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Jesus Christ affirmed the dignity of all human beings and reached out compassionately to them. He offered caring ministry and words of solace, while differentiating His love for sinners from His teaching about sinful practice.

Is the Seventh-day Adventist Church able to mirror this attitude?

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Adventists believe sexual intimacy belongs only within the marital relationship of a man and a woman, as designed by God during Creation.

The Bible declares: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24, NIV). It affirms this pattern throughout the rest of the Scriptures.

The Bible also forbids sexual acts that occur outside a heterosexual marriage. It declares that "the sexually immoral" will inherit the kingdom of God only if "washed" "sanctified" and "justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 6:9-12, NIV).

However, Adventists endeavour to follow the instruction and example of Jesus by seeking to minister to all because we recognise that every human being is valuable. We also believe that by God's grace and through the encouragement of a community of faith, a person may live in harmony with biblical principles.

Our church offers fellowship to any person—regardless of sexual orientation—who accepts Jesus as their Saviour.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church released a statement on homosexuality in 1999. Visit www.adventist.org.au to read the full statement.



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