



Homosexuality and Equality

Many Republican Christians believe homosexuality is a sin, not an identity issue. They would forbid gay unions and gay marriages. They make it a key determining factor for their votes.

Did you know:

- The Republican Platform expresses their commitment to equality of race, religion, creed, and national origin, but stops short of mentioning sexual orientation. The Democratic Party includes sexual orientation and equality under the law as part of its platform.
- There are fewer than ten verses in the Bible about same-sex relationships. Most of them refer to unequal power relationships and sexual abuse of the partner.
- One story in the Bible is about a same-sex relationship that is supported by the Bible - David and Jonathan. They made a covenant with each other. Kissed each other on the lips. Their love surpassed the love they had for a woman. We don't know what that really means. Republican Christians insist it was just a good friendship.
- Most Progressive Christians believe any sexual relationships need to be mutual, loving, and supportive of each other. They believe that heterosexuals have no right to deny the LGBT community the intimacy and care and love they enjoy.
- Republicans want a new Constitutional amendment that defines what marriage is, ensuring that gays can't marry or enjoy the same rights that heterosexual couples have. The Democrats emphasize that marriage is a states' rights issue and relates to civil rights.

Bottom Line: What are the consequences to society when we carry an attitude of hate or a desire to forbid the rights of others? Where does the Holy Spirit lead us on this issue of such concern to so many?

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