

Differing Positions on Christian Doctrine, Identity and Homosexuality

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



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:

- *Gay Christian Network 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:

- *Gay Christian Network Side B* -

Wesley Hill:

Washed and Waiting

Gregory Coles:

Single Gay Christian

Nate Collins:

All But Invisible

Preston Sprinkle:

People To Be Loved



Renounce

(Conversion)

"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 meets 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* -

Rosaria Butterfield:

Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert

Christopher Yuan:

Out of a Far Country

Sam Allberry:

Is God anti-gay?

Ed Shaw:

SSA 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 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 the Body of Christ, counseling and discipleship programs

Proponents:

- *Restored Hope Network* -

Joe Dallas:

Desires in Conflict

Portland Fellowship:

Taking Back Ground

Andrew Comiskey:

Living Waters

Anne Paulk:

Restoring Sexual Identity

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