

## Clarity and compassion in the homosexuality debate – Dominic Steele

### 1 Lack of compassion and clarity in the wider homosexuality debate

I Timothy 1:8-11

### 2 Lack of compassion and clarity in the debate in the church

### 3 Clarity in the homosexuality debate

### c Challenges to what the Bible says

#### I Bible

##### i Revise the sense of the texts

Genesis 19, Judges 19 (cf Ezekiel 16:14; Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 10:14-15; Luke 10:10-12) but Genesis 19:8, Jude 7

Romans 1:26-27

I Corinthians 6:9-10, I Timothy 1:10

##### ii The standing of the Old Testament

Leviticus 18:22, 20:13

cf Acts 10:28

But Matthew 5:17-19, Mark 7:19, Romans 1, I Corinthians 6

##### iii Extrapolating from the ambiguous while ignoring the clear

##### iv Claim the texts aren't clear

#### II Reason

John 8:34; Romans 7:7-26

#### III Experience

### a What does the Bible say about the place of relationships and sex?

Mark 10:1-12

Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18, 2:24

Matthew 19:6, Mark 10

Ephesians 5:21-32

I Corinthians 11:3

### b What does the Bible say specifically about homosexuality

Genesis 19:1-13

Judges 19;

Leviticus 18:22, 20:13;

Romans 1:18-32;

I Corinthians 6:9-10;

## 4 Clarity & Compassion

normal	<b>biological</b>	genetic or hormonal difference					
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	clear gender roles	<b>cultural</b>	societal or individual confusion				
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		functional family	<b>environmental</b>	family dysfunction			
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			responsible	<b>moral</b>	permissive or repressive		
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				negative experience	<b>behavioral</b>	positive experience	
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					refusal	<b>volitional</b>	consent