

Biblical Sexuality and Marriage

Each human being is created in the image of God as either male or female, a gender that is encoded genetically and manifested physiologically prior to birth. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. The family units thus formed on these principles provide the foundation of civil society.

Any effort to violate the creative order of God by attempting to modify or transform human gender is sin. Since marriage is biblically defined as between one man and one woman, all homosexual or polygamous unions are sinful. Beyond marital standards, sexual sin includes, but is not limited to, premarital sexual relations, extramarital sexual relations, incestuous relations, pornography, bestiality, and pedophilia. Persons engaged in such violations of God's Law, like all sinners, should be called to turn from their sin and seek forgiveness through repentance and faith in Christ.

We believe God is a loving and forgiving God. We welcome all of God's children to worship and fellowship with us. However, persons who are actively and unrepentantly engaged in any sinful practice that contradicts or undermines the doctrinal standards of this church are not eligible for fellowship. Similarly, active and unrepentant engagement in any sinful practice or practice that contradicts or undermines the doctrine of this church is grounds for church discipline. A practice is sinful when it is contrary to the teachings of the Holy Bible.

In order to be eligible for employment at the church, the applicant or employee must be a member of the church. Since a purpose of the church is to teach and instill biblical values, and because every employee of the church is a representative of the church, in order to be eligible for employment at the church the applicant shall not be actively engaged in unrepentant sin and shall not be perceived to undermine or contradict, through his or her actions, behaviors, or speech, the tenets of the Bible and the doctrines of this church.

Church ministers, members, and staff shall not use their title, position, or ordination in a way that contradicts or undermines the teachings of this church and the Holy Bible by, including but not limited to, officiating over or solemnizing weddings or ceremonies joining more than two people or two people of the same sex.

Neither property nor facilities owned or controlled by this church (or used with permission obtained by the church) shall be used or permitted to be used for any activity or speech that is contrary to any stated or implied doctrine or religious belief or practice of this church.

Weddings, Funerals and other services: The church actively seeks to minister to the surrounding community by making its facilities available for Biblical weddings, funerals and other services. A service of non-members is permitted only insofar as the ceremony comports with the teachings of the Holy Bible and the doctrinal standards of this church. If it becomes evident that a wedding, funeral or other service does not or will not comply with the teachings of the Holy Bible and the doctrinal standards of this church, the church may, within its sole discretion, cancel

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