Pornography and sex itself are addictions. Why can't an aberrant sexual practice like homosexuality be treated like alcohol and drug addictions? What a person does sexually is a choice. If people can kick the drug and alcohol habits and people can beat their sex addiction problems, then the same should be true for same-sex sexuality.

**Homosexuality  
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Homosexuality is the sexual relations between people of the same sex. When discussing homosexuality, the biblical emphasis is on behavior and the verdict is always that it is sinful.

Homosexuality is a consequence of rejecting the created order. The prima facie case against homosexuality in the Scripture is found in God’s creative plan for human sexuality. God created mankind as male and female, to procreate within the context of marriage ([Genesis 1:27-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.27-28&t=NKJV); [2:18-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.18-24&t=NKJV)). This creation order for human sexuality received the endorsement of both the Lord Jesus Christ ([Mark 10:6-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Mark+10.6-9&t=NKJV); [Matthew 19:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+19.4-6&t=NKJV)) and the Apostle Paul ([Ephesians 5:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.31&t=NKJV)). On the surface, homosexual behavior should be recognized as sinful because it violates God’s original plan for heterosexual monogamy.

Against this background of God’s creation scheme for human sexual expression, Paul makes a theological argument in [Romans 1:18-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.18-32&t=NKJV) that homosexuality is one consequence of rejecting God as Creator and His created order. Paul indicates that both male homosexuality and female lesbianism result from a denial of God. He begins by showing that through rejection of the “creation” ([Romans 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.20&t=NKJV)) and “the Creator” ([Romans 1:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.25&t=NKJV)) women “exchanged natural sexual intercourse for what is unnatural” ([Romans 1:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.26&t=NKJV) HCSB). He adds also that the men “left natural sexual intercourse with females and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Males committed shameless acts with males” ([Romans 1:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.27&t=NKJV) HCSB). Paul’s argument:

Because these people reject God, He gives them over to the desires of their own sinful hearts. In the course of this text, Paul uses several other negative terms to describe homosexuality, such as “uncleanness,” “dishonor,” “vile passions,” “error,” “debased mind,” and “not fitting.” In addition, homosexuality is included here in a serious list of vices that are deserving of death, not only for those who practice but also for those who approve ([Romans 1:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.32&t=NKJV)).

As to modern notion of “homosexual orientation,” a scriptural perspective will view any same sex inclinations at least as harmful as proclivities toward any other sin, as negative consequences of fallen human nature that is inclined towards sin. In light of [Romans 1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1&t=NKJV), homosexual predisposition may also be an indication and outworking of earlier and other sin/s.

Homosexuality is a sin that results in judgment. The first mention of homosexuality in the Bible depicts God’s judgment upon it as sin. It was the outstanding transgression of Sodom and Gomorrah. The severity of the judgment, which came because of homosexuality, indicates the seriousness of this sin ([Genesis 19:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+19.1-11&t=NKJV)). Both cities were destroyed as “the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire” ([Genesis 19:24 NASB](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+19.24&t=NASB)). The New Testament commentary on this event is that these two cities were turned to ashes as a matter of God’s holy wrath, specifically because their inhabitants had given themselves to “sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh” ([2 Peter 2:6-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+2.6-7&t=NKJV); [Jude 1:7 NKJV](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jude+1.7&t=NKJV)).

(NOTE: The author, Jerry A. Johnson, then devotes three paragraphs refuting pro-homosexual interpretations pertaining to the judgments of Sodom and Gomorrah, such interpretations according to this website editor as somewhat unnecessary due to the clarity of Scripture regarding the subject. ~ Website editor [Bible One by Charles Strong](http://www.bibleone.net/).)

Homosexuality is a violation of Old Testament law. The Holiness Code, which conveyed God’s demands for ordering the life of His covenant people, contained two clear prohibitions against homosexual activity. In a large section on sexual morality which should be viewed as an extension of the seventh commandment, “The Lord spoke to Moses saying . . . ‘You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female”” ([Leviticus 18:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.1&t=NKJV), [22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.22&t=NKJV) NASB). Then later, repeating with [Leviticus 18:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.22&t=NKJV) that homosexuality is an “abomination,” ([Leviticus 20:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+20.13&t=NKJV) adds, “If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them . . . shall surely be put to death.”

Homosexuality is a violation of New Testament ethic. In [1 Timothy 1:8-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+1.8-10&t=NKJV) Paul discusses the value of the Old Testament law in the present era, if used wisely. It is to be used to judge “sinners.” Then he includes “homosexuals” (arsenokoital) in his vice list, which delineates those who are “the ungodly.” Also in [1 Corinthians 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+6.11&t=NKJV) “homosexuals” appear in a similar vice list, and Paul comments that anyone who continues in these sins will not inherit the kingdom of God. Arsenokoites refers to the active partner in the homosexual act. However, in addition to “homosexuals” in [1 Corinthians 6:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+6.9&t=NKJV), Paul adds a second word, “effeminate” (malakoi). Malakoi refers to the passive member in the homosexual relationship. The point is that both passive and active kinds of “homosexual” behavior are sinful, ungodly, and disqualify one from entrance into the kingdom of God.

Homosexuality is forgivable and changeable through Jesus Christ. However ungodly and undeserving of heaven any homosexual might be, there is the opportunity to be forgiven, changed, and declared righteous through Jesus Christ, Paul continues in [1 Corinthians 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+6.11&t=NKJV) HCSB to say, “Some of you were like this.” The Corinthians church evidently contained some former homosexuals who had been converted. Furthermore, Paul adds of them, “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” The homosexual who repents and believes receives the same cleansing, sanctification, and justification as every other believer who turns from sin to Christ.

(NOTE: It should be noted that Mr. Johnson apparently interprets the “inheritance” of the “kingdom of God” ([1 Corinthians 6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+6&t=NKJV)) as “entrance into heaven” (i.e., receiving “eternal life;” or more correctly, the “salvation of one’s spirit”). In reality, a Christian’s “inheritance” speaks of a Christian’s entrance into the Millennial Kingdom, the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth just after the Tribulation Period (7 years), which is the “salvation of the soul.” The reader is encouraged to read the book [Salvation of the Soul](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/salvation-of-the-soul.php) in this site.)

The following paragraph is taken from an article on the biblical teaching on sex in the Holman Illustrated Dictionary, written by R. Albert Mohler, Jr., President and Professor of Christian Theology of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky:

Just as the biblical writers present marital sex as holy and natural, all other forms of sexual activity are presented as condemned and sinful. In addition to adultery and fornication, the Bible expressly forbids homosexuality, bestiality, incest, prostitution, rape, pederasty, and all other forms of sexual deviance ([Exodus 22:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+22.16-17&t=NKJV), [19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+22.19&t=NKJV); [Leviticus 18:6-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.6-18&t=NKJV), [22-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.22-23&t=NKJV); [20:15-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+20.15-16&t=NKJV); [Deuteronomy 27:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+27.21&t=NKJV); [Proverbs 7:1-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Proverbs+7.1-27&t=NKJV); [Romans 1:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.26-27&t=NKJV); [1 Corinthians 5:1-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+5.1-13&t=NKJV)).

**Applicable Scripture Passages (NKJV)**

[Genesis 1:27-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.27-28&t=NKJV)

[Genesis 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.18&t=NKJV), [21-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.21-24&t=NKJV)

[Genesis 19:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+19.1-11&t=NKJV), [24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+19.24&t=NKJV) (cf. [2 Peter 2:6-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+2.6-7&t=NKJV))

[Leviticus 18:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+18.22&t=NKJV)

[Leviticus 20:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+20.13&t=NKJV)

[Matthew 19:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+19.4-6&t=NKJV) (cf. [Mark 10:6-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Mark+10.6-9&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 5:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.31&t=NKJV))

[Romans 1:18-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.18-32&t=NKJV) (cf. [1 Timothy 1:8-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+1.8-10&t=NKJV))

[1 Corinthians 6:9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+6.9-10&t=NKJV) (Please see the “Note” above. ~ Editor of [Bible One by Charles Strong](http://www.bibleone.net/).)

[Jude 1:6-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jude+1.6-7&t=NKJV)

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[Bible One - Jerry A. Johnson's Commentary on Homosexuality](http://bibleone.net/Homosexuality.htm)

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