

Six Christian Viewpoints in the LGBT Conversation

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Condemnation / Abomination	Promise of Healing / Restoration	Call to Costly Discipleship / Celibacy	Pastoral Accommodation	Affirmation	Liberation
Scripture makes no distinction between same-sex acts and same-sex orientation; both are condemned.	Through inner healing, those who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer, can move into a heterosexual orientation, though a struggle with same-sex attraction may continue.	Complete healing may not be possible for all who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer, but faithful Christians who continue with a same-sex orientation will commit to lifelong celibacy.	Committed, lifelong monogamous same-sex partnerships can be tolerated (not commended, celebrated or idealized) as better than other sinful, sexual-behavior choices.	Gay and lesbian relationships can be affirmed as a positive good, and can achieve a self-transcending exchange of love and unity.	Homophobia is the main evil and must be spoken against. Justice insists that the sexual majority in the church advocate for full equality for those who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer.