

## Is Grace an “affirming church”?

At Grace Church we look to scripture to guide us in all of our life decisions as we address the many challenges of living in a broken world. There are 3 teachings of scripture that are key to answering this question.

1. Scripture is clear in showing us that God loves all people. He gave his only Son to bring us into relationship with Him.
2. Scripture is clear in forbidding same-sex sexual relationships along with other sexual identities. God, as our Creator, has a better way.
3. Scripture is also clear in telling us that it is the Holy Spirit’s job to convict us of our shortcomings, it is God’s job to judge us for our wrongdoing, and it is our job, as God’s people, to love.

To fulfill our job to love, as the people of Grace Church, we desire to:

- validate each person’s story, journey and experience as legitimate to them.
- See LGBT+ as individuals who are very much *loved by God*.
- See LGBT+ as individuals as very much in need of the *love of God’s people* as we journey toward and with Christ, together.

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