

LESSON CHRISTIAN VIEW OF GAYS, CHARLIE KIRK CRITIQUED BY LINDA LEE HANDY

1. AFTER HIS DEATH, CHARLIE KIRK WAS HONORED FOR HIS POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN DEFENSE OF GFAC BY WORLD AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS, LIKE POPE LEO XIV. OTHERS WERE CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY ON HIS VIEW OF GAYS.

2. STUDY THE ARTICLE IN FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (PUBLICATION'S MISSION IS "HELPING FAMILIES THRIVE IN CHRIST") ON "TEN THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HOMOSEXUALITY." This captures what Charlie Kirk encouraged others to defend. It states, *"All people, regardless of their story, are deeply and unconditionally loved by God, each created with profound dignity and worth... it's truth whether one is gay, straight, or otherwise. But, all people are also stricken with a terminal illness: sin... Our sin demands our repentance and needs forgiveness, and God's love and grace are where we find both... Jesus was unequivocal in saying that to understand marriage and the sexual union, we must go back to the beginning and see how God created humanity and to what end. (See Matthew 19 and Mark 10.) Jesus holds up the creation story in Genesis not as a quaint Sunday school lesson, but as authoritative — reminding us that God created each of us male and female, each for the other. And the sexual union that God created and ordains is for husband and wife to come together in physical union, one flesh. (Gen 1:27)... — reminding us that God created each of us male and female, each for the other. And the sexual union that God created and ordains is for husband and wife to come together in physical union, one flesh... Both Jesus and all of scripture approve of no other sexual union than that between a husband and wife. This is the uncontested historical teaching of Judaism and Christianity ... Heterosexual union reaches into and creates the next generation. **To establish a sexual relationship without any interest in or openness to babies is contrary to God's intention for such relationships... The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes a mother and father as a basic right of every child... Many are indeed same-sex attracted, but live obediently within a Christian sexual ethic.** Every Christian has limitations placed on his sexuality. For married Christians, it is exclusive to one's spouse. For single, engaged, and divorced Christians, it is abstinence, no exceptions. **Sex is not a right, but a gift — and the giver knows what is best for us.**"*

2. ALL FOREMOST, POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ARE CRITIQUED, ESPECIALLY CHARLIE KIRK. BBC article stated, *"Kirk spoke of his family - a wife and two children - and was an unapologetic defender of his evangelical Christianity... **Kirk's stance on gay and transgender rights was particularly polarizing.** He opposed same-sex marriage and argued against gender care for transgender people, often citing his Christian faith on these issues. 'I believe marriage is one man one woman,' he wrote in 2019. 'Also gay people should be welcome in the conservative movement. As Christians we are called to love everyone,' he said. Referring to one of Kirk's podcast episodes where he called for a ban on gender care (federally funded by taxpayers), Helfgott said: 'This was more than political theatre. It was a dangerous, real-world assault on LGBTQ+ safety and dignity.'"*

3. **FAMILY DISCUSSION:** How can you and your family promote the protection of the family unit?

4. **RESOURCES:** <https://www.focusonthefamily.com> › Faith;
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-09/pope-leo-xiv-prayers-usa-charlie-kirk-family>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c62n6ql215ro> (on Charlie Kirk)