

TERMS: (as described in Preston Sprinkle’s book, “A People to Be Loved”)

- Same-sex attraction refers to one’s sexual attraction to people of the same sex. There is no one-size-fits-all way to measure this. For some people it’s strong, for others it’s mild.
- Same-sex orientation simply refers to a strong and more fixed level of same-sex attraction. Same-sex attraction and same-sex orientation are often used interchangeably.
- Same-sex behavior refers to sexual acts, which include lust, sexual activity, and sexual intercourse.*
- gay (lowercase) is a description of one’s same-sex orientation (can be male or female; lesbian refers to female only). Such a person may or may not engage in sexual behavior, but they use the term gay as an easy way to describe their experience of same-sex attraction.
- Gay (uppercase) refers to one’s identity based on their attraction to the same sex.
- Transgender (gender dysphoria) - this is an umbrella term for anyone who doesn’t identify with, or feels some sort of discomfort with their biological sex. It does not necessarily mean they have had a sex change (some have, but many haven’t).**
- LGBTQ is an acronym that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (or questioning).
- “Traditional,” “historical,” “non-affirming” are words sometimes used to refer to those holding to a position that God does not sanction same-sex sexual relationships or gay marriage.
- “Revisionist,” “progressive,” “affirming” are words sometimes used to refer to those holding to a position that God does affirm certain kinds of same-sex sexual relationships or gay marriage.

* All references in the Bible to homosexuality are referring only to same-sex sexual behaviour (not to same-sex attraction or orientation).

** How does a transgender person differ from a gay person? In simplest terms, a gay man identifies as a man and is sexually attracted to other men. But a transgender man may have been born into a male body and identifies as a female. He—or she—may be sexually attracted to other men or may be attracted to other women.

Further Resources:

Books

- Two Views of Homosexuality, The Bible and The Church – edited by Preston Sprinkle
- People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue – Preston Sprinkle
- What Does The Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality – Kevin DeYoung
- Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faith & Homosexuality – Wesley Hill

Right Now Media

- Grace/Truth 1.0 – Preston Sprinkle
- Messy Grace – Caleb Keltenbach



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February 24, 2019

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FEBRUARY 24TH ~ 6:00 – 8:00 PM
A conversation and Q & A
with Graeme Lauber of Journey Canada
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Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

- Are there areas of our lives that have been or are still hard to surrender to God?
- What has been your experience when you have surrendered areas of your life to Jesus?