

## Resolution on Homosexuality

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Recognizing the pervasive influence that homosexual men and women have on every level of our society, including the Evangelical Church, its colleges and seminaries; and

Recognizing the intrusive presence of the militant gay-lesbian “agenda;” and

Recognizing once the homosexual tendency is acted upon, it is very difficult to reverse...

We affirm our desire to sincerely address homosexuality from a Biblical perspective and to minister to homosexual men and women with the love and purity of Jesus Christ.

We affirm our belief that Scripture clearly views homosexual behavior as sin (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9) and that homosexual behavior contradicts the normal heterosexual relationships God intentionally established at Creation (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:19-25).

Further we affirm the redemptive power of Jesus Christ, who is able and willing to save all who believe in Him. Through surrender to Jesus Christ and the support of His followers, we believe that homosexual men and women can be delivered from the sin of homosexual behavior.

Recognizing that homosexual men and women are people valued and loved by God, it grieves us when we hear of the hate crimes being perpetrated against homosexual persons. It also grieves us and gives us cause for alarm that certain groups are seeking to promote the approval and acceptance of homosexual behavior, both by society at large and within the Christian Church. We cannot ignore the facts that the homosexual agenda is destructive of the family and that the homosexual lifestyle is unhealthy and promotes the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

We believe it is the role of the church to be a redemptive community calling homosexual men and women into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

We oppose homosexual behavior in the same way that we oppose heterosexual immorality.

We commit ourselves to welcome homosexual men and women to our worship services and to welcome redeemed homosexual men and women, who are no longer participating in homosexual activity, into our congregational memberships.