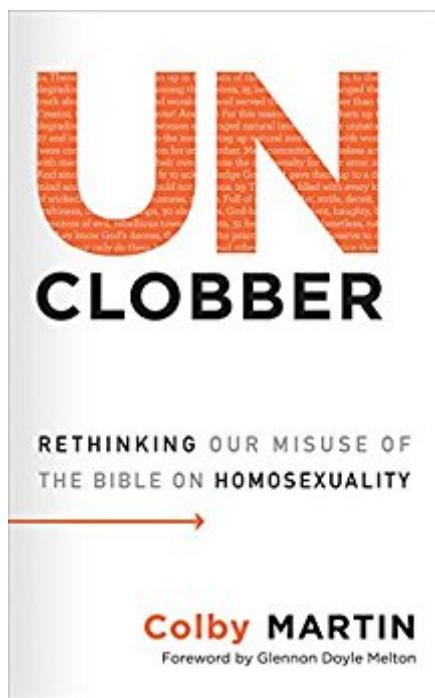


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# UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse Of The Bible On Homosexuality



## **Synopsis**

Churches in America are experiencing an unprecedented fracturing due to their belief and attitude toward the LGBTQ community. Armed with only six passages in the Bible--often known as the "clobber passages"--the traditional Christian position has been one that stands against the full inclusion of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. Unclobber reexamines each of those frequently quoted passages of Scripture, alternating with author Colby Martin's own story of being fired from an evangelical megachurch when they discovered his stance on sexuality. UnClobber reexamines what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality in such a way that breathes fresh life into outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Clear and concise explanations about the 'clobber' passages. If you are a devout Christian but a supporter of LGBTQ rights (as I am) this is the book to read along with Justin Lee's 'Torn ...'. I belong to the United Methodist Church which has the ongoing debate/schism regarding the LGBTQ issue and I am on the affirming side. These books helped me understand the issue theologically.

Colby's book is refreshing and inspiring. He unearths the historical context behind the infamous "clobber passages" in the bible revealing a whole new way to interpret the statements which have been used by so many Christians to hurt the LGBTQ+ community. This book is a great place to start if you're looking for biblical backing to your hearts leaning towards inclusion and acceptance. He also fills the book with personal stories and real life experiences which make the book entertaining, although heart wrenching at times. Everyone who claims Christianity as their faith should read this book - especially you're in leadership. Thank God for progressive leaders like Colby!

This book is awesome! I love the mix of personal stories and deep, well thought out Biblical discussion. It is obviously important to give context to the time/place of the Bible - even while maintaining the truth of the scripture underneath. Colby does this. And, his life stories make the book personal - imagine finding someone's diary and reading and seeing the in-most person - that is what this is like. For Colby to risk/lose/gain so much should cause everyone to understand that this was not some journey of "choice" for Colby - just as it is not a 'choice' for LGBT folks - he was clearly moved by the Spirit. Colby's stories and deep understanding of the Bible can help you too find what you know to be true in your heart. Give it a read - you'll be glad you did...

This book is LONG overdue. Does it definitively prove that the Bible is in support of homosexuality? Of course not, but that is not its aim. What it does do is provide significant grey area around the verses that have been used for hundreds of years to justify the horrific treatment of the LGBTQ community by the church. This book should finally start a conversation that many in the church have been longing for, what should Christians believe about loving, monogamous, and healthy relationships between people of the same gender. Mixed in with the biblical analysis is a story that breaks your heart but eventually leaves a smile on your face. Everyone, no matter what you believe, should read this book with an open mind. My guess is that it will provoke more questions than it answers.

For Christians who feel that homophobia is un-Christ-like this is a great book that follows the authors' own journey to being convinced of this truth and his interpretation of those passages that appear to be anti-gay. Well-written and researched.

## A must read

Colby Martin does a fantastic job of using literal, cultural, historical and emotional approaches to discerning the true meaning of these misused and misunderstood scriptures. Without a dog in the fight (i.e..he's a married straight man) Colby shares with us what God has opened up to him regarding this unfair blanket condemnation of homosexuality that is still prevalent in the evangelical community today. As a lifelong evangelical, reading this rational and sensible analysis from a fellow evangelical is exactly what I needed!!

This book gave me some insight into the "clobber passages" of Scripture, as associated with homosexuality. I wrestle with so many ideas in Scripture which seem culturally/historically based, and wonder where grace fits in over the words that I read. However, I also believe the Bible to be inerrant. I appreciated Martin's bravery and his study. Right now, I'm just stopped at loving people. No matter what. Because God loves me.

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