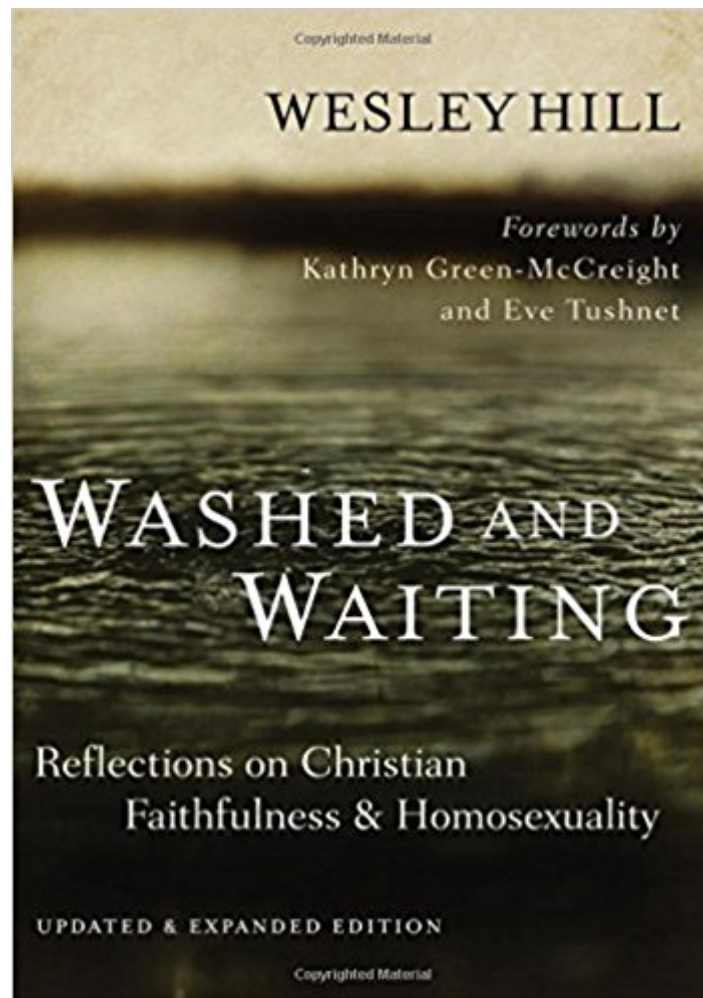




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Washed And Waiting: Reflections On Christian Faithfulness And Homosexuality



Synopsis

*Is there a place for celibate, gay Christians in the church? *How do the gospel, holiness, and indwelling sin play out in the life of a Christian experiencing same-sex attraction? And how do brothers and sisters in Christ show love to them? Wesley Hill offers wise counsel that is biblically faithful, theologically serious, and oriented to the life and practice of the church. As a celibate gay Christian, Hill gives us a glimpse of what it looks like to wrestle firsthand with God's "No" to same-sex sexual intimacy. What does it mean for gay Christians to be faithful to God while struggling with the challenge of their homosexuality? What is God's will for believers who experience same-sex desires? Those who choose celibacy are often left to deal with loneliness and the hunger for relationships. How can gay Christians experience God's favor and blessing in the midst of a struggle that for many brings a crippling sense of shame and guilt? Weaving together reflections from his own life and the lives of other Christians, such as Henri Nouwen and Gerard Manley Hopkins, Hill offers a fresh perspective on these questions. He advocates neither unqualified "healing" for those who struggle nor accommodation to temptation, but rather faithfulness in the midst of brokenness.

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the Church as a Celibate Gay ChristianÂ (Brazos, 2015). He is on the editorial board forÂ Christianity TodayÂ and writes regularly for that magazine as well as forÂ Books & Culture,Â First Things, and other publications. Â

Much of the text was on the benefits-and joys-of the celibate life. In the Protestant/Evangelical church in particular, we have moved away from the celebration of celibacy. Part of this is our ongoing struggle with Catholicism and part is our embracing of cultural norms. For ALL single believers, the ultimate question is, "Where is our hope for fulfillment? The expression of self through the sexual experiences of this life, or the finding of our true name in Him?" A good read for all believers , gay or straight, who seek to honor God in their lives and sexuality.

Wesley Hill does a good job of explaining a complicated lifestyle choice that's worth it. He can come across as overly artistic to me in his formatting, but the theology is worthwhile to wrestle through and I would recommend this to any who are struggling to reconcile homosexuality and the Bible.

The honesty and struggle Wes shares is so deeply moving. Wes advocates celibacy for gay Christians, but his personal story is so engaging and honest it gives great credibility to the idea that any gay Christian could model celibacy as well.

Very helpful, good read, honest. This book is for the traditional evangelical who is looking for a healthy, non-judgmental, scriptural perspective on homosexuality.

This is not for the thrill seeker, but for the person interested in diving into the moral and psychological struggle of another. Wes Hill's depth of self-examination is equally matched by his vast study on the topic he is tackling. One of the best books I've read on the subject of same-sex attraction.

Really an entirely new way of looking at this issue. Those who follow biblical principles of ethics and morals are offered a way to continue in life, although uncomfortable, but fulfilled.

Very interesting. Gave me a lot to think about concerning homosexuality and how it affects the person who lives that life.

Thought provoking and appreciated. I bought the expanded version in which Wes adds more thoughts on the back end of the book to update the reader on where he is now, nearly 10 years after the original manuscript and over 5 years after the book was published. In the expanded version, Wes adds a serious challenge to the church concerning its dangerously weak theology of celibacy.

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