

Can I be gay and Christian?

3 Questions

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Biblical Question

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“historical scholarship showed that biblical writers were not condemning all same sex relationships. Their argument is that Paul and other biblical writers had no concept of an innate homosexual orientation, that they only knew of exploitative homosexual practices, and therefore they had no concept of mutual, loving, same-sex relationships.”

Matthew Vines. “God and the Gay Christian”

Six verses on Homosexuality

- Genesis 19
- Leviticus 18:22
- Leviticus 20:13
- Romans 1:26-27
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- 1 Timothy 1:10

“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”

(Leviticus 18:22, NIV)

““ Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams you may eat any that have fins and scales. But all creatures in the seas or streams that do not have fins and scales—whether among all the swarming things or among all the other living creatures in the water—you are to regard as unclean. And since you are to regard them as unclean, you must not eat their meat; you must regard their carcasses as unclean. Anything living in the water that does not have fins and scales is to be regarded as unclean by you.”

(Leviticus 11:9-12, NIV)

“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

(Romans 10:4, NIV)

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual 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 shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

(Romans 1:26-27, NIV)

“a radical devaluation of Scripture’s moral imperative – of the place of holiness, obedience and repentance.”

Robert Gagnon. “Homosexuality and the Bible: Two Views

Identity Question

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“In Genesis 1 you see pairs of different but complementary things made to work together: heaven and earth, sea and land, even God and humanity. It is part of the brilliance of God’s creation that diverse, unlike things are made to unite and create dynamic wholes which generate more and more life and beauty through their relationships. As N.T. Wright points out, the creation and uniting of male and female at the end of Genesis 2 is the climax of all this.”

Tim Keller: The Bible and same sex relationships: A review article

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.”

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

(Romans 8:18–25, NIV)

Love & Loneliness Question

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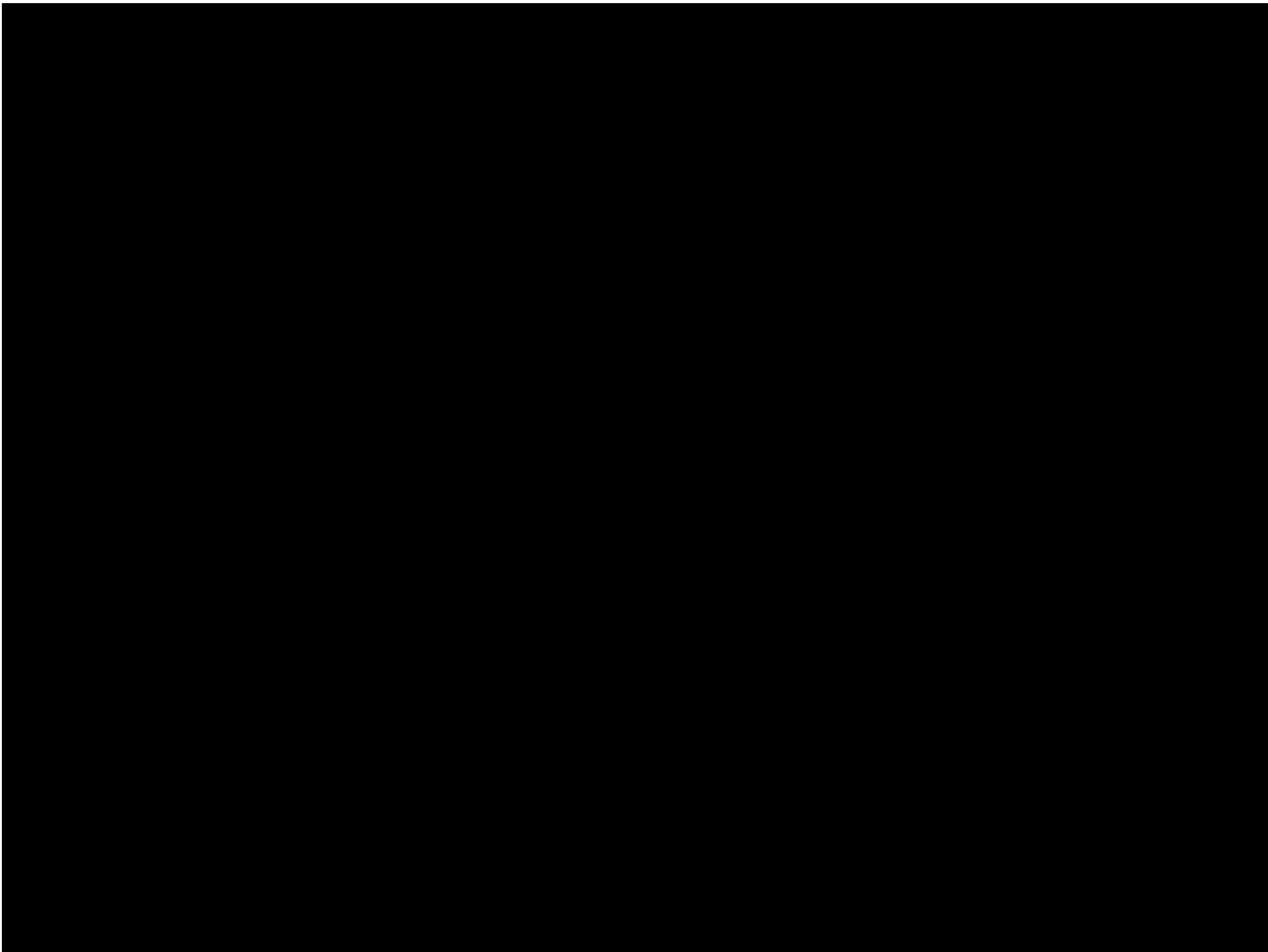
- Singleness?

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- Sex?



“we need to teach a biblical vision and also create the environment for people to live out that biblical vision. The Bible gives callings that are hard and we are never called to do them on their own, we are to do them in community so that we can share one another’s burdens. The Church must make it possible for people to live into the Biblical vision.”

Wesley Hill:
Spiritual Friendship,
Finding Love in the Church as a Celibate Gay Christian

Reference Books

- What does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality: Kevin De Young
- Spiritual Friendship, Finding love in the Church as a Celibate Gay Christian: Wesley Hill
- Can you be Gay and Christian: Michael Brown
- Homosexuality and the Bible, Two Views: Dan O Via and Robert Gagnon
- God and the Gay Christian: Mathew Vines