the same time

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- \*\*How do I minister to a gay couple in a long-term relationship with children?
  - How does this situation compare with couples that are divorced and remarried?

First of all, the only way to minister to anyone is with a motivation of love. If a person tries to minister out of the law or out of religious spirit, they will be exposed as insincere or phony very quickly.

I guess it would greatly depend on where the couple is in their relationship with Jesus. While we do not believe that homosexuality is condoned in scripture anymore than adultery, lying, gossip or any other named behavior (I Corinthians 6:9-11), we do feel that we should love those who struggle in that lifestyle with the intent of pointing them to a better way (Galatians 6:1). If the couple say they are believers and have a growing relationship with Jesus, then all you can do is pray that while seeking after God first, that they will be convicted (not condemned) that their life style is not an alternate life style condoned by the scripture and in submitting to God completely in every area of their life, they can begin the journey of freedom and full reward that Jesus had provided for them.

If the couple does not have a relationship with Jesus, then you must begin by presenting the gospel to them in hopes that they will receive Jesus and be filled with the Holy Spirit. For only then, will they be able to understand scripture (I Cor. 2:14) and be corrected in the belief system, which will in turn affect their behavior system (Rom. 12:1-2).

This situation differs from a divorced couple who remarried because it is the confines of the marriage relationship between a man and a woman and not just some union between two people of the same sex.

- \*\*Why does God allow the enemy to reign and persecute His people?

Let me say that we may not fully comprehend why the enemy is allowed to persecute God's people. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, sin entered the world and with that came the degradation of mankind (Romans 5:12-21). God had originally given man dominion over the earth and when man chose to sin, he turned dominion over to Satan. God is still sovereign, but it was man who gave power to Satan (2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 1 Jn 5:19). As a result, every sort of evil and wickedness invaded what before had been a perfect place with no sin or darkness whatsoever. God instantly began to institute his plan to restore man back to that perfect relationship he had with God before sin entered the earth (Gen. 3:15). But with the fall of man, came evil on this earth that God has chosen to allow evil to exist as a consequence of the fall.

Because of that, we know that the rain falls on the just and the unjust (Matt. 5:45) and that Christians do suffer persecution. The lovely thing about that is God gives you the grace and strength to face anything the enemy throws at a believer, yes even death if need be. When we are at our weakest we lean most heavily on God and learn to trust him more (2 Cor 12:9-10).

- If we obey all forms of authority as in Romans 13, no matter what, then how do you explain the Christians of the 13 colonies rebelling against King George who was the King of England? Is it okay to rebel if things just get too bad - ultimately to make things for the better good of all? To rebel against authority is to rebel against God?

I take great comfort from Romans 13. God is sovereign! No ruler is placed over us except those which God allows. That does not mean that all rulers are good. (As we know, God allows bad things to happen sometimes.) Romans 13 and 1 Pet 2:13-20 actually do not call us to obey our rulers "no matter what." There are numerous examples in scripture where individuals disobeyed governing authorities (Ex 1:17;

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Esther 4:16; Dan 3:13-18; 6:10-14; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; Heb 11:23). The key is that we obey our rulers as in order to maintain a good witness to the world (1 Pet 2:12). However, if any authority calls us to do something that contradicts the clear teaching of scripture, we must refuse (Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 13:8).

- \*\*Why can't we pray for satan to know God's love and to change his heart?

Satan was an angel in heaven and because of that, he was not created in God's image. He, just like all demons and angels cannot experience the forgiveness of sin and redemption by the blood of Jesus. Jesus came to earth, lived a sinless life and died and rose again to redeem mankind and not angels or demons. We are told in I Peter 1:12 that angels look and long for redemption. Because he tried to exalt himself above God and become the object of worship, he was banished from heaven along with 1/3 of the angels who rebelled with him (Luke 10:18; Is. 14:15; Ezk 28:16-17). They were banished in a fallen state and thus have no chance of repentance and salvation. Redemption was only available to the pinnacle of God's creation, those created in His image.

- \*\*Will all Jewish people go to heaven? Romans 11:12 – it should like their eyes were “blinded” until they finally accept it. (Also verse 25-26) “And so all Israel will be saved”

No. The only people who will go to heaven are those who have trusted Christ and Christ alone for salvation. Romans 11:12 is referring to the Jews' trust in Jesus as Messiah and not to a blanket inclusion just because they are Jewish by birth. Most scholars believe that verses 25 -26 refer to a conversion of the Hebrew nation but not that every living Jew will be saved. Paul talks about who is a Jew: One who has a circumcision of the flesh or one who has a circumcision of the heart? (Romans 2: 28-29) If a Jewish person has trusted that Jesus is the Messiah and committed their life to Him, then yes they will go to heaven. Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by Me”. Jesus is the door (John 10:7) and the only way to experience forgiveness and redemption.

- \*\*How do I know that God is speaking to me?

God speaks to us from several different avenues. The first one and most common is the Word of God. I Timothy tells us that all scripture is God-breathed and is profitable (2 Timothy 3:16). God can speak to us from his Word, the Bible. God can also speak to us through our spiritual leaders (Ephesians 4:11ff). He can also speak to us through prophecy (Romans 12:6). Any Word from God will not violate the Scripture in any way. It will always line up with the Word of God and bear witness in your spirit by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 2:9-10).

- How do I love those who hate me?

Points from the questions on how to honor a father how is a tyrant and how to deal with hurtful/hateful family members apply. Prayer is always the first recourse, then bringing our thoughts and words under control. We may be able to perform kind acts of service, show affection, or give small gifts (think love languages; Rom 12:14-21). We should expect nothing in return, and be prepared for the possibility of rejection. We may not want to show love or even feel kindness towards those who hate us, but that doesn't exempt us from doing so. Love is sometimes a choice before it is an emotion. As Rom 12:21 says, “overcome evil with good.”

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- \*\*Why do some people get healed and others do not?
  - Faith the size of a mustard seed; by His stripes we are healed

See Part 2 of our Q&A Series on line about healing.

- \*\*Why does God allow genocide?

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Which brought sickness, disease and death. (Romans 5:12) Wickedness now had legal ground on this earth. Even though God immediately initiated a plan to redeem man from the curse of sin (Genesis 3:15), he did not eradicate wickedness and evil from the earth. God gave man a will and the ability to choose. There are evil, unsaved people on this earth who chose not to go God's way but the devil's way of evil and wickedness (2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 1 Jn 5:19). See also the comments on why God allows the enemy to reign and persecute people.

- How do I deal with hateful/hurtful family members?

The previous points under honoring your father apply, although we are not technically required to "honor" other family members.

However, we are called to bless and love those who persecute us (Mat 5:44; Rom 12:14). We can pray for them, take negative thoughts captive, and only speak that which edifies. If the situation is extremely hurtful then we may need to distance ourselves. We might need to limit contact or sever contact in a respectful way, leaving the door open for reconciliation should the other person's heart change. God does not intend for us to position ourselves to be repeatedly hurt or abused.

- What is the difference between denominational/non-denominational churches? Which is right and why?

A denominational church is one who is aligned with a certain set of beliefs that define that movement. Denominational churches generally hold to the same system of beliefs as they interpret scripture for themselves. Denominational churches would be such churches as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of God, Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness, Episcopal, Catholic, etc. Each denomination not only adheres to certain beliefs but also certain forms of church government as well. Baptist and others hold to a Congregationalist form of church government where every member has a vote to decide issues. Some churches use a Presbyterian form of government where there is a board of elders. Some churches use the Episcopal form of church government where a bishop decides matters of the church.

A non-denominational church on the other hand is not aligned with any particular group or denomination. They are generally an autonomous body that makes decisions on their own. Most non-denominational churches do have some type of church government and accountability but there are some who do not and that can at times cause problems.

Which is right? The book of Acts is our best model for church structure. However, it does not set forth any particular structure as the correct one. Different types of churches reach different types of people. Some types of churches are more effective in different cultures. I would say no single model is the only right one. Unfortunately, denominational churches at times rely on one interpretation of Scripture that can set the whole course of their belief system even if that belief is not biblical. Sometimes a denomination can become very political and actually hinder a move of God.

- Why does God let the devil bring evil?

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Because of the fall of man, sin, disease, death and destruction entered the human race. God immediately initiated the plan to restore man back to the original state in Genesis 3:15. This is called in theological terms the Proto-euangelion. Proto means first or prototype and euangelion means good news. This is the first mention of the gospel in the Bible. God has given man a solution to the sin problem and that solution is His Son, Jesus Christ. When man fell into sin, he forfeited his duty to subdue the earth and that was given to the devil which the Word calls him the “prince of the power of the air” in Eph. 2:2 and the “ruler of tis world” in John 12:31. God will one day wipe all evil away when the devil is thrown into the lake of fire or hell (Rev. 20:14-15). But until then, we are in a fallen world and with that fallen world there is evil that co-exist with good. See related questions above.

- What happens when you die?

2 Corinthians 5:8 tells us that for believers in Christ Jesus, to be absent from the body (death) is to be present with the Lord. For the person who never trusted in Christ Jesus, they enter into eternal separation from the Lord. Ultimately, the redeemed will end up in heaven in the presence of God (John 14:2ff) and the lost will end up in the lake of fire that God created for the devil and his demons (Rev. 20:14-15).

- What place does “communion” play in the beliefs of Building Church

We do believe that the Lord’s Supper or Communion is one of the two ordinances of the church. The other being water baptism. 1 Corinthians 11:25-26 tells us that as often as you east the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Some denominations take this verse to mean that every time you meet together for a worship service you are to take communion. We at Building Church to not hold that same belief. We do believe it is important and when we do it, it is a holy and spiritual moment because the bread represents the body of Christ that was broken for us, and the wine (juice) represents the blood of Jesus that was spilt for our remission of sin. It is a very intimate time of worship and not some ritual that you mindlessly do out of tradition. The problem we have experienced at Building Church is how to do communion logistically in the movie theater. We have done communion there a couple of times in the past as well as our first Wednesday services when we had a place to do them and our Saturday prayer meeting.

- How do you know what God wants you to do? What you’re “meant” to do in life? (job, marriage, etc)

The key to knowing the will of God for your life is knowing HIM. As you grow in your relationship with God, he will guide you and speak to you and direct you in the path that He would have you go. John 10:27 Jesus says my sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me. As you learn to hear the voice of God, then you learn to obey and follow the leading of the Lord, which will direct you into you calling and will for you life.

- How can you avoid making people feel judged and condemned when you bring up Jesus to them with pure intentions?

People need to know you love them (Matt 22:38-38). They need to know you are there for them and genuinely concerned for them. They need to know that you are not trying to get another notch on your spiritual belt for another soul saved. When they know you and trust you, then they will be more likely willing to listen to you (1 Pet 3:15). Even with all that, sometime the Holy Spirit brings conviction (not condemnation) on them and they can yield or reject. In that case they are not rejecting you but God.

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- Sometimes I have thought God was speaking to me, but “I got it wrong”. Sometimes people get it wrong. How can we know that the humans that wrote the Bible didn’t “get it wrong”? Could there be parts of the Bible that never got put into the present day Bible?

Please refer to Part 1 of our Q&A series that is archived online.

Andrea Robinson, did a good job of presenting evidence that the Bible was and is the inspired Word of God and therefore can totally be trusted.

- How do you deal with conflict within a group?

Matthew 18:15-17 gives us a pattern for handling conflict within a group of believers.

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Hopefully, a conflict can be resolved before it comes to verse 17 but conflicts cannot be allowed to continue because they are like cancer that will destroy the body.

For a group of non-believers, the general principles of love, kindness, and respect are the best solutions. Try to use Godly wisdom and present reasonable solutions. Proverbs 2:6-7 says, “For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.” Always pray for God’s wisdom and discernment.

- How do you help someone when they always have negative things to say and bad luck follows them and they keep calling me and calling me?

You try to point them to the truth (Prov 2:6-7). You encourage them to speak the Word of God over them instead of negative words, which can ensnare them. (Proverbs 6:2) There also can come a time when you have done all you can do and you have to walk away and trust that God will deal with them. You do not want them to become co-dependent on you because then they will never learn to hear God for themselves and grow in their walk with the Lord.

- How do I draw upon God’s power to live a holy life?

First make sure you are born again. (John 3:7)

Second, you make sure you are filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8) You shall receive POWER after the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

The Holy Spirit empowers you to live a holy life.

Third you submit to God and resist the devil. (James 4:7) James tells us when we do those two things, the devil will flee from us. We have to have a personal prayer and study time with the Lord so that we can be refilled and refueled by the Holy Spirit. This time must be intimate worship rather than cold, dry, dead quite time to fulfill our religious obligations. That kind of time will not produce power to overcome and live a holy life.

- How do you know if God is speaking to you?

God speaks to us from His Word. He can speak a general Word (the Logos – the Bible) or he can give you specific Word from the Word (a Rehma – specific Word) that ministers to you in your situation.

God speaks to us from His Spirit. Some times the Holy Spirit will speak to you and you just know the Lord is speaking to you (Rom 8:16; 1 Jn 5:6-8).

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God speaks to us through our spiritual leaders. Ephesians 4 list 5 gifts or offices of men given to the church to build up the body.

God speaks to us prophetically as well.

When God does speak, it will never contradict His Word. It will always line up with His Word.

- How is what is happening in America/world right now relevant to what the Bible says on the end times & prophesy?

It is very obvious that we are in the last days. The New Testament writers declared that we were in the last days and we are about 2000 years closer now that when they penned those words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Bible speaks about men growing cold in their relationship to God (Matt 24:12) and turning from sound doctrine (2 Tim 4:3). Darkness on the earth would increase which we can see by the declining morals worldwide. There would also be famines, wars, and rumors of wars, earthquakes etc. as the time draws closer (Matt 24:6-7). Everything that is happening today points to the end of time, as we know it and the second coming of the Lord.

- What happens to people who never get the chance to hear about Jesus?

Romans 1:20 NLT Forever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

It is our job to tell them. Even though they hear, there is no guarantee they will receive but we must tell. That is why it is so important to preach the gospel all around the world. We must tell them all. (Romans 10:14).

- How do you deal with a blended family as a Christian?

With a lot of love and grace. You are blending two families into one. There has to be a lot of mercy extended as the two families merge into one. If there are children involved, the new parents must be on the same page as to how discipline will be handled and what the limits and house rules will be. It really can't be my kids, your kids but our kids. There needs to be an adjusting period as everyone re-calculates to a new family situation and dynamic. Remember that as Christians we are all one family anyway (Eph 2:19).

- How do you maintain a marriage when one person is a Christian and another is not?

I Corinthians 7:14-16

14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. 16 How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

The person who is a Christian needs to be an example to the one who is not. He or she should to best of their ability model the unconditional love and acceptance that Jesus did. They should stay true to their faith and point the other to Christ by their actions, words and attitudes.

- Where do you draw the line between mental illness and demonic oppression?

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All illness stems from the enemy in that we live in a fallen world and as a result there is sickness and disease in the world. Mental illness can be caused by demonic oppression if there is a reason or ground that the enemy has in that person's life. Proverbs 26:2 tells us that a curse without a cause cannot alight. In other words there has to be some reason or ground which gives the enemy access to inflict mental illness or any illness that is demonically inspired. On the other hand, sometimes mental illness is simply hormonal imbalances or disease that is not demonic oppression. Sometimes it is both. A person suffering from mental illness should always pray against demonic oppression and claim healing and deliverance. If there is not demonic oppression, the same prayer for healing should be prayed in faith believing for complete deliverance. In most cases medical treatment is needed and should be sought out to help that person deal with the sickness.

- Acts says that they came together for the breaking of bread. Why do we not take communion more frequently?

It is logistically difficult to have communion in the theater. However we at Building Church do not interpret that Scripture to mean every time you meet you must have communion. We do believe it tells us to have communion and that when we do it or every time we do it, we do it in remembrance of Him (Jesus). (I Cor. 11:23-26) We feel that communion done every time you meet would soon lose all meaning and become merely a ritual that is performed without rightly judging the Body of Christ. We do have communion from time to time at our Saturday prayer and when we have our First Wednesday services. We will not be able to have First Wednesday services until we have a permanent facility.

- Why would the all-powerful God of the universe give *us* free will?

He created us in His image, which that is not a physical image but spiritual, which included a free will to choose. God wanted us to choose to love and obey Him. He did not want to create some mindless robot but a person who could choose to love and obey a loving Creator (Prov 16:9).

- Is the world today following the book of Matthew Ch 24 or are we experiencing Matthew Ch 24?

We are in the stages of experiencing Matthew 24. Some of the things Jesus prophetically mentions in this chapter are beginning to unfold and others can be seen just over the horizon. We are moving to that day when the Lord returns. We are told to keep watch and be ready for we do not know the day or hour of His return. (Matt. 24:42; 25:13)

- \*\*My mother believes in Allah, my father doesn't believe in any God along with my brothers. How do we point them in the right direction without them becoming so defensive?

You will have to allow them to see the change in you (I Peter 2:12). You cannot beat them over the head with the Scripture, but rather you have to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them as you love them and gently nudge them toward Jesus. Be sensitive to opportunities to share Jesus in a non-judgmental way. Follow the example of Philip as he dealt with the Ethiopian eunuch. (Acts 8:26-40). Philip took meet the Ethiopian right where he was, climbed into his chariot (got into his life) and starting where he was, shared Jesus. You can turn conversations into opportunities to speak the truth in you family's life. Pray for opportunities to share and pray for God to prepare their hearts to receive His message (Rom 10:1; 1 Cor 3:6-7; Eph 6:12)

- \*\*If I was baptized as a child and spent years away from God, do I need to be baptized again as an adult?

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First of all, water baptism is a public testimony, a declaration of what happened to a person as a result of being born again (John 3:3). The old person has died and been buried thus submerged under the water to represent a burial and then raised out of the water to symbolize a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In some countries, a person who is water baptized is disowned by their family and they either try to kill them or have a mock funeral stating that they are dead. Baptism is identifying with Christ's body, the Church.

So from that we can make a few observations. We at Building Church believe in believer's baptism. If a person is baptized either by sprinkling as a child, or immersion in water before they were truly born again, they just got wet because that baptism was not a public declaration of what had happened in their life. We believe that once a person believes and is born again of the Spirit, then he or she follows in believer's baptism.(Acts 8:36-37)

We also believe that baptism is by immersion in water because it is a picture of the death of the old man and the resurrection of the new man. (2 Corinthians 5:17) (Acts 8:38). When someone is buried, you never see the cemetery guys just sprinkling a hand full of dirt or two over the corpse. No they lower them down into the ground and completely submerge them in the earth.

If you were truly born again as a child, you would not need to be baptized again. However, some people who have spent years away from God, have such a transformation that they choose to follow in believer's baptism because it truly has more meaning to them at that stage in life than when they were a child.

- Please speak on divorce and adultery.

Divorce is not God's best for any couple. Malachi 2:16 says God hates divorce. That is pretty strong. According to Scripture there is only two Biblical grounds for divorce. One is sexual immorality (Matt. 5:32; 19:9) and abandonment by an unbeliever (I Cor. 7:15). Even in these two instances, divorce is not required or even encouraged. Forgiveness and restoration of the marriage should be the goal. However if divorce has happened there is forgiveness and restoration available for the divorcee.

- \*\*Since there was no concept of "gay" or "sexual orientation" in the days of Jesus, how can we not see the good fruit that comes from a covenant entered into between two same sex people? The Church has changed its views on several concepts through history and why can we not at least talk about changing our view on marriage between same sex?

I am not sure that you can support from Scripture that there was not concept of "gay" or "sexual orientation" in the days of Jesus. Just because the word is not in the scripture, does not mean the concepts are not there. Just as the word Trinity is not in the scripture, we can see the principle of the Trinity throughout the scripture. The word "rapture" does not appear in the Word but the principle or concept is clearly seen in Scripture. The word "homosexual" appears in I Cor. 6:9 and I Timothy 1:10. Neither of these references refer to homosexuality in a favorable light. The Greek word used is "arsenokoites". The Greek definition is a man who lies in bed with another male, a homosexual. (I Cor 6:9; I Tim. 1:10; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:27). A male partner in homosexual intercourse.

No where in Scripture can we see that homosexuality, same sex marriage, lesbianism is condoned as an acceptable life style. Homosexuality is sin just as is sexual promiscuity, adultery, fornication, lying, gossip and the list goes on. We would never say to an adulterer, it is all right for you to commit

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adultery. God is pleased and accepts the lifestyle you have chosen to follow. That sounds absurd. A person who is involved in homosexual behavior, who gets born again and allows their belief system to line up with the Word of God, will begin to see the journey of behavioral change beginning to take place.

God Himself instituted marriage. Scripture says for this cause a man will leave his mother and father and cleave unto his wife. Biblical marriage has always been defined as between a man and a woman. Our societal changes should never dictate our view of Scripture. Scripture should change our view of society. If God had condoned same sex marriage, seems to me that the passages in Ephesians 5 would read like Husband love your wife or your husband or wives submit to you husband or wife.

God created sex between a man and a woman in the confines of marriage for two basic reasons. One was to reproduce and populate the earth and the other was for pleasure between a married man and woman (Gen 1:28; Eph 5:31; 1 Cor 7:3-5). If God intended same sex marriages, it seems He would have addressed this important issue in Scripture some where along the way in the New Testament.