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# Homosexuality

Romans 1

**Scriptures referenced:** Genesis 1-2, Genesis 19, Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, 1 Timothy 1:10, 1 Corinthians 6:9, and Romans 1:18-28

What is Homosexuality	according to	God's	Word?
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Two Arguments against Romans 1

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### What do we do if we struggle with same-sex attraction?

Four practical, biblical steps:

### How ought the Church relate to homosexuality?

Three practical, biblical points:



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#### **Quotes**

"Homosexuality, like every sin, is a form of idolatry in which we refuse to worship God as God and choose rather to worship ourselves. This sin, like every sin, places us under the wrath of God, but not beyond the reach of God's amazing love in the gospel. And this love of God should find surprisingly clear and powerful expression in the life of the church towards those who struggle in this area."

"The judgment of Romans 1 against homosexual practices should never be read apart from the rest of the letter, with its message of grace and hope through the cross of Christ." Richard Hayes

"East of Eden, not one of us has come before God as sexually pure and whole, even if we have never committed an illicit sexual act. Our ministry to homosexuals is not as the sinless ministering to sinners, but as fellow sinners who bear testimony to the reality of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ." Al Mohler

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# **Other Resources**

- Dr. Al Mohler responds to Matthew Vine's book, "God and the Gay Christian" <a href="http://bit.ly/sss2-link1">http://bit.ly/sss2-link1</a>
- Together for the Gospel 2014 Panel Discussion <a href="http://bit.ly/sss2-link2">http://bit.ly/sss2-link2</a>
- **Battling Homosexual Lust** "Ask Pastor John" [Piper] podcast http://bit.ly/sss2-link3
- Gospel Coalition articles on this topic <a href="http://bit.ly/sss2-link4">http://bit.ly/sss2-link4</a>
- Sam Allberry's book, Is God anti-gay? http://bit.ly/sss2-link5
- **Living Out:** Website that provides testimonies, resources, reviews of current literature and materials. It also addresses common questions for those struggling with [and those who know loved ones struggling with] same sex attraction. <a href="http://www.livingout.org/">http://www.livingout.org/</a>

