

Title: Should I attend a same-sex wedding?

Text: Assorted texts
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Two seemingly contradictory truths:

1. We are to _____ our neighbors.

Galatians 5:14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

2. We are to _____ acts of darkness.

Ephesians 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Leviticus 18:22 'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

Romans 1:26–27 For this reason God gave them over to **degrading passions**; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is **unnatural**, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing **indecent acts** and receiving in their own persons the due **penalty of their error**.

Luke 3:19-20 But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done, 20 Herod also added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

“reprimanded ”

1. Was John's ambition to build a bridge so he could win Herod to Christ?
2. Was John worried about offending Herod or concerned that he would be criticized by being judgmental or lacking in love?
3. Was John willing to rebuke Herod in spite of what it cost him?

Matthew 10:37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

“hate” -

**We are to have a greater _____
to our Lord than to the people we love.**

Matthew 5:11–12 “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Galatians 2:11–14 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

“hypocrisy”

“carried away”

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Five principles that prohibit same sex-unions:

1. Same-sex unions are not _____ marriages.

Matthew 19:6 “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

2. We cannot confirm a lifestyle that leads to _____.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither ***fornicators***, nor idolaters, nor ***adulterers***, nor ***effeminate***, nor ***homosexuals***, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

“**effeminate**” - passive male partner

“**homosexuals**” - dominate male partner

3. Same sex unions _____ the picture of Christ and His church.

Ephesians 5:22–32 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

4. Our love is to be _____.

Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor** what is evil; **cling** to what is good.

5. We don't want to _____ the Holy Spirit.

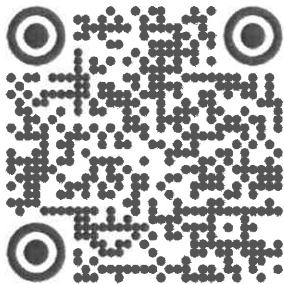
Implications

1. Attending a same-sex wedding is not the same as other _____ forms of interaction.

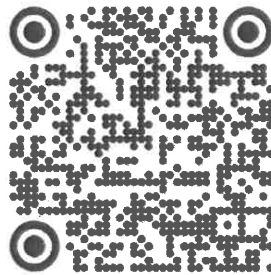
2. _____ with them before and after the wedding.

Discussion Guide

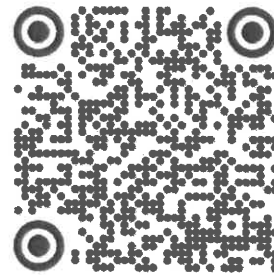
1. After listening to the sermon do you believe Alistair Begg gave good or bad advice, and why?
2. What do we learn from John the Baptist about dealing with unbiblical marriages?
3. Would you be willing to be the black sheep of the family for not attending a same-sex wedding?
4. What did we learn from Peter about our behavior?
5. Why would attending a same-sex marriage be an insincere form of love?



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