

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESOURCES ON SEXUALITY AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

This is a list of the best books on sexuality in the Christian faith, especially regarding questions relating to LGBTQ. This list reflects a decade of study, reading, ministry, and conversation as broadly as possible. In the spirit of honesty, this list also reflects a sense of personal taste and perspective. It is a list of books I have found the most helpful, substantive, well-argued, accessible, and convincing, and that list just so happens to include more than are in the affirmative category than not. At the same time, I have included many books that I think make the best case for different perspectives. In any case, the goal was to provide an easy literature guide for persons interested in informing themselves on these issues, but who don't have the time or energy or expertise to sort through the mountain of books and articles on the topic.

We will begin with a short list of essentials, and then divide into sub-topics for an expanded list. The books are listed in alphabetical order.

ESSENTIALS

Farley, Margaret A. *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics*. New York: Continuum, 2008.

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Hornsby, Teresa J. and Deryn Guest. *Transgender, Intersex, and Biblical Interpretation*. Atlanta, SBL Press, 2016.

Yarhouse, Mark A. *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015.

QUEER THEOLOGY

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Tonstad, Linn Marie. *Queer Theology: Beyond Apologetics*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018.

POPULAR LEVEL

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Lee, Justin. *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate*. New York: Jericho Books, 2012.

Sprinkle, Preston. *People to Be Loved: Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015.

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