

Homosexuality
Mark 8:31-38

1. Introduction

2. How do we know what's right and true on any issue?

B ible	R eason
I nstitution	E xperience

All Scripture is breathed out by God...

2 Timothy 3:16

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:19-21

3. **The big story of the Bible for gay people is 'THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD' not 'THE RULES ABOUT SEX'**

Mark 1:1
Mark 2:17
Mark 7:20-23
Mark 8:31, 9:31,
Mark 8:34-38
Mark 10:29-31

4. **The Bible has clear things to say about homosexual sex**

Romans 1:26-31 (
1 Timothy 1:8-11
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

...and what it's *not* saying.

For Jesus on sex and marriage see
Mark 7:21-23, Mark 10:6-9, Matthew 19:1-12

5. **Some applications from 1 Corinthians 6**

- i) Don't be deceived
- ii) Don't be shocked about who is in church
- iii) All sin is forgivable, including all sexual sin
- iv) If you're a Christian, your identity is who you are in Christ
- v) Flee sexual immorality
- vi) Glorify God with your body

What did you need to hear?
What question would you like to ask?

Attempts to read these texts as anything other than prohibitions of homosexual behaviour do not ultimately work. The plain reading of each passage is the right one. It is homosexual practice in general, rather than only certain expressions of it, which are forbidden in Scripture. To attempt to demonstrate otherwise is to violate the passages themselves.

Sam Allberry

I had people who loved me enough to tell me the truth. They loved me enough to make sure that the Bible in its entirety had full reign in our conversations and our relationship. They showed by example what a life looked like that allowed the Bible and its teachings to interrogate it. They showed me by example what godly sacrifice looks like. They did not sugar-coat God's call on our lives, His claim on our identity (and sexuality), and the many treasures He gives us here on earth as well as in the life after this one. They made me know that there is no isolation in the Christian life. I was welcome, with all of my struggles, to join them. They did not act as if I was polluting them with my struggles or my questions. also helped me to see that our job in this life is to listen to God, not listen to ourself.

Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Jesus Christ's ways are not cruel – that I am absolutely convinced about. God wants us to flourish, and if he says no to something it's not because he wants us to live a miserable life. There really can be a thrilling, fulfilling life without fulfilling a particular sexual desire.

Vaughan Roberts

Neither Jesus nor Paul as single men was devoid of relationships. On the contrary their relationships flourished in both number and depth by the freedom and flexibility their singleness afforded them. As a single man I might not enjoy sexual intimacy with anyone but I suspect that I often enjoy greater appropriate intimacy with more people than most of my married friends.

Ed Shaw

As the gay movement has enjoyed remarkable success, a new kind of coming out is occurring, in which gay or same-sex attracted Christians openly discuss both our sexual orientation and our desire to live according to the historic teaching of the Christian church, which bars sexual activity outside marriage of one man and one woman. As gay Christians—an unavoidably reductive term—come out, our presence is changing the culture of our churches.

Eve Tushnet

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