

Matthew 19:4

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female'"

People tend to think that we as Christian should be more tolerant and accepting of sin, just like Jesus was, after all, doesn't it say that He hung out with sinners?

† **Matthew 9:11** *And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

Yes, it did, but just because Jesus hung out with sinners, doesn't mean that He was accepting their sins. Jesus loved the sinner, but hates sin, and we should be the same way. But loving the sinner does not mean we are to accept the sin.

Here are a few examples of how Jesus may have answered a few questions that people think are okay today, or that are going on in the world today.

Is it okay to be homosexual and is same sex marriage okay?

† *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. Leviticus 20:13*

Is it okay for a man and woman to live together outside of marriage?

† *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that the fire consumed their young men, And their maidens were not given in marriage. Psalm 78:63*

Is it okay to drink and get drunk?

† *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise. Proverbs 20:1*

Now, don't get me wrong, some people may ask these questions and other ones, because of their lack of knowing of what the bible says. But others will ask it looking for a loophole or a reason to be in, or continue in sin.

I do not read anywhere in the bible where God gives a reason where it's okay to sin. Even when asked about divorce Jesus replied with:

† **Mark 10:5** *And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept."*

Jesus knows that there is sin all around us and He even prayed:

† **John 17:15** *I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.*

But Jesus didn't leave us here to partake of or accept the sins of the world, but rather to be a light to those who are walking in darkness (sin).

† **Matthew 5:14-16** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

But in the church, it's a different story. We cannot tolerate known sin in the church. If people are living together outside of marriage, or have a homosexual lifestyle, or are covetous or steal or are drunks or etc.... it's very clear that we are not to be accepting of this.

† **1 Corinthians 5:9-11** *I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.*

And those who say don't judge me man, the bible says that, are just twisting the word of God to allow themselves to continue in sin.

† **Romans 6:1-2** *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*