

What does the BIBLE say
about same sex relationships?



9 Bible passages that teach about same-sex relationships

Genesis 19:1-9

Leviticus 18:22

Leviticus 20:13

Deuteronomy 23:17-18

Deuteronomy 22:5

Romans 1:26-27

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Timothy 1:8-10

Jude v.6-7



What does the BIBLE say
about sex and marriage?



“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Matthew 19:4-6



Then God said, “**Let us** make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that **they** may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-27



So God created mankind in **his own image**,
in the image of God he created **him**;
male and female he created **them**.

Genesis 1:26-27



The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18



The man said,
“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

Genesis 2:23



That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame

Genesis 2:24-25



But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’”

Romans 9:20



God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:28



Did [God] not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

Malachi 2:15



Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-2



To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 7:8



REVIEW

1. Jesus affirmed that the pattern for marriage and sexuality was established at creation.
2. Gender difference (and assignment) is an act of God that displays His image in humanity.



REVIEW

3. Procreation is an essential part of God's design.
4. The basic expression of human relationships – including authentic sexuality – is loving submission to one another.



And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...,
giving thanks always and for everything to
God the Father in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, **submitting to one another out
of reverence for Christ.**

Ephesians 5:21



Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to
the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved
the church and gave himself up for her,

Ephesians 5:22 & 25



The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4



Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:5



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about same-sex relationships?



Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane,

1 Timothy 1:8-10



for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, **men who practice homosexuality**, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine.

1 Timothy 1:8-10



Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor men who practice homosexuality,**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11



nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards,
nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the
kingdom of God.

And such were some of you.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11



For the wrath of God is revealed from
heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who by their
unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Romans 1:18



For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

Romans 1:26



and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Romans 1:27



What do same-sex teachers say about
these Bible passages?



About Genesis 19 (Sodom)

“Whatever is happening here it is a form of rape. The crowd of men wished to sexually assault or ‘gangbang’ the angels.”

“To use this story to condemn all homosexual behavior is unfounded and truly stretching this story outside of its historical framework.”

-Rev. Justin Cannon
The Bible, Christianity and Homosexuality
gaychurch.org

About Leviticus and Deuteronomy

“This seems to point to the idea that this specific law has more to do with a matter of ritual purity and with the Hebrews not being like the idolatrous Babylonians or Canaanites. ...as revealed through Christ, the fulfillment of the law is truly love..”

NOTE: After citing Galatians on a Christians freedom from the law Rev. Cannon continues...

About Leviticus and Deuteronomy

“If love is the true fulfillment of the law, then for Christians should not love be the measuring stick for determining by which laws we are to abide.”

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About 1 Tim. 1:10 and 1 Cor. 6:9

“This contextual dynamic leads one to understand *arsenokoitai* as being the one who sleeps with the prostitute, the man who literally lies on the bed with him. It is as if Paul were saying, “male prostitutes, men who sleep with them, and slave dealers who procure them...”

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How should traditional Bible interpreters respond to same-sex advocates?



The Truth of Scripture

The Power of God

The Humility of a Sinner Saved by Grace



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17



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heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who by their
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Romans 1:18



For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20



For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened

Romans 1:21-23



Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:21-23



Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen

Romans 1:24-25



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Romans 1:27



Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

1 Corinthians 6:15



Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

1 Corinthians 6:16-17



Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin
a person commits is outside the body,
but the sexually immoral person
sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:18



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



And since they did not see fit to acknowledge
God, God gave them up to a debased mind
to do what ought not to be done.

Romans 1:28



They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:29-30



foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, **they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.**

Romans 1:31



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1 Corinthians 6:9-11



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And such were some of you.

But you were washed, you were sanctified,
you were justified in the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11



For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

1 Corinthians 5:14-15



From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh... **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.**

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

1 Corinthians 5:16-18



Delight yourself in the Lord,
and He will give you the desires of your
heart

Psalm 37:4



The Church and Homosexuality: 10 Commandments

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We will encourage our leaders to preach
through the Bible verse by verse and chapter
by chapter that they might teach the whole
counsel of God

(even the unpopular parts)

And avoid riding hobby horses

(even the popular ones).

1



We will tell the truth about all sins, including homosexuality, but especially the sins most prevalent in our communities

2



We will guard the truth of God's Word,
protect God's people from error, and
confront the world when it tries to press
us into its mold

3



We will call all people to faith in Christ as the only way to the Father and the only way to have eternal life.

4



We will speak to all people about the good news that Jesus died in our place and rose again so that we might be set free from the curse of the law, saved from the wrath of God, and welcomed into the holy city at the restoration of all things.

5



We will treat all Christians as new creations in Christ, reminding each other that our true identity is not based on sexuality or self-expression but on our union with Christ.

6



We will extend forgiveness to all those who
come in brokenhearted repentance,
everyone from homosexual sinners to
heterosexual sinners, from the proud
to the greedy, from the people pleaser
to the self-righteous

7



We will ask for forgiveness when we are
rude or thoughtless or joke about those who
experience same-sex attraction

8



We will strive to be a community that welcomes all those who hate their sin and struggle against it, even when that struggle involves failures and setbacks.

9



We will seek to love all in our midst,
regardless of their particular vices or virtues,
by preaching the Bible, recognizing
evidences of God's grace, pointing out
behaviors that dishonor the Lord, taking
church membership seriously, exercising
church discipline, announcing the free offer
of the gospel

10



striving for holiness together, practicing the
“one another’s” of Christian discipleship,
and exulting in Christ above all things.

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