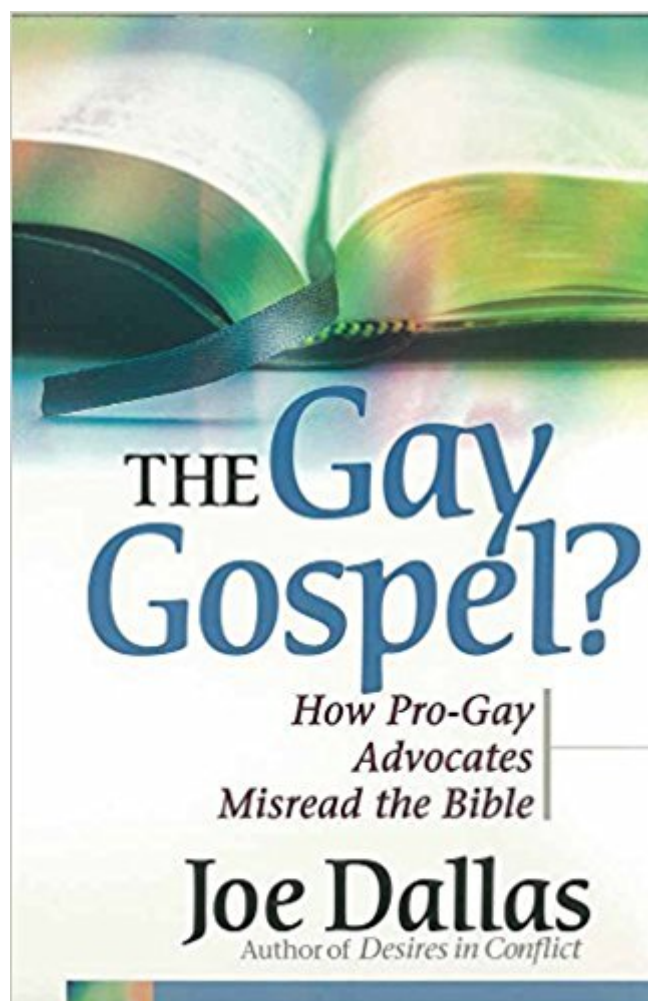


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The Gay Gospel?: How Pro-Gay Advocates Misread The Bible



Synopsis

In this updated edition of *A Strong Delusion*, author and counselor Joe Dallas helps readers understand what pro-gay theology is and how to confront it. In a biblical manner, Dallas examines believers' personal responses and the need for bold love and commitment as they become familiar with the movement's background and beliefs. Study a clear, scriptural response to each belief. Extend Christ's love to those living the homosexual lifestyle. This resource is an important one for those who have been unsure how to respond to the growing acceptance of homosexuality in the evangelical community. It offers the balance between conviction and compassion and a practical guide to communicating with those who have embraced the pro-gay Christian movement.

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strong delusion of a false gospel requires the strong arm of truth. Writing the truth in love, Joe Dallas reveals how to set the captives free." — Janet Parshall, nationally syndicated radio host "A powerful resource for those combating pro-gay theology, whether in their family, church or denomination. A former insider, Dallas used to ardently defend the same arguments he now skillfully demolishes." — Bob Davies, former Executive Director, Exodus International — North America "Joe Dallas' new book, *The Gay Gospel?*, is a must read for anyone seeking truth regarding pro-gay theology and reaching those bound by same-gender attraction. Once again, Joe has thoroughly and clearly presented biblical truths while offering practical steps and tools to be more effective in evangelizing the gay community. Ultimately, the content of Joe's book cements the fact that the entire issue of homosexuality is really about the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture." — Pastor Phillip Lee, Executive Director, His Way Out Ministries "As a pastor of a church in the heart of the gay and lesbian community of San Diego, I am very pleased to recommend Joe Dallas' book, *The Gay Gospel?* Joe does an excellent job of helping us understand what happens when two of our most basic drives are in conflict: the desire for an intimate relationship with God and the desire for an intimate relationship with another. It is necessary to understand not only the way Scripture is adjusted to meet the demand of a biased viewpoint but it is also necessary to understand the motivation behind doing so. Joe helps us come to a compassionate understanding while still holding firm to the Gospel. If you want to engage the people in your congregation who are struggling to balance their spiritual desires with their sexual drives, this book is a must read. If you want to understand the process by which one comes to embrace error in order to accommodate desire, you need to read this book." — Rev. Jack M. Sampier, Senior Pastor of the Calvary Temple Assembly of God

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free." -Janet Parshall, Nationally syndicated radio host

This is a book that got many things right but failed in one crucial area. As an introduction to a traditional viewpoint on homosexuality it's very useful and could prepare the reader to grapple with the most complex arguments presented by Gagnon. It's two great strengths are its scripture based approach (which was used to skillfully demolish the less convincing arguments promoted by the Gay Christian lobby) and it's account of the historical origins and colorful personalities involved in the American strand of pro-Gay Christianity. Adding extra interest to these accounts is the fact that Dallas played a highly active role in the development of this movement. As a historical source it would have some use. Also shining through is the author's honesty. He is very aware of his own past failing and he is wise enough to avoid falling into the kind of elephant traps that many Conservative Christians fall into. This is demonstrated in chapter 14 which give a lot of wise advice on how to respond (and not respond) to the issue of homosexuality in the Church. Arguably this was his most helpful chapter and on a stand alone basis would have merited five stars. So why did this book tumble to three stars? Curiously enough this was because of a failure in empathy. This was in spite of the fact that Dallas had been a very active and promiscuous participant in the Gay Christian Scene. Present in some of his writing was a coldly disapproving tone of the reformed sinner. This could deter those Christian readers who are on the fringes of adopting a same-sex lifestyle. It's almost as if Dallas had to so detach himself from his past life that he lost any sense of empathy for those still engaged in it. This by far was the most frustrating feature of his book. Also when one contrasts his testimony with that of Justin Lee in his book 'Torn' one wonders whether Dallas had misdiagnosed his own sexuality. My own extensive dialogue with members of the Gay Christian scene would suggest that he had been a promiscuous bi-sexual with a commitment problem (which he honestly owned up to on p.240) rather than someone with an exclusively same-sex orientation. This would explain his failure to address the question 'what should you do when the only options open appear to be a dangerous promiscuity, a mentally destructive celibacy or an attempt to form a stable same sex relationship?' The effects of the fall means that for many their same-sex orientation is so strong that it's not going to go away this side of eternity. Here, the example of Paul's thorn in the flesh comes to mind, (2 Corinthians 12:8-10). Dallas' failure to address these issues in any degree of depth represents a missed opportunity. Overall, Dallas' book represents both the strengths and weaknesses of the Conservative Christian position on homosexuality. Nevertheless, it does provide a useful introduction to a controversial subject and would be helpful to those approaching it for the first time. A borderline 3/4 star rating would be the fairest result.

A great book for answering the issues of gays in the church, and what the bible teaches on this subject, and how we are to respond to this issue, that for the most part, and most Christians, winds up being "above their pay grade." Now you can have answers to this issue that is dividing our country, and our churches

Shipped quickly and as described! Thanks for the quality product.

Thoughtful, insightful and passionate. An intelligent caring person has navigated a difficult course to present the truth in an environment where compromise is much more often and more easily chosen.

Still working thru this one. Very informative.

I have read all Joe Dallas's books. A good viewpoint on this issue.

Joe Dallas has nailed this topic on the head! It is very well written, perfect for anyone to understand. He himself comes out of the gay lifestyle and the gay church. No one brainwashed him...the Holy Spirit guided him to holiness. He expertly displays both sides of this issue with grace and truth. I recommend this book for all pastors and church leaders as a tool to equipping themselves for the challenges of this day and age.

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