



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Pride Month and Current LGBTQ+ Issues

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Endorsement of the LGBTQ+ community has reached an all-time high in the public, economic, and religious life of the United States. On June 10th, 2023, President Joseph Biden welcomed hundreds of people to the South Lawn of the White House in a gesture of solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.<sup>1</sup> First Lady Jill Biden announced that the event was not just a “reception” but an event “celebrating ... America’s LGBTQ families.”<sup>2</sup> In addition, acceptance of gay marriage in the nation at large has increased at an astonishing rate, with some public opinion polls showing that support “has doubled since the late 1990s to more than 70%.”<sup>3</sup>

In spite of recent backlash, corporate America has dramatically increased its support of transgender activism, with “more than 80 companies ... demanding that North Carolina repeal a law that limits bathroom options for transgender people.”<sup>4</sup> Most tragically of all, the appearance of rainbow flags flying above churches or posted on church signs are a vivid reminder of the growing affirmation of the LGBTQ+ agenda among mainline denominations.<sup>5</sup> No sphere of public life has been ignored. Increasingly, our children are being exposed to sexually explicit content and gender ideology in public as well as private life.<sup>6</sup>

Despite the rapid changes in 21st-century American society, God has not changed His mind on this issue. In Genesis 19:24-29, the Lord brought catastrophic judgment upon the people of Sodom and Gomorrah for their homosexual lifestyles. The prophet Ezekiel condemned not only the affluence and apathy of Sodom, but also her “abominations” (Ezekiel 16:47, 49-50; Jude 7). God denounces the sin of homosexuality in the strongest of terms in Leviticus 18:22 (See also Leviticus 20:13), and commands His people to maintain the distinction between male and female in Deuteronomy 22:5.

Our Lord cites the Old Testament regarding marriage, gender, and human sexuality in Matthew 19:4: “He which made them at the beginning made them male and female.” The Apostle Paul declares in Romans 1:26 that God brought judgment upon unbelieving Gentiles by giving them up to “vile affections” (homosexual behavior). Those who unrepentantly practice such behavior, according to 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, will not inherit the kingdom of God. In 1 Timothy 1:9, Paul includes among the “lawless and disobedient” those “that defile themselves with mankind” (a term referring to homosexual behavior). The remedy for those who commit such sins is the same as it is for all of us who were lost in sin before conversion: “repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21; see 1 Corinthians 6:11).

***THEREFORE***, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, on August 2, 2023, resolves to proclaim biblical truth courageously regarding issues of gender and human sexuality, especially in the face of increasing societal pressure to give affirmation to sinful behavior which God clearly condemns. We also resolve to be compassionate in reaching out to those in bondage to such sins, trusting in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the hearts of sinful men.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/biden-white-house-pride-month-celebration-108f336660b46cb807dc8d1eea8ac2dc>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/06/10/remarks-by-president-biden-and-first-lady-jill-biden-at-pride-celebration/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/bidens-offer-joy-white-house-pride-event-lgbtq-attacks-mount>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/on-leadership/wp/2016/04/05/corporate-americas-embrace-of-gay-right-s-has-reached-a-stunning-tipping-point/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.conchovalleyhomepage.com/news/national-news/ap-one-in-five-united-methodist-congregations-in-the-us-have-left-the-denomination-over-lgbtq-conflicts/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/drag-queen-story-time-comes-to-philadelphia-libraries/>