

What does the Bible say about homosexuality?

1. There are 12 mentions of homosexual acts in the Bible:
 - A. 2 refer to rape (Genesis 19:5 - the men of Sodom, Judges 19:22 - the men of Gibeah)
 - B. 5 refer to male prostitution in a pagan cult religion (Deut. 23:17-18, 1 Kings 14:23-24, 1 Kings 15:12-13, 1 Kings 22:46, 2 Kings 23:6-8)
 - C. 5 refer to God's Law, violation and consequences. (Lev. 18:21-22, Lev. 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 1:8-10)
2. There are many more mentions of [other](#) sins in the Bible:
 - A. The Bible mentions the sin homosexuality 12 times, the sin of hatred 21 times, lying and false testimony 30 times, gossip, slander and backbiting 37 times, greed, avarice and covetousness 40 times, theft 42 times, adultery 52 times, murder 57 times, self-righteousness 79 times, and idolatry 169 times.
 - B. Respond to the sin of homosexuality the way you respond to all the other sins our society loves.

What should Christ-followers say about homosexuality?

1. Sometimes you should [sidestep](#) the conversation:
 - A. Don't give something of value to those who won't appreciate it. (Matthew 7:6)
 - B. Discern whether or not the person wants an argument, or an intelligent discussion. (1 Peter 3:15)
 - C. Recognize that there are a bunch of sins our society (entertainment, education, law) enjoys, celebrates and defends, like abortion, heterosexual immorality, greed, materialism, gossip, slander...
 - D. Realize that what hurts Christ's church most, is not the people of this world acting worldly, it's people of God acting [worldly](#).
2. Sometimes you participate in the conversation, yet without [condemnation](#).
 - A. Col. 4:5-6; 1 Tim. 1:5
 - B. God's design is the male husband - female wife model. Gen 2:24 cited in Matt 19:3-8
 - C. Distinguish between legal, social, intellectual, and spiritual/moral tolerance.
 - D. Distinguish between the civil, the ceremonial and the moral laws in the Bible.
 - The **civil** laws of Israel are not in effect.
 - The ceremonial (religious, priestly) laws of Judaism are not in effect.
 - The moral laws of God remain in effect.

Message

Be wise, clear and kind...like Jesus.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Know God's Word (the Bible) on this issue and align your thinking with His Word.
- Exercise wisdom and discretion in all discussions, and prepare for persecution.
- Focus your conversation on Jesus. your reason for hope.