

## **As the culture changes the Church must respond with truth and hope in Christ.**

Bondage often comes in the disguise of freedom. All forms of sin hold people in chains of their own choices. When sin is put into its place by the blood of Christ then a person is forgiven and transformed (Romans 12:1-2) and a real freedom from sin and death in Christ comes.

Civil freedom is not spiritual freedom. Civil freedom is a person's ability to make decisions for themselves. Spiritual Freedom concerns itself with what God did through Christ on the cross for the forgiveness of sin. God says what is good, what is loving and He declares what is wrong. When we come to know the Lord accepting His Word of Command as the truth and His cross-centered forgiveness is believed the chains are broken and real freedom comes and acceptance of the sinner by God.



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**Winning the Lost and Strengthening the Faithful**

## **What To Say to those friends who think they are Homosexual.**



**Teaching a Confessional and  
Biblical Worldview**



## How Should You Respond if You Have Friends Who Think They Are Gay?



The following are tools to help youth in particular and adults in general to share the love of Christ and love for persons who think they are gay.

1. Don't reject them. Those that are "gay"

need to feel included in the company of straights. This is especially true if they are trying to change, because if straight people won't accept them, they will be driven more into the gay community to seek friends.

1. Find out why they think they are "gay". Maybe they don't realize that their homosexual feelings may just be a phase they are likely to out-grow.

1. Remind them that occasional homosexual feelings don't mean that they are gay, even if they have acted on them. If they admit to having had homosexual sex, it is important that you maintain confidentiality. They need to know they have someone they can trust.

4. Reassure young people that by the

time they are 17, chances are they will feel heterosexual, but for some people, it takes even longer than that.

5. Sexually confused teenagers are apt to experiment with gay sex if they are lonely or feeling rejected and an older homosexual person comes along and gives them attention and gifts. Be there for your friends and help them to not feel lonely. Include them in your group whenever possible.

6. Especially for teens, **Do not** experiment sexually with your friend, even if you feel curious. You could end up with regrets.

7. Give them the list of websites about overcoming homosexuality, so they can educate themselves on this issue.

7. If peers think your friends are "gay", they might think you are, too, and call you both names. You may have to stand up for your friends, and this may take courage. Find out who is trustworthy and will stand by all of you.

7. Tell your friends they were not born this way. Change is possible and is easier if they are young and have not acted on it.

7. Your friends may come from a family background where there are a lot of problems. Your friends could benefit greatly from finding an adult heterosexual friend of the same

sex who is trustworthy. Maybe your parents could help by being a father and mother substitute for your friends.

7. Include your friends in any event or group that has a positive focus. Homosexuality involves a lot of negative thinking, and your friends need a chance to develop a more positive outlook.

Give them a myths and facts information to help them.

Christ came to die for all sins including the sin of same sex attraction. Homosexual activity is sinful. The good news is that all sin is forgivable by the blood of the spotless lamb of God.

Offering Hope and Help for Gays and Lesbians

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