

**Ethical Views of Homosexuality**  
**L. R. Holben's What Christians Think about Homosexuality: 6 Representative Views**  
**Represented by Dennis Hollinger in The Meaning of Sex**

	<i>Pastoral</i>	<i>Affirmation</i>	<i>Liberation</i>
<b>The Ethical Stance</b>	<b>Condemnation</b> Only one view of homosexuality from Scripture: condemnation.	<b>Promise of Healing</b> Homosexuality is sin, however healing can occur through prayer, fellowship, and therapy.	<b>Accommodation</b> Homosexual acts are deplorable, but a homosexual monogamous relationship is better alternative than sexual chaos for an individual.
<b>Biblical View</b>	Scripture is the only source for understandings about homosexuality	Share the conviction of homosexuality as sin based on Scripture	The absence of biblical material against homosexuality should be a sign. It is not mentioned in the 10 Commandments, nor prophet highlights it, and Jesus makes no mention of it.
<b>Socio-psychological role</b>	Any psychological or sociological perspectives are rejected as promoting non-Christian world views	Healing occurs through prayer, counseling, and discipleship	The absence of biblical material against homosexuality should be a sign. It is not mentioned in the 10 Commandments, nor prophet highlights it, and Jesus makes no mention of it.
<b>Clarifications</b>	No distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual acts.	Focus is more pastoral in tone, but remains a confident proclamation of hope through recovery ministries	Advocate for full acceptance in society and the church including ordination for ministry.
<b>Groups or Individuals that hold this position</b>	Traditional Roman Catholic church position, fundamentalists, and Protestant Religious Right	Contemporary Roman Catholic Church; conservative Anglicanism, official statements of several mainline Protestant denominations, and evangelical groups and individuals	United Church of Christ, gay caucuses, and various academicians; Peter Gomes (Harvard University - Chaplain)
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Full embrace of inclusion in society for all - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer persons

No one is outside the universal embrace of the Creator's love. This view builds on the principle of justice. The biblical struggle is against oppression and domination -- including homophobia.

Heterosexual majority should not dictate how homosexuals should behave.

Move beyond biblical injunctions against homosexuality to the broader themes of justice and liberation

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