



What About Homosexuality?

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Can I be a Christian if I think I'm homosexual? What if I think I'm Bi?

Well, then, you are in good company... because we all are sinners... and that includes the prophets, and Kings, and Godly people of the Old and New Testaments. Sinners need a specific relationship, one with Jesus, so that we can be one with the Father who designed us to be one with Him. Being one with Him does mean being obedient to His way.

But, some say that we are just born this way?

That is true... we are all born sinners, except for Jesus, who was born sin-free in order to make a way for us to get to the Father. But there is more to that story you've heard.

Our DNA gives us our details... hair texture, eye color, even a desire for sexual contact with one gender or the other, or maybe even both. And many people, in not only our nation, but all over the world, are using this as an excuse for their behavior. And that is the point: our behavior is what puts us on God's chosen paths or sets us to wandering far away from Him. It is a popular, but unexceptable, excuse.

My ancestors on one side have a genetic pre-disposition (a genetic make-up that increases the likely-hood) toward alcoholism. It is sad, but true, that many of my native-American ancestors died early because of alcoholic problems... diseases, and just plain drinking themselves to death. Some say that they had no choice. I say that I choose to stay away from alcohol because I know that my DNA makes me more likely to become an alcoholic and encounter the social and physical problems that come from drinking. Because of the history of my family I, myself, do not drink, nor do I even want to try to find out if I might be able to handle it.

Does believing that you are an alcoholic (or believing that you have the ability to be an alcoholic) mean that you are sinning?

No, it isn't the believing that you are one that makes you a sinner. Again, it is the action, the active participation in the alcoholic behavior that makes you succumb to sin. If you know that you are an alcoholic, the best thing to do is stay away from situations that draw you toward the sinful behavior, the act of drinking.

The same is true for all sin. If you believe that you are homosexual or that you have a sexual desire for things that are not Godly, then you need to ask God for His help (trusting that He will help you) and then work to keep yourself away from dangerous situations, and immersed in helpful situations. ("Helpful situations" includes Bible studies, counselling by Bible-believing, qualified thearapists, and building healthy, positive relationships with your family and friends... not "dating-to-fix-yourself".)

Abstain from all sin... whether it is easy to recognize as "sinful" like gluttony, or not-so-easy to recognize as sinful like "little white lies". If you **ask God to help you abstain from a particular behavior He will encourage you and send help in several ways.**

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.





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“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

From the Apostle Paul to the church at Colosse, 3:5-17

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Read these passages from Scripture concerning our sexual actions, our history, and God's ideas about how/when to address our sin... remembering that **we now live in the Age of Grace** since Jesus' sacrifice.

Ephesians 5:1-20
Matthew 15:16-20
Mark 7:20-23
Acts 15:19-20
*Romans 1:18-27
Genesis 19:1-11
Exodus 19:14-16
Romans 13:11-14

1st Corinthians 5:1-12
*1st Corinthians 6:9-20
1st Corinthians 10:6-13
2nd Corinthians 12:19-13:10
1st Thessalonians 4:3-8
Galatians 5:16-6:5
Hebrews 12:14-17
Hebrews 13:4-9

Some historical pieces
Genesis 19:1-11
Deuteronomy 27:21-23
Judges 19:20-23
Exodus 22:19
*Leviticus 18:6-30
*Leviticus 20:7-24
Numbers 25:5:1-3

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