

“How Should I Relate To People, Particularly Family and Friends, Who Identify As LGBTQ+?”
Sermon Series: “You Asked For It”

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1. We should relate to all people as people made in the image of God who are corrupted by sin but still loved by God.

A. Our identity is people made in the image of God so that is how we are to view all people (Genesis 1:27). [Talk about identity, self-image, and self-esteem and that people’s identity is people made in the image of God. Homosexual, non-binary, transgender is an image not an identity.]

B. We are all sinners in need of a Savior, and Jesus is the Savior who will forgive and transform us (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

2. We should relate to all people with love (Romans 13:8-10). It is sinful to mistreat people. We have an ongoing, moral obligation to love everyone.

3. However, love requires that we speak the truth to people (Romans 13:8-10).

A. Love is the summation of and fulfillment of the Law so it is impossible to separate love and morality (v. 9-10).

B. Love is expressed by righteous actions so we love people by treating them in a godly manner (v. 9).

C. Love does no harm so anything that harms someone else is unloving and wrong (v. 10).

4. The truth that we are required to speak is that transgenderism and homosexuality are not identities but morally wrong activities (Genesis 1:27, 2:23-24, Matthew 19:3-6).

Why would I say that? The Bible says it. Why should I believe the Bible? It corresponds to reality.

Gender

Homosexuality

1. It is wrong because it is unbiblical (Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:24-27).

2. It is wrong because it is unnatural
3. It is wrong because it is harmful.

5. However, these are not the ultimate sins, but they are fruit issues while the root issue is our sinful hearts (Romans 1:18-2:1). Here are some of the root issues that produce the fruit of these various sins.

A. We suppress the truth in unrighteousness (v. 18).

B. We fail to worship God (v. 21).

C. We are spiritually idolatrous (v. 23).

D. We confuse creation and Creator and live like we are our own gods (v. 25).

6. The greatest truth we can speak is that Jesus is the Ultimate Answer because He forgives and transforms us no matter what our sins are (Romans 3:19-26).