

## Introduction:

One day it struck me the number of commercials on the radio talking about “Pride Month.” I notice “Bounty” the quicker picker upper was supporting the cause. [Adidas](#) is a major contributor to The Trevor Project, the world’s largest LGBTQ suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for at-risk youth. With this year’s Pride collection, you can grab everything from shoes to fanny packs. While individual purchases don’t directly convert to donations, the brand’s history of dedicated advocacy makes it a great one to support right now. **Apple’s** commitment to the LGBTQ community extends far beyond Pride Month. With [openly gay CEO Tim Cook](#) at the helm, the brand has made it a mission to embrace diversity and inclusivity all year round. However, Apple always gives us something extra-special to look forward to every June with its [Pride Band collection](#). The company also donates to a number of relevant organizations, including The Trevor Project, [Encircle](#), [The National Center for Transgender Equality](#) and others. We want to look at the history of “Pride Month”, The Rainbow and what it represents to the homosexual movement, the Supreme Court’s impact with its 2015 ruling, and what the Bible says about all of this.

### I) **Pride Month and the Rainbow**

#### A) **Pride Month**

1. **LGBT Pride Month** occurs in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. As a result, many **pride** events are held during this **month** to recognize the impact LGBT people have had in the world. Three presidents of the United States have officially declared a **pride month**. Wikipedia
2. Pride parades in many major cities - Columbus Pride, DC Pride, SF Pride, New York, Seattle, Denver, etc.

#### B) **The Rainbow and homosexuality**

1. The **rainbow** flag was popularized as a symbol of the gay community by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. The different colors are often associated with "diversity" in the gay community (but actually

have literal meanings).

2. In the original eight-**color** version, pink stood for sexuality, red for life, orange for healing, **yellow** for the sun, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony and violet for the soul.
3. Pride flag is based on the rainbow colors.

## II) **Supreme Court Ruling on Homosexual Marriages.**

**A) Jun 26, 2015 — In a long-sought victory for the gay rights movement, the court ruled, 5-4, that the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage.**

1. “No longer may this liberty be denied,” Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority in the historic decision.
2. “If you are among the many Americans — of whatever sexual orientation — who favor expanding same-sex marriage, by all means celebrate today’s decision,” Chief Justice Roberts wrote. “Celebrate the achievement of a desired goal. Celebrate the opportunity for a new expression of commitment to a partner. Celebrate the availability of new benefits. But do not celebrate the Constitution. It had nothing to do with it.”

## **B) After math**

1. This was supposed to be the final solution.
2. One in 10 marriages in U.S. are homosexual. The majority of homosexual couples do not get “married.”
3. Many of those who lobbied for homosexual marriages and earlier downplayed the importance of marriage.
4. Open a can of worms.
  - a. Public bathrooms
  - b. Dorms must allow males who identify as female to live in

female dorms.

c. Male athletes competing as females.

- i. Martina Navratilova on trans athletes: 'Letting men compete as women is unfair'

The tennis legend says transgender inclusion in sports is "insane and it's cheating."

- ii. Exclusive: Hubbard set to become first transgender athlete to compete at Olympics after IOC accepts rule change.

Laurel Hubbard, the transgender weightlifter from New Zealand, has been effectively guaranteed a place at the delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games after the approval of an amended qualifying system by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

- iii. Trans Athletes Are Posting Victories and Shaking Up Sports

Transgender athletes at all levels of sport are winning medals, spurring a contentious debate over the future of gendered competition.

d. Transgender in schools

Loudoun County School Board chair accuses parents of 'dog-whistle politics' June 23.2021

Loudoun County Public Schools is currently pursuing an appeal against teacher Tanner Cross, who refused to "affirm that a biological boy can be a girl and vice versa because it's against my religion."

e. The acronym keeps on getting longer.

- i. LGBT- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender

- ii. LGBTQ- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
- iii. LGBTQIA at Tech to stand for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, (questioning), intersex, asexual, and (agender).
- iv. **LGBTQQIAAP stands for** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Allies and Pansexual.

### III) The Bible

#### A) The rainbow.

**Genesis 9:13** *"I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 "and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."*

1. Not to show inclusiveness.
2. God's promise to never again destroy the world by flood.
3. Not a symbol of God's acceptance of sin, or God being remorseful for the flood.
4. Let us not forget the flood was due to man's greatness in sin.

**Genesis 6:5** *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

#### B) Bible on marriage

1. From the beginning marriage was designed and defined by God.

**Genesis 2:24** *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

2. Man has often perverted the marriage relationship by having multiple wives but that never changed God's definition of marriage.

**Matthew 19:4** *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

3. Two men or women living together is sin.

**Romans 1:21** *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;*

**A) Their way of thinking.**

1. They suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **1.18**

2. Exchange the truth for a lie, **1.25**.
3. not like to retain God in their knowledge, **1.28**
4. Became futile in their thoughts, **1.21**

**B) Their actions**

1. Foolish, **1.21**
2. Shameful, **1.27**
3. Not fitting, **1.28**

**C) God gave them over**

1. Uncleaness, **1.24**
2. Vile passion, **1.26**
3. Debase mind, **1.28**

**Conclusion:**

Those who are prideful in sin are arrogant, haughty, and determined to remain in sin. We need to love their soul but not accept their sin. ***The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.*** Isaiah 2:11