

I am writing as regard to Canon XXI on marriage in the church.
I believe we should obey God's laws and not society's laws or popular opinion.

It is clear in the Bible that homosexuality is forbidden and is against God's laws of conduct. Some men are a bit effeminate, and some women are a bit masculine. That is how they are; but to engage in sexual practices with someone of the same sex is wrong and lustful. Such urges, if they exist, must be resisted.

I will quote some Scriptures taken from Today's new International Version of the Bible.

Romans 1:24-27

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served created things, rather than the Creator who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women

exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

1 Corinthians 6: 9 + 10

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral or idolaters, nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor practising homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Leviticus 18: 22

Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.

1 Timothy 1: 10

For the sexually immoral, for those practising homosexuality, for slave traders, liars and perjurers, and it is for whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine.

Matthew 19:4+5

"Haven't you read?" he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh!"

Leviticus 20:13

If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable: They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

So, looking at these Scriptures, I believe the church should take a stand and refuse to perform same-sex marriages or even blessings. In God's church, how can you bless what God does not bless?

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