

**VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:**  
**THE SONG OF SOLOMON**

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Rationale for being in the Bible is debatable

Possible allegory between the love between Christ and his Church

Essentially a collection of love poems

Ranked with wisdom literature because of insights into romantic human love

Romantic love and sexuality are always defined in scripture as the domain of heterosexual love

Two persons of the same gender can love each other, however romance and sexuality are defined as the province of heterosexual love

Sexuality or sexual expression is the natural expression of romantic heterosexual love.

Sex in its proper context is as natural as breathing air, eating and digesting food, drinking water and going to the bathroom.

Bible defines the context for sexual as marriage and consenting and mature heterosexuals who are not members of one's immediate family

Homosexuality as a lifestyle and marriage between persons of the same gender is never recognized in the scripture.

Same gender relationships are considered unnatural affection

The Bible does not recognize any classification known as transgender

Romance is always broader than sex.

What should be the Christian attitude towards homosexuals, homosexuality and persons who define themselves as transgender?

Homosexuals are children of God who are to be loved as children of God and valued as all children of God are to be valued and loved

The civil and human rights of homosexuals are to be respected regarding employment, voting and other civil liberties

In America, homosexuals have the legal right to marry as all other humans, however even though their marriage may be legal it is not moral and goes against the biblical teaching about marriage.

Therefore this church and this pastor will not marry homosexuals and will not recognize any same gender union that defines itself as marriage

Homosexuality is sexual sin, as are adultery, fornication, incest, pedophilia, bestiality, etc.

Homosexuality is sin; it is not sin unto death but it is still sin.

We treat homosexuals with the same parity we treat all open and practicing sinners

How do we treat homosexual family and friends?

We love the sinner and reject the sin.

We love the sinner while maintaining standards for ourselves and our homes  
We remember that Christ died for homosexuals like he died for heterosexuals  
We remember that the blood of Jesus avails for homosexuals with their issues like the  
blood of Jesus avails for heterosexuals and our issues

Other Lessons from The Song of Solomon

True love does not abuse or oppress

Both genders have equal rights of expression and initiative

Black is beautiful (Song of Solomon 1: 5)