## Methodist Church Votes To Split On Gay Marriage

## My daughter recently saw an article on the internet explaining how the United Methodist Church has proposed to split in two, with the new “traditionalist Methodist” denomination remaining opposed to gay marriage, and the “remainder of the denomination to permit same-sex marriage and LGBT clergy for the first time in its history.” - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2020/01/03/united-methodist-church-is-expected-split-over-gay-marriage-disagreement-fracturing-nations-third-largest-denomination/?fbclid=IwAR3kj-AaxWcjIbTAB4NHI_cionbkzUqzIKQrZTJuXQufIJOnyPHPE1UMGSY>

## The article goes on to say that “Many mainline denominations, including the Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, United Church of Christ and others, already perform same-sex marriages and appoint gay clergy.”

What does the Bible teach regarding homosexuality?

Romans 1:24,26-27 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves ... 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 recompense of their error which was meet.

I Corinthians 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers. Neither homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Did the church have the right to vote to allow gay marriage and gay preachers?

II John 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and **abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God**. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Are the people who stand with the gays going to be saved?

II John 10-11 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For **he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds**.

Ask yourself this question: Does a church that votes to allow gay marriage even have a right to exist in the first place?

I Pet 5:2 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is **among you**, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Let’s go back to part of the quote – the “remainder of the denomination to permit same-sex marriage and LGBT clergy for the first time in its history.” …

* Does it sound like the United Methodist Church is still using the Bible as their guidebook in religion?
* What does the following passage say about churches and individuals who are not using the Bible as their guidebook – John 8:31-32 – “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”