

Position Statements Concerning Marriage and Sexuality

- We believe that God created men and women as sexual beings. Sexuality is an integral and beautiful part of creation. The Bible clearly teaches that any sexual act outside of marriage whether in thought, word, or deed is sin.

Genesis 1:27-28; Proverbs 6:25-26; Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8.

- We believe that God, from the beginning, ordained marriage and family as sacred institutions. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to the teachings of the Bible and contrary to God's design.

Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20b-24; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4.

- We believe that singleness is a gift from God, whether temporary or permanent. Christ's Church is His community for all people, and through Christ, not family or marriage, we have everything we need.

1 Corinthians 7:7; 7:32-35; Romans 12:4-5; 2 Peter 1:3.

- We affirm that biological sex is a gift of God to every individual and to their community. We believe that each person was intentionally woven together in their mother's womb. Therefore, to be born biologically male is to be male and to be born biologically female is to be female.

Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 23:1; Psalm 139:13; Matthew 19:4; Romans 1:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

- We believe in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the time of death. All human life is precious in the sight of God.

Psalm 22:10; 71:6; 72:14; 139:13-14; Isaiah 43:4; Luke 1:15; Mark 8:36; Galatians 1:15.