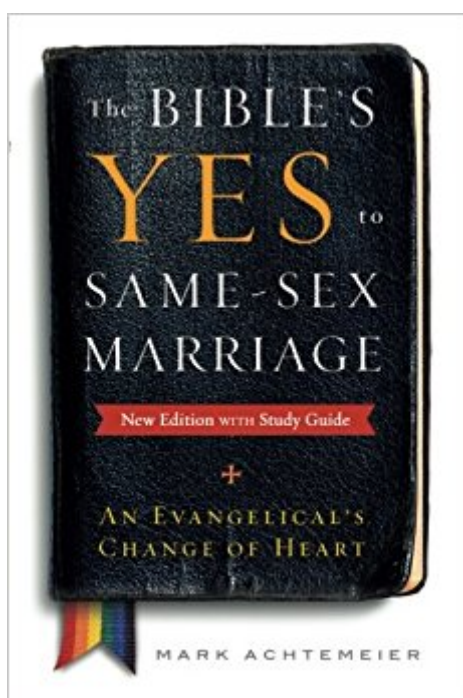


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# The Bible's Yes To Same-Sex Marriage, New Edition With Study Guide: An Evangelical's Change Of Heart



## Synopsis

In the early 2000s, Mark Achtemeier embarked on a personal journey with the Bible that led him from being a conservative, evangelical opponent of gay rights to an outspoken activist for gay marriage and a fully inclusive church. In *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, Achtemeier shares what led to his change of heart: the problems with excluding groups of people and the insights into the Bible's message that led him to recognize the fullness of God's love and support for LGBT persons. Readers will discover how reading snippets of Scripture out of context has led to false and misleading interpretations of the Bible's message for gay people.

Achtemeier shows how a careful reading of the whole Scripture reveals God's good news about love, marriage, and sexuality for gay and straight people alike. This new edition includes a study guide and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling and changes within the church. Perfect for groups or self-reflection, the study guide directs readers over four sessions to explore both Achtemeier's book and the Bible.

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Mark Achtemeier has served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1984 as a pastor, writer, and theologian. He taught theology and ethics for fifteen years on the faculty of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Worth reading for both progressives and conservatives.

Insightful and so needed to clarify our understandings of God's word for our walk of faith.

Very provocative for a conservative thinker. I'm grateful for his perspective. Well written and easy to read/understand. Address all the issues I'd been wrestling with.

The book was a very clear definition of exactly what the Bible does and does not say about Same Sex Marriage. It starts assuming that the Bible condemns those relationships. The author explains the challenges that assumption presented for him and why he took the time to explore further exactly what the Bible says and what were the underlying historical situations were. Taking verses out of context can be very dangerous on this topic and many other topics so he tried to understand and present a much broader reading. The fact that he was a happily married heterosexual added to the credibility of his final conclusion that in fact God would support loving, monogamous, consensual, adult same sex marriages. If you've ever been troubled by this topic it's a great analysis.

Appreciated the information in this book. Found it most informative and helpful in standing up for same sex marriage.

So heart-felt and true to the purity of the Scripture! Thank you, Mark!

Great book, easy to read! Thorough explanation of scriptures in context with history of the time. Good book for discussion groups.

I have been waiting for a book like this!

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