

A Range of Positions Among Christians on Same-Sex Attraction, Behavior, and Ethics

	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Position 6
<i>Summary description</i>	Condemn same-sex attraction, orientation, and behavior in all circumstances.	Love the person, but consider same-sex attraction, orientation, and behavior culpable.	Love the person, consider same-sex attraction and orientation not to be culpable, but consider the behavior to be culpable	Heterosexuality is normative but same-sex orientation is not culpable. Monogamous partnerships may be tolerated as a pastoral accommodation.	Same-sex orientation is a created variant	Many sexual variants are valid
<i>View of same-sex sexuality</i>	Same-sex orientation and behavior are abnormal and unnatural	Same-sex orientation and behavior are abnormal and unnatural	Same-sex orientation is a burden or affliction, not a part of God's intention for creation	Same-sex orientation is a burden, but can be open to experiences of grace	Sexual orientation of all persons can be a source of sin or holiness, depending on how it is expressed and disciplined	Same-sex attraction/orientation is a created variant as "normal" as heterosexuality. Sexual orientation is an expression of creation variety.
<i>Typical view of way to live</i>	Repent of orientation and behavior. Change to heterosexual orientation or live in celibacy	Repent of orientation and behavior. Change to heterosexual orientation or live in celibacy	Repent of behavior. Marry heterosexually or live in celibacy. The church should be hospitable to and work with same-sex-attracted persons, calling all to full obedience, even while realizing that not all will	Exclusive lifelong same-sex partnerships are better than promiscuity and can be discreetly tolerated by the church	Exclusive, lifelong same-sex partnerships are a means of sanctification that may be blessed by the church. Same-sex partnered persons may be ordained	Celebrate one's sexuality as part of just and consensual relationships (not necessarily monogamous or lifelong)

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- Engaging in, promoting, or advocating extramarital sexual relations.
- Engaging in, promoting, or advocating homosexual relations.
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