

## **Biblical Lifestyle, Sexuality, Marriage, Gender, And Human Life Statements of Belief**

### Biblical Lifestyle; Sexuality

The Corporation stands firmly upon the Scriptural and historical truth claims and moral foundation of biblical Christianity. This includes, but is not limited to, the biblical definition of marriage, the attendant boundaries of sexuality and moral conduct, and the clear biblical teaching that gender is both sacred and established by God's design. Persons who choose to become members of the Corporation, are agreeing to support these and other basic biblical values derived from Scriptural and historical Christianity. These values oppose and prohibit living in, practicing, condoning, or supporting sex outside of marriage, adultery, homosexuality, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, gender identity different than the birth sex chromosomal level, pornography, or other sexual immorality (Leviticus, 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6).

### Marriage

The Corporation believes that every person is created in the image of God, and that human sexuality reflects that image in terms of intimate love, communication, fellowship, and subordination of the self. God's Word makes use of the marriage relationship as the supreme metaphor for His relationship with His covenant people. Therefore, God's plan for human sexuality is that it is to be expressed only in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman within the framework of marriage. This is the only relationship that is divinely designed for the birth and rearing of children and is a union made in the sight of God. The Corporation believes that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18, 20, 23-24; Isa. 54:4-8; 62:5b; Jer. 3:14; Ezek. 16; Hosea 2; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:9; Eph. 5:23-32; Heb. 13:4; and Rev. 19:7-8).

### Gender

The Corporation believes that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. A person's rejection of his or her biological sex is a rejection of the image of God as reflected the person (Gen 1:26-27).

### Sanctity of Human Life

The Corporation believes that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. The Corporation is therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life, beginning at conception (Ps 139).