

Disaffiliation Discernment Meetings Scriptures Calling Homosexuality Sinful

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Those who are disaffiliating believe the straight-forward and clear truth of the Bible is that homosexual sex is sin. When it comes to sexual immorality, Christians are commanded by God to love sinners, offer forgiveness to the person who falls into sexual immorality, and resist the temptations of sexual immorality in its many forms.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)

⁹Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. ¹¹Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 1:24-27 (NLT)

²⁴So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. ²⁵They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. ²⁶That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT)

⁴"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" ⁵And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' ⁶Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

Matthew 15:19-20 (NLT)

[Jesus said] ¹⁹For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. ²⁰These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you.

Many other scriptures in the Bible address God's plan for human sexuality. Homosexual sex is mentioned in several other places in the Bible and is always referred to negatively. There are no positive depictions of homosexual sex in the Bible. It is always a sin.

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Scriptural Arguments for Affirming Homosexuality

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Those who affirm and accept homosexuals within the church say that interpreting the Bible is complicated. The Bible is not addressing homosexuality that is mutually consensual and loving. The scriptures on the other side of this sheet address homosexual relationships that are oppressive, polygamous, and neither mutually beneficial nor mutually loving. Therefore loving monogamous homosexual relationships are not sinful.

1 John 4:8 (NLT)

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:39 (NLT)

[Jesus said] A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female [**heterosexual and homosexual**]. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 18:6 (NLT)

⁶ But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Acts 15 (NLT)

¹⁰ So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? ¹¹ We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.

In Acts 15, the question is asked, “Should Gentiles believers follow Jewish customs like circumcision?” God proved the answer to be “No,” by pouring the Holy Spirit into uncircumcised Gentiles. The New Testament makes it clear Christians did not follow Jewish rules about circumcision, food, Sabbath and holy days, worship, etc. These things were an unnecessary burden for salvation because grace, not works, save us. In Acts 15, Gentile believers were told not to eat meat with blood in it and resist sexual immorality. Over the last 2,000 years, Christians have come to drop Jewish rules like meat with blood or women clergy, and our definition of sexual immorality needs to change, too.