

Position paper # 2

Human sexuality

Due to the fact that we live in days when views and beliefs on human sexuality are changing rapidly it is necessary to clearly and compassionately clarify our position from scripture about God's design for human sexuality.

The Divine origin and purpose for human sexuality

Human sexuality is a gift from God Himself. The scriptures present a grand vision of husband and wife mirroring the intimate fellowship of the Trinity through union with a covenant partner who is both similar (human) and different (opposite gender), leading to fruitful procreation of humanity. In this mystery we discover God's purposes for our sexuality and His will for how we are to express our sexuality. Because God made us and redeems us, He alone has sovereign authority to define us and to regulate our sexual practice. While the scriptures teach that human sexuality is indeed a gift to be enjoyed, its primary purpose is to glorify God. Therefore it is incumbent upon all followers of His to adhere to His design as revealed in scripture.

Single life

The Bible is crystal clear concerning sexual practice outside of the bonds of marriage. Those who have not been joined together as husband and wife yet are required to abstain from all sexual practice. We are compelled out of our love for God as displayed through our obedience to Him and out of respect for our future marriage partner to wait until marriage to engage in sexual activity.

Married life

God created us male and female and instituted the ordinance of marriage in which one man and one woman are bound together for life in a solemn covenant that reflects the beautiful covenant that He Himself has enacted between Himself and His chosen bride, the church. It is within this covenant of marriage alone that God has instructed husbands and wives to engage in regular, intimate sexual love.

Sexual brokenness

In the fall of humanity and humankind's rebellion against their Creator the disruption of God's ordained order for humanity has been experienced in every area of life including human sexuality. The pain and suffering of people choosing to live outside of Divine order is immeasurable. The consequences of participating in any sinful sexual practice including pornography, sexual abuse, sex outside of marriage, adultery, polygamy, homosexual conduct or marriage or gender reassignment have done untold damage to hearts, homes and society.

The Biblical response to sexual brokenness

The responsibility of Christ's church is to be light to the society in which it lives. It is incumbent that the church declare God's standard for life in all areas of life as revealed in His Word. However, it is imperative that all issues be addressed in a spirit of compassion toward those who are living outside the will of their Creator. Our greatest desire is that everyone come into a personal relationship with God through the sacrifice of His Son and experience healing from all forms of brokenness that they might experience the abundant life that they were created by Christ to enjoy.