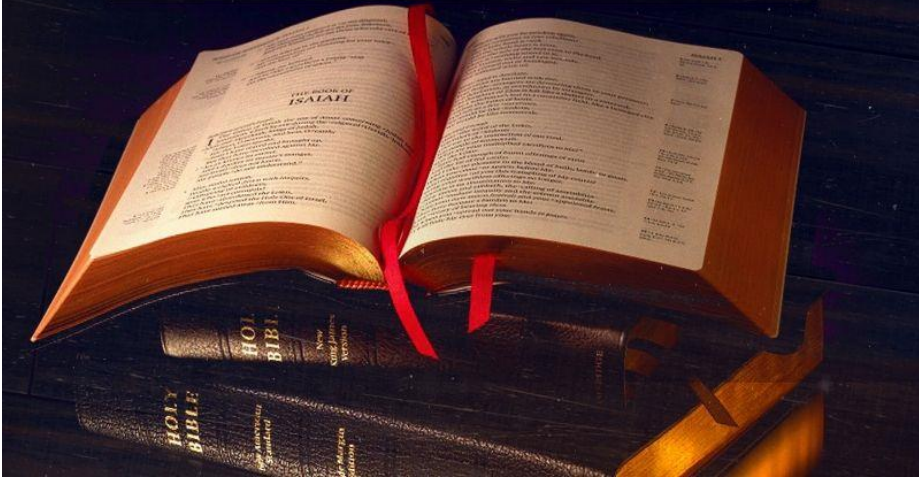


MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE



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John 17:20-23
NRSV

“Homosexuality and the Bible”

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Divisions are not _____ to the Church.

Examples of Divisions throughout Church History:

- 1) Should we include _____ (non-Jews) in the Church?
- 2) _____ in the United States
- 3) _____ in Ministry

Divisions in the Church are primarily about biblical interpretation, not biblical authority.

What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?

Richard B. Hayes: *“The Bible hardly ever discusses homosexual behavior. There are perhaps half a dozen brief references to it in all of Scripture.”*

Jesus never explicitly _____ about homosexuality.

Passages in the Bible Used in Discussing Homosexuality:

- 1) The Story of Sodom in Genesis 19

Adam Hamilton: *“Is this story really about loving, committed homosexual relationships?”* Most scholars confidently say, “No!”

- 2) The Laws Found in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13

Since the earliest days of the church, many of the Levitical laws have been _____ by the church.

- 3) New Testament Passages

1st Corinthians 6:9-11, 1st Timothy 1:10, and Acts 15:28-29
These passages use words that are complicated, confusing, and _____.

- 4) The Most _____ Passage on Human Sexuality: Rms. 1:18-32

John 17: On the last night of his life, hours before being betrayed and arrested, Jesus prayed for us. He prayed for unity. He prayed for us to be one.

We as _____ got our name from this passage!