

# What Does the Bible say About Homosexuality?

## Rom. 1:26–27; 1 Cor. 6:9



- \* When examining what the Bible says about homosexuality, it is important to distinguish between homosexual \_\_\_\_\_ and homosexual \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Homosexual behavior is \_\_\_\_\_, but the Bible never says it is a sin to be tempted. A struggle with temptation may lead to sin, but the struggle itself is not a sin.
- \* (Rom. 1:26–27) teaches that homosexuality is a result of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- \* A person may be born with a greater \_\_\_\_\_ to homosexuality, just as some people are born with a tendency to violence and other sins. That does not excuse the person’s choosing to sin by giving in to sinful desires.
- \* No matter our inclinations or attractions, we cannot continue to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves by the very sins that crucified Jesus—and at the same time assume we are right with God.
- \* In other words, some of the Corinthians, before they were saved, lived homosexual lifestyles; but no \_\_\_\_\_ is too great for the cleansing power of Jesus. Once cleansed, we are no longer defined by sin.
- \* The problem with homosexual attraction is that it is an attraction to something God has \_\_\_\_\_, and any desire for something sinful ultimately has its roots in sin.
- \* So, homosexual attraction does not always result in active, \_\_\_\_\_ sin—there may not be a conscious choice to sin—but it springs from the sinful nature. Same-sex attraction is always, on some basic level, an expression of the fallen nature.
- \* The \_\_\_\_\_ to engage in homosexual behavior is very real to many.
- \* We all have the responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ temptation (Eph. 6:13). We must all be transformed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds (Rom. 12:2). We must all “\_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit” so as not to “gratify the desires of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).
- \* Finally, the Bible does not describe homosexuality as a “\_\_\_\_\_” sin than any other. All sin is \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Without Christ, we are lost, whatever type of sin has entangled us.
- \* According to the Bible, God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is available to the homosexual just as it is to the adulterer, idol worshiper, murderer, and thief. God promises the strength for victory over sin, including homosexuality, to all those who will believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Phil. 4:13).