

## Biblical Texts on the Way to a Reconciling Ministry

1. Some biblical texts (see attachment)
2. Interpretation” “You can prove anything in the Bible”

Vested Interest

Fear

Hurt

3. Context: Old world ending/new world emerging (See Isaiah 43:18-19)
4. Trajectory in Interpretation:

Paul

Augustine/Pelagius

Calvin/Arminius

**Wesley**

World Council of Churches

5. The crisis of “the other”
6. The Gospel and the Bible. Luther: “The Bible is the cradle into which the Christ was born”

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Texts on “Reconciling Ministry”

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination (Leviticus 18:22).

If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death (Leviticus 20:13).

No one whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off shall be admitted to the assembly of the Lord... Those born of an illicit union shall not be admitted to the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of their descendants shall be admitted to the assembly of the Lord (Deuteronomy 23:10-12).

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say,

“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”;

And do not let the eunuch say,

“I am just a dry tree.”

For thus says the Lord:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,

who choose the things that please me,

and hold fast my covenant,

I will give in my house and within my walls

a monument and a name better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off...

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56:3-5, 7).

They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error. (Romans 1:23-27).

Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

What God has made clean, you must not call profane... What God has made clean, you must not call profane... The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us (Acts 10:15, 11:9, 12).

There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).