

Differing Views on Christian Doctrine, Identity and Homosexuality

Used for discussion purposes. Some authors or organizations may fluctuate between categories.

LGBTQ

CHRISTIAN

Revel

(Gay Partnership)

"God made me this way to enjoy partnership."

Identity: Gay-Compelled

Determined from feelings and behaviors

Belief/Response:

"Open and Affirming"
Celebrate gay relationships

Biblical View:

Revisionist Pro-Gay theology
Liberal sexual ethics

Origin:

Born this way, and God designed it this way

Emphasis:

Live and let live
Gay partnerships/marriage

Strongly Opposed to:

Healing/transformation
SSA roots and contributing factors

Proponents:

Q Fellowship — (Side A)
Matthew Vines:
God and the Gay Christian
Justin Lee:
Torn
Mel White:
Stranger At The Gate
Randy Thomas:
Former VP Exodus

Resist

(Gay Identified)

"I'm choosing to be obedient with my unchangeable affliction."

Identity: Gay-Constrained

Comfortable with LGBTQ+ label and Identity in Christ.

Belief/Response:

Love the Gay Christian as is
Encourage abstinence

Biblical View:

Traditional Biblical ethics
God affirms and loves people

Origin:

Born with inclination, but God did not design it this way

Emphasis:

Living a chaste, abstinent, God-centered life

Silent and/or Opposed to:

Healing/transformation
SSA relational roots and contributing factors

Proponents:

Revoice.us — (Side B)
Wesley Hill:
Washed and Waiting
Gregory Coles:
Single Gay Christian
Bill Henson:
Posture Shift
Preston Sprinkle:
People To Be Loved

CHRISTIAN

Renounce

(Repentance)

"I surrender my false identity and sinful behavior."

Identity: God Conquers

Found in Christ, not in the struggle

Belief/Response:

Call to repentance and obedience in Christ

Biblical View:

Traditional Biblical ethics
God loves us in weakness

Origin:

Primarily a sin nature issue
Result of The Fall

Emphasis:

Support for godly living
God will sustain you

Silent or Opposed to:

Healing ministry
SSA relational roots and contributing factors

Proponents:

- *The Gospel Coalition* -
Christopher Yuan:
Out of a Far Country
Becket Cook
A Change of Affection
Sam Allberry
Is God anti-gay?
Ed Shaw
Same-Sex Attraction and the Church

Rebuild

(Transformation)

"My hope is in Christ for a truly transformed life"

Identity: God Created

Found in Christ and His transforming work in us

Belief/Response:

Repentance and discipleship towards obedience and healing

Biblical View:

Traditional Biblical ethics
God loves, heals and redeems

Origin:

Both a sin nature and a developmental issue

Emphasis:

Godly living, relational healing and gender wholeness/design

Promotes:

Hope and healing through Jesus, His Church, counseling and discipleship programs

Proponents:

- *Restored Hope Network* -
Joe Dallas:
Understanding Homosexuality
Portland Fellowship:
Taking Back Ground
Laura Perry:
Transgender to Transformed
Denise Shick:
When Hope Seems Lost

Change **IS NOT** possible, desirable, realistic and/or a focus.
Belief or Mindset
Change **IS** possible, desirable, realistic and/or a focus.

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