

# HOW TO MINISTER TO LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS HANDOUT

## INTRODUCTION

**Objective** is to teach what the Bible says about practicing homosexual lifestyles and living in sexual sin, and from this learn how to better serve and minister to this community of individuals.

### **What is Spiritual confusion?**

**1 Cor. 14:33** says, “*God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.*” What is confusion? Greek word is *akatastatos*. It means unsettled, unstable, or restless.

### **What is Gay Pride?**

### **What is LGBTQ+?**

You will also see the acronym LGBT and LGBTQIA+ used. The IA stands for **I**ntersex and **A**sexual. I will not go into much detail on each word, but I will on some of them.

As we prepare to dive into this topic, let’s start by asking ourselves some questions:

- 1.) What would Jesus do with regards to those in the LGBTQ+ Community?
- 2.) Would He distance himself from them?
- 3.) Would He refuse to interact with them?
- 4.) Would He look at them as a lost cause and move on?
- 5.) Would He reject them?
- 6.) Would He spew hateful words at them or hold up signs condemning them?

## SCRIPTURES

**Mark 2:15-17; John 3:16 & 17; John 8:4-7; Luke 13:1-5**

### **How do we minister to the LGBTQ+ Community?**

Homosexuality, cross-dressing, and femininity are sexual and perversion sins listed in the Bible. Before any of us can change we must acknowledge that we are sinners. There are many “Christians” today, and the number is growing, who do not see homosexuality or other sexual sins clearly mentioned in the Bible as “sin.” There are now male Apostles and Pastors married to other males (and they’re calling them First Gentleman instead of First Ladies), and female Pastors married to other females. Such leaders are false prophets talked about by Paul, Jude, and Jesus himself.

### Sexual Sin Scriptures

**Jude 2 & 3; 2 Peter 2:7 & 8; 1 Thess. 4:3-8**

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Jesus speaks on homosexuality and what a holy sexual relationship looks like in the eyes of God in the Gospels. **Matt. 19:4-6**

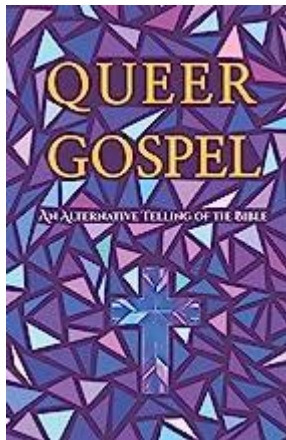
Jesus' definition of marriage means any other definition is inaccurate. Jesus did speak against homosexual marriage by defining marriage as a 1-woman-1-man relationship. If I tell my child on their way out the door to school "I've packed your lunch today." I don't have to also tell them NOT to buy lunch because the statement "I've packed your lunch today" implies that they don't need to buy lunch at school. Jesus doesn't need to go through every single ungodly sexual relationship or union for us to know what our heavenly Father's expectation is for godly unions on this side of heaven.

## Homosexuality Scriptures

**Leviticus 18:22; Acts 21:25; Romans 1:23-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11;**

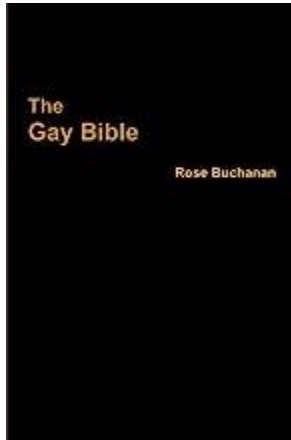
The [www.GayChurch.org](http://www.GayChurch.org) is a site that falls under the GALIP Foundation. GALIP stands for God's Agape Love (put) into Practice. The GALIP Foundation is an organization dedicated to bringing the reconciling message of God's love and reconciliation to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community (I think we'd all agree with this mission statement as I too want to bring the Gospel to the LGBTQ+ Community), but the difference between our fulfillment of this mission and theirs is they don't preach that living such a lifestyle is sinful and requires repentance just like any other sin, but they affirm such lifestyles and communities. They encourage it and provide their own commentary and interpretation of popular passages of Scripture that we for centuries have understood to strongly and clearly condemn such lifestyles.

There are now Queer Bibles and Commentaries available on Amazon.

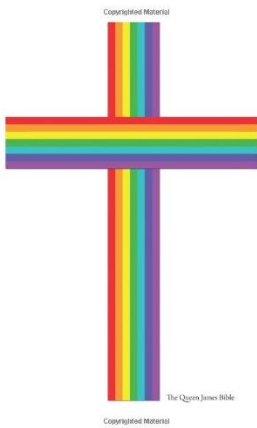


“Queer Gospel: An Alternative Telling of the Bible” by Riley Alerton

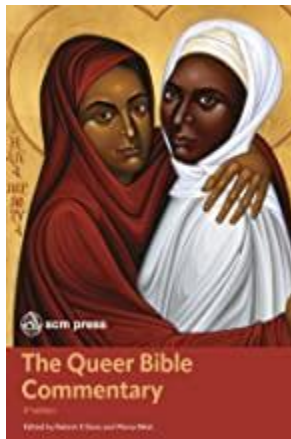
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“The Gay Bible” by Rose Buchanan



“The Queen James Bible” by God (Author)



“The Queer Bible Commentary” by Moná West and Robert Shore-Goss

Look at **Gen. 19:1-9** how the Gay Church interprets it vs how we understand it should be interpreted.

Cross-Dressing  
**Deut. 22:5**

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## CONCLUSION

Have you ever thought about befriending a gay family member, friend, or co-worker? How do we show the love of Jesus to individuals in the LGBTQ+ Community? How do we avoid condemning them? Have you thought about perhaps getting a coffee or sharing a meal with them. Have you thought about listening to their life story? This could make all the difference in the world.

Homosexuality and the LGBTQ+ lifestyle is a sin and we should respond with truth in love, not with arguments or anger. We should pray for those who disagree with us, and ask God to draw them to his truth through Jesus Christ.

As believers in Jesus, we are called to love. Plain and simple. God's in charge of convicting and changing others, not us. Who needs your love today? Who can you impact for the Kingdom of God just by loving them unconditionally right where they are and praying for them? I think Billy Graham put it best when he famously said, *"It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge, and my job to love."*