

Select bibliography on Same-Sex Marriage and Same-sex Attraction

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Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-gay?* The Good Book Company. Allberry has only known same-sex attraction and is faithfully following Christ in celibacy and abstinence. He serves as a pastor in the UK and this short, readable book covers a lot of ground in very few pages.

Adam Barr and Ron Citlau, *Compassion Without Compromise*, Bethany House. Barr and Citlau are both pastors. Barr has only known heterosexual desires. Citlau, however, has had *gay feelings* for most of his life. He was actively involved in homosexual practices and then was born again. Today he is married to a woman and has four children. These two pastors write a lively, sometimes humorous book on how the church can and should respond compassionately and yet without compromise to the homosexual community.

Rosaria Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*, Crown & Covenant Publications. Butterfield was a postmodern lesbian professor in the English department at Syracuse University. Today she is a Reformed Presbyterian Christian, wife of a male pastor, and a homeschooling mother. This book tells the story of God's grace in her life.

Kevin Deyoung, *What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?* Crossway. Deyoung writes a brief and very comprehensive book that every believer in our era would do well to read. He responds to revisionist arguments, like those of David Gushee, to explain why the Bible cannot possibly be construed to support same-sex marriage.

David Gushee, *Changing Our Mind*, Read the Spirit Books. Gushee is a professor of Christian ethics who, due to his relationships with gay Christians, feels compelled to re-evaluate Scriptural texts having to do with homosexuality. While he is thorough in his treatment, and makes some great points about extending compassion, his biblical interpretation leaves much to be desired, and I (Pastor Josh) cannot agree with his conclusion in support of same-sex marriage.

Wesley Hill, *Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality*, Zondervan. Hill is an author who writes about his celibate life and struggle with same-sex attraction. He offers insight as to how the church can respond with compassion and care. I (Pastor Josh) think that this book should be required reading for any Christian who wants to walk alongside gay Christians seeking to be faithful to God.

Wesley Hill, *Spiritual Friendship: Finding Love in the Church as a Celibate Gay Christian*, Brazos Press. In this book, Hill probes the need for same-sex attracted believers to dive deeply into the local church and form strong and lasting friendships.

Justin Lee, *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate*, Jericho Books. Lee is a self-described gay Christian, who shares the story of coming to terms with his own same-sex attraction. Like Gushee, he walks through the "prohibitive" passages of Scripture, explaining why he feels that God would bless same-sex marriages. While Lee's experience is moving and worth hearing, his biblical interpretation is on shaky ground, and I (Pastor Josh) cannot agree with his conclusion.

William Loader, ***Sexuality in the New Testament: Understanding the Key Texts***, Westminster John Knox Press. Loader, a scholar of antiquity, is very liberal in his convictions. He is in favor of same-sex marriage, and has written eight significant books on sexuality and Judaism and the early church. In this relatively short book Loader goes through the relevant biblical texts that touch on the issue of same-sex practice, showing how the biblical authors consistently condemn such behavior.

Ron Sider, “**Homosexuality: A Better Approach**,” at RedLetterChristians.Org. Sider gives a passionate, reasoned argument as to why the positive case for marriage in Scripture does not leave room for same-sex marriage, and how Christian churches can be loving in their willingness to walk the hard road of celibacy with gay followers of Christ.

Mark Yarhouse, ***Homosexuality and The Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors, and Friends***, Bethany House. Yarhouse is a Christian therapist and professor at Regent University. This book is an excellent introduction to issues faced with same-sex attraction.

Christopher and Angela Yuan, ***Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son’s Journey to God, A Broken Mother’s Search for Hope***, Waterbrook. Yuan teams up with his mother, Angela, to tell the painful story of his coming out and promiscuous behavior, his arrest and incarceration for drug-dealing, and his conversion and testimony of faith in Christ. Currently Yuan is a professor at Moody Bible Institute.

Pastor Josh read numerous other helpful articles in preparation for this sermon, many of which have to do with how we can practically and compassionately support gay people who are seeking to be celibate in our churches. If you are interested in web links for those articles, please email Josh@3vc.org.