

Position Paper on The Family

Crosspoint Community Church

We believe that Christian marriage is a sacred institution ordained of God for the happiness of humankind and the propagation of the race. We believe that God's marriage ideal is a spiritual and physical union in which one man and one woman enter into a covenant with God till death separates them. We affirm the scriptural and historical definition of marriage as a heterosexual monogamy, which has been inviolable over the centuries and has been recognized worldwide. We do not believe that marriage is an arbitrary relationship created by the state or a natural outcome of social systems but rather reflects realities as fundamental as human sexuality, human nature and human anatomy. We believe as part of created order as found in Genesis, marriage is not open to reinterpretation.

We believe that heterosexuality is God's revealed will for humankind. The Bible grants two options for living out this will: (1) a monogamous marital union between one man and one woman, and (2) celibate singleness. Both of these options are to be celebrated and affirmed within the church. We believe that legitimate sexual relations are solely within marriage. Therefore, sexual activities, such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, pedophilia and bestiality are inconsistent with the teaching of the Bible and the Church. We also believe that lascivious behavior and the creation and/or distribution and/or viewing of pornography are incompatible with the biblical witness to purity and holiness. This belief is based on many teachings found in God's Word, one of which is 1 Corinthians Chapter 6 Verses 9 and 10 "Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (NASB)

We believe the sexual orientation of everyone was damaged in the fall. We also recognize that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, in one way or another. Forgiveness for all sin is available through Christ, and we should all seek redemption through confession, repentance, and reliance on the Holy Spirit in order to pursue purity. Therefore, from a biblical perspective we are all to control our sexual desires and bring them into submission through the power and grace of Christ and embrace a moral sexual lifestyle. We believe that everyone is created in the "Image of God" and has great value to the creator. Therefore, no matter what a person's behavior, lifestyle or sexual orientation is, we are to share with them the Good News that Christ has conquered sin and death. (Hebrews 13:4; Luke 20:34; Matthew 19:5; Genesis 2:18-24; Leviticus 18:22)

