

Sample Language on Marriageⁱ

“According to the Bible, ‘marriage’ has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive, lifelong covenant, as delineated in Scripture and sanctioned by God (Gen 2:18-25). This union involves the joining of one member of each distinct gender into one flesh (Matt. 19:4-6). Divorce and remarriage is prohibited except in the event of adultery by or the death of one of the spouses then the other may remarry (Matt. 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:39). The Bible teaches that sexual intimacy is only sanctioned by God when it occurs between a man and a woman who are married according to Scripture (1 Cor. 6:18, 7:2-5). Any sexual activity outside of marriage, generally called fornication in Scripture, is sinful and will be judged by God (Heb. 13:4). Outside of biblical marriage, God requires celibacy of us all (Matt. 5:27-30). Because homosexual activity necessarily occurs outside the confines of biblical marriage, it is sinful. The Bible teaches that such behavior as “unnatural” and calls practicing homosexuals to repent (Rom. 1:24-28; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).”

Sample Language on Gender

“The Bible teaches that each person is ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’ in the image of God as either a male or a female (Ps. 139:14; Gen. 1:26-27). One’s gender, then, is determined by God prior to his or her birth and is immutable. In the Bible, gender identity is aligned exclusively with one’s physical characteristics at birth (Gen. 2:21-23). Any gender limitations placed on participation in any program or use of any church facility will be determined exclusively by the individual’s biological sex.”

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