**Is The Bible Out Of Date?**

Many today claim to believe in the Bible, but they say much of it is out of date. For example, I’ve heard some say that we ought to switch the elements of the Lord’s Supper to fried chicken and coke, even though Matt 26:26-29 clearly shows bread and fruit of the vine ought to be used. But they say fried chicken and coke would fit more in with our times.

However the Bible represents its instruction as being permanent. Psalms 33:11 says “The [counsel](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=06098) of the [Lord](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=03068) [**standeth**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05975) **for** [**ever**,](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05769) the [thoughts](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=04284) of his [heart](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=03820) to [**all**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=01755)[**generations**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=01755).” So God's counsel is not just cultural in duration.

This same “Bible Is Out Of Date” reasoning is what the gay church uses to justify gay marriage. Notice one of their quotes – “These are just a few of the **biblical views that are totally different from the way we see things today**. Become familiar with the cultural setting of the Bible.”

However the Bible teaches that not only is homosexuality a sin; it is unnatural. Rom 1:26-27 says “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the **natural** use into that which is **against nature**: And likewise also the men, leaving the **natural** use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.” Whether something is natural or not doesn’t change.

Isn’t the justification for women preachers done the same way? The rationalization goes something like this – “Yes, we know women preachers were condemned in the New Testament, but the culture was different back then; times have changed; it is okay to have women preachers today to be in accord with the norms of our society.” I Tim 2:11-12 is one of the passages that condemn women preachers. It reads “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.” Notice the next verse gives the reason for the instruction as “For Adam was first formed, then Eve.” Since the prohibition against women preachers is based upon creation, and the facts of creation don’t change, then neither does God’s instruction against women preachers.

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On a related topic, hasn’t the Bible’s instruction about wives being in subjection to their husbands come under fire lately because of the women’s liberation movement? Texts like Eph 5:22 tell us God’s requirement on this – “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.” If we don’t have the right to change the Lord’s Supper to fried chicken and coke, why would we have the right to change the teaching of Eph 5:22?

Perhaps the most egregious illustration of believers thinking the Bible is not relevant to today’s society is the subject of modest dress. I Tim 2:9 reads “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety …” Knowing what the Bible says about modest dress, and about lusting after the opposite sex in Matt 5:28, why would any Christian young lady want to go to the beach in a bikini? But many of them do. Evidently they think what the Bible teaches on this matter is out of date.

Jeremiah 6:16 says “ … [Stand](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05975) ye in the [ways,](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=01870) and [see](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=07200), and [**ask**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=07592) **for the** [**old**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05769)[**paths**,](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05410) where is the [good](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=02896) [way,](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=01870) and [walk](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=03212) therein, and ye shall [find](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=04672) [rest](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=04771) for your [souls ...](http://www.biblestudytools.com/interlinear-bible/strongs.ashx?ll=h&t=kjv&sn=05315)” That verse makes no sense if God's way continually changes with custom. The real question is - do we really love God enough to obey his commandments (John 14:15) even when it makes us different than those around us?