

HOMOSEXUALITY – WHAT DOES SCIENCE SAY?

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Hello everyone, my name is Stephen Childs, and I am the Creative Arts Director and member of the Lead Team here at GCCC.

Today, I will be speaking to you on a difficult subject that has become sort of a tinderbox issue in our society today, as it often seems to cause anger to flare up on both sides of the debate. It is the subject of homosexuality. In fact, just discussing homosexuality can feel like a powder keg. One wrong question or answer can spark an explosive reaction.

And truly, this is not what I want to happen today.

So, before we begin, I would like to state up front that I am a Jesus-loving, Bible-believing Christian. And because of that, God has given me a heart that cares for people deeply. Anyone who knows me knows that I truly love people and I love them **unconditionally.**

But, because I love people so much, I cannot put my comfort above their needs. If there is something in their life that I know will hurt them or others, what kind of person would I be to remain silent?

Sometimes loving others requires us to be honest even if we wind up being hated for it.

So, I'm going to ask that you please just listen with an open mind and open heart as we look at today's sermon: "Homosexuality:

What Does Science Say?"

Now, last week Pastor Bruce took us through what the Bible says on homosexuality and we saw that, inarguably, the Bible does not support the homosexual lifestyle. In fact, it labels it as sin. But as always, God's word doesn't just say "DONT DO THIS OR THAT" for no reason. God is always trying to protect us from ourselves. And, that is the very reason why, when Jesus was on the cross to save us from our sins, He said, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

But there are those who want to say, "Well, the Bible is wrong. **Science proves** that homosexuality is a normal variant of human sexual orientation." Science proves it? Let's take a look at the actual "so called" science behind those claims.

The Gay Gene

In 1993, there was a lot of hype over the possibility of discovering a so called "gay gene" after research was published and brought to the public's attention from American geneticist, Dean Hamer. His research surrounded a genetic marker called Xq28. This chromosome band was found to be common **amongst gay men**. And so, this was hailed as proof by many that there was a genetic similarity amongst homosexuals. If a "gay gene" could be discovered, this would give absolute validity that homosexuals were, indeed, "born this way."

In 2014, we saw even more headlines with the release of a study by Dr Allen Sanders, who supposedly found markers on other chromosomes amongst gay brothers. The case seemed closed. But all of this ended almost two years ago.

At the end of 2018, the largest, most comprehensive study ever, on the subject of a gay genes was performed using a DNA data base of nearly a half million people through a program called the genome wide association study. It was 100 times larger than any previous research and showed conclusively, there is no gay gene. Ben Neale, the geneticist who led the study, said, “It’s effectively impossible to predict an individual’s sexual behavior from their genome.”

From science magazines to news sites all over the world the consensus was the same. In fact, in this PBS article covering the study we read, “The study of nearly a half million people closes the door on the debate around the existence of a so-called ‘gay gene’”

The Guardian – a left wing British daily newspaper and website said in an article surrounding the study: “Where does this leave us? Clearly, we do not know how sexuality is created and why some people end up with different sexual desires than others. But if we look at our history it is clear that it is not due to some inherent genetic marker. If you look at the current research, you can see that **social conditions play a major role.**”

I must say, it has always been shocking to me to see an ongoing effort taken by many well-meaning scientists and researchers to find genetic reasonings behind the things that we do that are wrong.

Alcoholism is genetic, drug addiction is genetic, sexual crimes are genetic. Instead of saying, “the Devil made me do it,” now we say, “my genes made me do it.” Sin is no longer a condition of our hearts but rather a condition caused by DNA coding.

To me, it makes no sense that the Creator of every good and wonderful thing, who begs us not to sin (because the wages of sin is death), would stoop so low as to make us be the very thing we are commanded not to be! No! Sin is caused by our desire to do things **our way**. That is a consequence of having a free will. The problem lies in the fact that we try and justify our sins and it is very reason why we so often remain chained to the darkness of sin.

The Transgender Brain

One area of debate that is often brought up has to do with the “Transgender Brain.” It is common to hear, within the trans-community, that they have been born in the wrong body. In other words, they may have a male physical body but the brain of a female. And you will read faulty studies that pop up that seem to support this notion. They say that brain size, particularly with the grey and white matter of male brains is different than the grey and white matter of females brains. And when you look at the Transgender Brain they will say that it resembles the brain of the gender they identify with, not their natal gender. Thus, if they are biologically a male, but believe they are female, chances are their brain resembles a female brain.

Now that sounds convincing! Except...is not true. Contrary to what many people assume, there is in fact **NO WAY TO DETERMINE SOMONE’S GENDER BY LOOKING AT THEIR BRAIN.**

In an article in Nature, from 2019, entitled **Neurosexism: The Myth That Men and Women Have Different Brains**, we read, “modern neuroscientists have identified no decisive, category-defining differences between the brains of men and women.” In

New Scientist, just reading the headline says it all: **Scans Prove There is No Such Thing as a Male or Female Brain.**

So, what makes a male a maleand a female a female? **You know, the longer I study this, the more I'm convinced that the differences between male and female seem to be more spiritual things than biological ones.**

Again, if there is no way of distinguishing a male brain from a female brain, then there is no justification in saying that a transsexual person has the brain of the gender they identify with, because they all look the same. And that is a true conclusion based on the scientific facts.

Nature vs. Nurture

Another thing that I've noticed while studying this subject is that it's extremely hard to follow the viewpoints within this LGBT community because it's always changing and has layers of complexity built on top of itself. Just a few years ago, the acronym LGBT went from those 4 letters to where it is now: 10 letters and even a plus sign: LGBTQQIAAP+. And because there is so much complexity, there is also an enormous amount of contradiction.

For instance, as we saw, there are those who say that there are biological reasons why someone may be homosexual. They were "born this way", it's biological. But you may have also noticed another group of people in the LGBT community, including researchers, that state that gender identity was **assigned** to us at birth. In other words, the reason someone believes they are male or female is because they were brought up and "nurtured" to feel that way from their parents and society. Boys wear blue and girls must wear pink. Boys are told to like football and girls are told to play with dolls.

It is the nature vs. nurture debate, and is a direct contradiction to the claim that “they were born this way” and is also a direct contradiction to the belief that homosexuality is not a choice. Think of it! If someone can be talked into being heterosexual, wouldn't it also be equally true that they could have been talked into being homosexual? If I was nurtured to be straight, then could a homosexual have been nurtured to be gay? You see, that's the contradiction.

But the real travesty of this thinking is the damage that it is having on our children. They are being led down a road where they are told that their gender can be whatever they want it to be, whenever they want it to be, even in the toddler years of development. And this “free nurturing” is even recommended in the infant months. Instead of calling them babies, they are now called theybies.

To me, these social experiments on our children are reckless and extremely harmful to their young minds. Here is an example of one of the most famous of these social experiments that should have put a permanent end to this type of thinking.

The Tragedy of David Riemer

A New Zealand/American psychologist and sexologist at Johns Hopkins University, named Dr. John Money, became rather famous for his bizarre research into sexual identity in the late 1960s. He is, perhaps, the doctor most responsible for promoting the idea of surgical sex changes and is the person who coined the term gender to denote sexual preference.

Dr. Money believed that all children were gender-neutral until 2 years of age and then became what the parents raised them to be.

He felt that parents applied gender roles onto their children. In other words, he believed that it is nurture, not nature that makes us male or female. He was given the opportunity to prove his theory with a young child, whose name was David Riemer.

David Riemer was a twin who was the victim of an unfortunate botched circumcision which literally burned off most of his male genitalia. After hearing of this tragedy, Dr. Money thought that this was the perfect case to prove his theory that gender was nurtured because he could change this boy, who no longer had male genitalia anyway, into a girl.

After some discussions with his parents, it was decided that David would undergo reconstructive surgery at 11 months of age and be raised as a girl named Brenda. His parents were told to never let David know that he was born male, which the parents never did. But, David always felt that something was wrong and when he finally found out he had been born a male, he decided at 9 years of age to begin transitioning back to male. He was fully transitioned back at the age of 15.

David later became an outspoken voice against such practices and argued that sexual identity was not learned and to teach otherwise was harmful. David, unfortunately, suffered from depression and he eventually committed suicide at 38 years old.

The other adults who went through the program at Johns Hopkins University (approximately 50 of them) kept all their neuroses and showed no benefit to their outcomes with sexual dysphoria and the program was later stopped.

For years, David Riemer was hailed as proof of gender neutrality and Dr. Money became famous for it. Yet, even though it all fell

apart, we still, to this day, never hear of his utter failure with all of his patients. We never hear of how gender neutrality experiments already proved that gender is not a social construct. It is what we were created to be.

And here we are, almost 60 years later...

If your child says they he/she is thinking of reversing their sex, we are told that we must embrace those feelings. But why? Based on what evidence? The fact is that 80 to 95 percent of children who express a problem with gender identity will come to identify with their biological sex if natural development is allowed to proceed.

And it is a known fact that transgenders have a 20 percent higher likelihood of committing suicide, particularly after the 10-year marker. In the long run, transsexuals become more depressed and suicidal as compared to non-transsexuals. Its long-term mortality rate is staggering.

What is unbelievable is that there are now several states (New Jersey being one of them) in which, if a doctor looks into the psychological history of a transgendered boy or girl in search of a non-medical solution, that doctor could lose his or her license to practice medicine.

And so, children who say they are not happy within their biological gender are administered Puberty Blockers to slow them from growing into their natal sex and then after a time, cross-sex hormones are given leading up to sex reassignment surgeries. Tell me why? What changed in the medical field to come to such hardline conclusions? Why, for instance, was transsexualism

labeled as a mental illness up until 2012 and then suddenly no longer so labeled? What changed?

Politics! That's it. No new discovery, no new conclusions. It is all political.

Both the medical and mental health communities are being forced into accepting a narrative. The narrative is that the homosexual cannot change, so all other aspects of society must change, including medicine, education, law and religion. And if they don't change, they will be forced to. That is the outcome of accepted sin.

In conclusion

I have been asked several times, "Why we are speaking on this subject instead of addressing the state of our country?" Well, the truth is, we actually are. All the chaos we are seeing in our nation is from a lack of Godly principles. The more we take God out of our schools, out of our workplaces, out of sight, the worse, not better, things become. We are not seeing things improve even though the secular culture is getting what they want. We see chaos.

This is why sin has to be addressed. The issues of social injustice in our world and the violent protests that followed are the symptoms of an issue. And the issue is sin.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

We must turn from our sins, not deny that they exist. Then the Lord will bring healing to our great land. And we do need healing.

So where does healing begin? It begins with a name. Jesus.

The Bible tells us that if we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, and believe upon His name, we will be saved. It says "That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him will have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

It is not "hate" speech. It is a love story between man, who doesn't know what he is doing, and a God, who is desperate to show them the way. Jesus is the way.

So, for those of you who may never have asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior it's as easy as ABC.

A - Admit the truth about yourself; that you, like all of us, sin, even when we think we don't. The Bible is clear: "For all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God."

B - Believe that God made a way for us by giving us Jesus who died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and

C - Commit your life to His righteousness, not your own.

And if I may add a **D - Do it today**.

Pray something like this...

“Father I know that I have sinned against you and for that I am truly sorry. Forgive me for my sins. I ask that you would be My Lord and my Savior. I give my life. In the name of Jesus Christ ...Amen.

Now for those of you who have prayed with me, first of all, congratulations on making the best decision you have ever made. But I would like to ask that you let me know by emailing me at Steve@GCCCpray.com. I would love to send you out a congratulatory letter marking this day as your new spiritual birthday. And parents, if your child prayed with me, just let me know so I can send an age-appropriate letter.