



When *Mercy* meets **TRUTH**

*“Mercy and truth
have met together”*

*“Righteousness and
peace have kissed.”*

~ Psalm 85



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'Love Wins' at same-sex conference

Sally Gary is the author of the memoir *"Loves God, Likes Girls."* She often tells audiences about the shame and humiliation she felt as a girl experiencing same-sex attraction while growing up in the Tenth and Broad Church of Christ in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gary said Christians must learn to love people and invite them to the table, regardless of whether they are divorced and remarried or involved in a same-sex relationship.

"You can hold to those traditional sexual ethics," said Gary. "You don't have to change those to love people well and include those people in fellowship."

"You can embrace people in a way that allows them to use the gifts which God has given them and further the kingdom without approving everything in their lives."

What about these other scenarios...

- 25 years ago, I divorced my wife, **because** we had many problems, but now I'm so happy with Sue.
- Well you'll know that I have always struggle with (alcohol, smoking, drugs, lying, and prejudice).
- What about if we know, that our christian relative is committing sexual immorality, but he or she is too young, and besides who is perfect.
- What about if you know that I'm illegal immigrant in this country. (I enter without proper documentation)
- The term "illegal" is not offensive, but declaratory, as it describes any procedure or action outside the law.

What are you going to do? How are you going to handle it?
Can you apply mercy and truth at the same time?



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- **TRUTH** doesn't change
(John 8:3-11; Luke 7:36-50)
- *Mercy* offers help to those who recognize their need for it (Matt. 9:9-13; Hosea 6:6)
- **TRUTH** does not fellowship those in error
(1 Timothy 5:22; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Corinthians 6:16—7:1)
- *Mercy* does not condemn the guiltless (Matthew 12:1-7)

What Does The Bible Says About Homosexuality and the other sins

- **The Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin.** Some today do not believe it. From the beginning, God made it clear about sexual relations **Gen.2:18-23; Lev.20:13; Rom.1:26-27**
- **God condemns** the liars, sexual immoral, drunkenness, etc. **Revelation 20:8; Galatians 5:19-21.**
- Being here illegally, does affect my relationship with God? Think about my legacy as christian:
 1. I have to work with false documents (false name) lying.
 2. I can not obtain a valid driving license (I shouldn't drive).
 3. I need to hide from the authorities (I can be deported).
 4. If I'm a merry man and I came by myself, how long can endured being without my wife? What about her?
- **Rom.13:1-7; Acts 18:1-2; Philemon 1:8-18; 1 Peter 2:12-15.**