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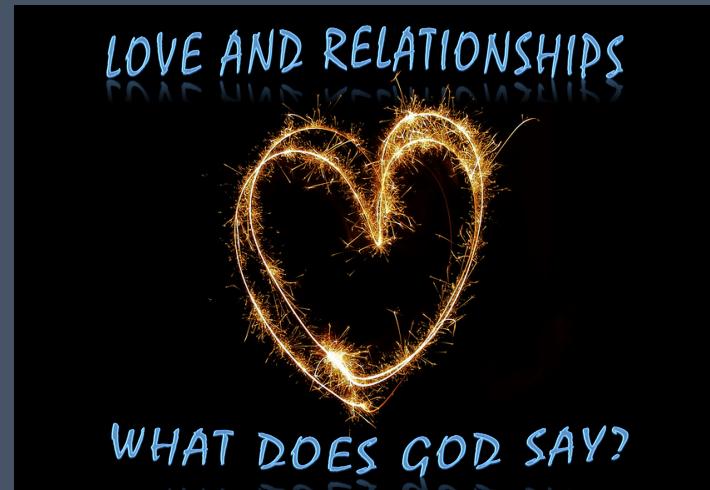


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Our church values

We aspire to be a church that is ...

- bible-based
- God-dependent
- grace-filled
- mission-focused
- authentic community



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What is God's attitude to gay people?

"For God so loved the **world** that he sent his one and only son so that **whoever** believed in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3.16)

What is God's attitude to gay sex?

"Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek.

Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman. That is detestable.

Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it."

(Leviticus 18.21-23)

Objection: isn't Leviticus irrelevant now?

- ceremonial laws
- cultural laws
- moral laws

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Objection: what about loving stable same-sex unions?

For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (Genesis 2.24)

Objection: Christians have changed their minds on other topics. Why not this one?

Objection: But it feels so natural to me.
How can it be wrong?

Responses

- Repentance
- Go the extra mile
- Support gay Christians seeking to live celibate lives
- Support gay Christians in relationships

How should LGBTQIA people relate to the church?

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