

# What does the Bible say about Homosexuality?

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2. What does the Bible say about it?
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Homosexuality comes from the words *homo* (same) and *sexuality*.

Homosexuality is the sexual relationship between people of the *same* sex, whether it be women with women or men with men.

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**This is one of the most important issues facing the church and the nation today.**

**Any deviation from God's expressed plan for marriage and family will undermine a society's well-being.**

**Consider three reasons why homosexuality is a violation of God's will:**

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1. Homosexuality violates God's design and purpose for marriage and family.

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (Gen. 2:24).*

*"... let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:2).*

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**2. Homosexuality violates God's assigned roles & complementary nature of marriage where the Lord assigned the woman to be a "suitable helper."**

*The LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a suitable helper." Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man (Gen. 2:18, 22).*

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**3. Homosexuality violates the designed plan of procreation – to “be fruitful and multiply.”**

*So God created man in His own image . . . male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:27-28).*

Source: *God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas Kostenberger<sup>7</sup>

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Homosexuality was condemned and judged in Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:17-19:29). The sexual sin of homosexuality was the reason for God's judgment, not a lack of hospitality, as clarified in the Book of Jude:

*Sodom and Gomorrah . . . having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (Jude 1:7).*

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**“The one who took drastic action against Sodom and Gomorrah was in fact ‘the (Moral) Judge of all the earth,’ who has also set an absolute standard against homosexuality.”**

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*So what does the Bible say specifically about Homosexuality in the Old and New Testament?*

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*You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination (Lev. 18:22).*

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*If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death (Lev. 20:13).*

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In the New Testament, the Book of Romans:

*God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.*

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*Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them (Rom. 1:26-28, 32).*

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Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

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The law is . . . for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

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## Biblical conclusions:

- It's a perversion of God's plan
- God condemns it
- God will judge it
- You can be forgiven for it
- You can be delivered from it
- There is good news and hope!

# The Bible and Homosexuality?

**1. How do we determine what is right?**

**The authority of God's Word**

**2. What does the Bible say about it?**

**It condemns homosexuality and calls it sin, yet forgiveness and freedom are available.**

**3. How should we approach the culture?**

**In love, grace, humility—express the truth of God's Word that has also set you free.**

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**We have a message of truth,  
forgiveness, freedom, and  
hope for all sinners!**

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