

## Untouchables Sermon Series Part #4 – Homosexuality

Romans 1:21-32

### Series Summary

*Pornography, Abortion, Divorce, Homosexuality...* Topics that are too hot for many churches to handle. We will explore some of the most important social and moral issues of our time and bring them into the light of God's Word so that Christians will know how to respond to some of the most controversial topics facing our society today!

### Big Idea

The **Big Idea** for this sermon is: The Standard of Truth has been set by Christ and Freedom from Sin only comes through Christ. We live in a world where everyone has an opinion on everything and they believe that their opinion is right. The fact is that if everyone's opinion is right then everyone is wrong. God alone sets the standard of truth, morality, and ethics and we use this standard today to determine what is sin.

### Four Steps in Responding to Homosexuality

#### Step #1 – Set the Standard of Truth

- **John 14:6**
- **1 Corinthians 15:19-21**
- **Key Point** – The standard of truth is not found in the opinions of man and it is not set by statistics found in science. There must be a standard in which everything is measured by and that standard comes from the one who created the standard, God himself. Our opinions on homosexuality do not define what is true. I can have a strong opinion on something and still be wrong.

#### Step #2 – Set the Standard of Interpretation

- **2 Peter 1:20-21**
- **2 Corinthians 4:2**
- **Key Point** – We must agree that there is a standard of truth in order to justify any form of interpretation otherwise all interpretation is fallible and insignificant. As we have determined the standard of truth then we move to the issue of the standard of interpretation which comes from the standard of truth. The only interpretation that really matters is that of God.

#### Step #3 – Define Sin

- **Romans 5:12,18-19**
- **Romans 6:23**
- **Key Point** – It is of the utmost importance when dealing with the topic of sin that we go back to the standard that we are using which is that of absolute truth. Based upon the standard of absolute truth which is the Word of God then we can define sin in its most literal form as the “missing of the mark” or breaking the rules God has set forth for a life of righteousness. Homosexuality is a sin according to the truth set forth by God.

#### Step #4 – Explain Forgiveness

- **Romans 5:6-8**
- **Colossians 2:13-15** –
- **Key Point** – We must deal with the issue of forgiveness when dealing with sin. Homosexuality is a sin against God yet it is also a forgivable sin. Mankind is much less forgiving than God, as Christians we must remind ourselves that we have been forgiven much therefore we are to show the same grace toward others that we have been shown. We do not have to condone the sin but we are commanded to point others in the direction of the one who can free them of sin.

#### Questions to Consider

1. How do Christians typically respond to homosexuality?
2. How can Christians do a better job sharing Christ with those entrenched in sin?

#### Memory Verse

**Colossians 3:13** – When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...

#### Big Challenge

- (1) Show grace and mercy to someone who others have not shown it to this week. These are the people that are in the most need of grace and mercy.

