What does Christianity Say?

Reconciling Faith and Sexuality

Here is a brief description of key verses used to condemn LGBTQ people, and what they really mean:

Leviticus 18:22
“Thou shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.”
The context of this verse is God’s prohibition of the Israelites engaging in the practices found in the nearby fertility cults of Moloch and Ashtaroth. This section of Scripture emphasizes that the Israelites are to consider themselves as set apart to God from the rest of the nations.

Genesis 19:4 – 9
The story of Sodom leading up to the city’s destruction became the basis of the belief that the sin of Sodom was homosexuality (hence the term “sodomite”). The offense described in this passage is not homosexual behavior, but rather the mistreatment of strangers and rape.

Ezekiel 16:49, 50 (NIV) says “Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters are arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me.”

What does Jesus say about homosexuality?

Nothing!

What Paul had to say – The word “homosexual” in modern versions of the Bible ("effeminate" in the King James Version) is most disputed and probably meant male temple prostitute.
Many passages suggest God loves everyone equally.

Psalm 103:6
"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed."

Psalm 82:3
"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed."

Romans 5:8
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 8:38
"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I John 3:1
"How great is the love of the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Romans 8:31
"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Compare the number of verses proscribing homosexual acts (two, if any) and the number of verses proscribing mistreatment of the oppressed (over thirty). Which do you think God is more concerned about?