

Calling Evil Good

- Is. 5:20
- Confirmation hearing of Amy Coney Barrett – “sexual preference is an offensive and outdated term” because it implies that one’s orientation is a choice. The same people who argue that sexual orientation cannot be changed, however, also claim that gender is a choice...
- Whatever happened to old fashioned “sin”? Society now renames and reclassifies all sorts of things to make them more acceptable...
 - “Living in sin” used to be adultery – Jn. 8:3-11 (Jesus calls it sin)
 - Now it’s a “committed relationship” and normal stage either before marriage or replacing it – Is. 5:18-24
- Many evil things now called “good”, even by some in the church
- “Good works” in the church
 - Many efforts done in the name of Jesus diluting mission of gospel and/or done without authority – Mt. 7:21-23; Col. 3:17
- Sin of Indifference – “Don’t bother me—I’m comfortable just the way I am!”
 - Church at Laodicea condemned because of indifference – Rev. 3:15-17
- Worldliness – desire to be like everyone else
 - Divorce – Major problem in many churches; arguing details, hypotheticals, etc.
 - Mt. 19:3-9 – simple rules for divorce
 - Homosexuality – Split the presbyterian church a couple years ago
 - 1 Cor. 6:9-11 – regardless of whether one is “born that way or not”, God expects people not to conduct themselves in that way, but be washed/changed
 - Love the world or things of the world
 - 1 Jn. 2:15-17 – Worldliness must be opposed, pointed out, and taught against by God’s people.
- Selfishness/Justifying ourselves – Prov. 21:2
 - Can’t make excuses and be hypocritical
 - Living as Christian isn’t always easy – Lk. 9:23; Rom 12:1-2
 - Often it is difficult for us “not to think of himself more highly than he ought”
 - We think our way is best – Prov. 12:15
 - Admitting we were wrong and repenting is impossible for some – Prov. 16:18
- The Bible is right. God sets the standards and defines right/wrong. That is what we will be judge by, and redefining evil as good is fooling ourselves.