

Dear Tina,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked why some churches find gay marriages acceptable and wanted to know if there was a loophole in the scriptures that could be used in support of such unions.

Although the Bible does not discuss homosexuality per se, it does discuss sexual acts. Leviticus 18 tells us with whom it is not appropriate to engage in sexual activity. Leviticus 18: 22 says, “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.” In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul is very specific when he says, “Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

Marriage, in the eyes of God, is a sacred institution where sexual relations are allowed to take place only between a man and a woman. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24) It is clear from this scripture and those above that homosexuality is definitely a sin. Unfortunately, today’s standards of morality in the world and, in some churches as well, have declined so that homosexual marriages are no longer thought of as sinful, but merely as an alternate lifestyle. But accepted behavior by the world is not necessarily the right behavior according to God. Our personal feelings, desires, or orientations should not be the dictators of our actions. We are born in sin and inherit all kinds of dispositions in which we fall far short of the way God originally intended His creation to be. Therefore, having a predisposition toward homosexuality is not the real issue for the Christian. It is just another weakness that needs to be altered in order to conform to the will of God. If we call ourselves Christians, we must abide by the rules of Christianity and sacrificing one’s will is part of that discipline.

In answer to your question, there is no scriptural loophole in either the Old or New Testaments to support homosexual marriages. We are saddened that some churches have chosen to follow worldly standards and not the high standard that God has set for humankind.

We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
Christian Questions Radio