

Gender, Marriage and Sexuality

We believe that mankind is created in the image of God as two distinct, complementary genders, male and female (Gen 1:27). As such, gender according to one's biological sex is a good and intentional part of God's created order. Any attempt, therefore, to reject or modify one's gender contrary to biologically-born sex is against God's design and is ultimately sinful.

We believe that marriage is only to be defined as between one man and one woman (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:4–5) and that this is the only context in which God intends sexual intimacy (Ex 20:14; 1 Cor 7:2–5; Heb 13:4). All sexual behavior outside of a monogamous, heterosexual marriage, is declared by Scripture to be sexual immorality, including fornication, adultery, homosexual or bisexual behavior, pornography or even lustful intent (Lev 18:22; Matt 5:27–28; Rom 1:26–27; 1 Cor 6:9–10). These and all such practices not done in the context of a marriage between a husband and a wife are therefore contrary to God's design and is ultimately sinful.

We believe that every person, regardless of their expression of gender or sexuality, possesses great dignity as those created in the image of God. All people should be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity, as defined by the Scriptures and the example of Christ (Matt 7:12; Mark 12:28–31; Col 3:12–14). Therefore, any hateful or harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are ultimately sinful and not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of this church.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 5:8; Rom 10:9–10; 1 John 1:9).