



Endnotes

- ¹ II Peter 1:20,21; I Thessalonians 2:13
- ² II Timothy 3:15,16
- ³ Isaiah 8:20
- ⁴ Matthew 22:29,31; Luke 10:26
- ⁵ Genesis 1:27.
- ⁶ Genesis 2:23,24; I Corinthians 7:2,39; Matthew 19:46; Hebrews 13:4.
- ⁷ Genesis 1:27,28; Mark 10:9.
- ⁸ *Book of Confessions*, 6.134
- ⁹ Genesis 2:18,24
- ¹⁰ Genesis 1:27,28; Ephesians 5:22,23; Colossians 3:18,19; Genesis 2:18,25; I Corinthians 7:3-5,9,36.
- ¹¹ Genesis 1:27,28; Genesis 9:1; Malachi 2:15; [Matthew 18:5](#); [Matthew 19:14](#).
- ¹² Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20,21; [Mark 10:13-16](#); [Luke 18:15-17](#).
- ¹³ *Book of Confessions*, 5.001-5.002.
- ¹⁴ *Book of Confessions* , 5.245-5.246, 9.47.
- ¹⁵ *Book of Confessions*, 4.108-4.109, 6.136.
- ¹⁶ *Book of Confessions*, 5.001-5.014, 9.47.
- ¹⁷ *Book of Confessions*, 3.18, 3.20, 4.085, 5.163-5.165, 9.47.
- ¹⁸ Acts 11:18; Luke 24:47; Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Ezekiel 19:30,31; 36:31;

Psalm 51:4; Jeremiah 31:18,19; II Corinthians 7:11; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Proverbs 28:13.

¹⁹ Titus 3:5; Acts 5:31; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7; Isaiah 55:7; Romans 8:1; Isaiah 1:18; I Timothy 1:13,15; Psalm 32:5,6; Psalm 51:4,5,7,9,14; I John 1:9.
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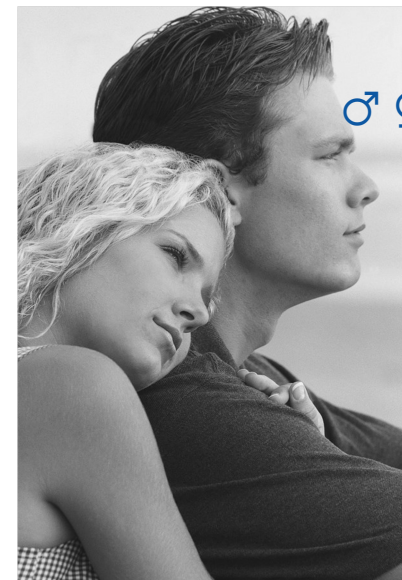
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Sexuality:

A Guide for Students



The Bible is God's written Word.¹
We declare our commitment to its infallible truth,² especially in the areas of marriage and sexuality where its teaching is under attack in our day.³
Our Reformed tradition has always stood on the absolute authority of Scripture



The Bible Reveals God's Plan For Men and Women

The Bible tells us that both male and female are made in God's own image,⁵ and are intended by God to express sexual love for one another only within the bonds of the life-long covenant of marriage.⁶

Christian marriage is created by God⁷ and designed for three purposes:⁸

1. The mutual help of husband and wife.⁹
2. The safe-guarding, encouragement, and development of their moral and spiritual character.¹⁰
3. Having children¹¹ and raising them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.¹²

We call the Church to Follow the Bible's Teachings

We call on Christians to join with us in following the Bible's teachings¹³ and our Reformed confessions and tradition across history in declaring that sexual relationships *within this context*¹⁴ are the only possible expressions of sexuality that are not in direct rebellion against God's revealed will.¹⁵



With many sexual temptations facing America's youth today, the Church of Jesus Christ must speak truthfully in support of what God says about sex and marriage.¹⁶ We want to be faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ who said both:

Your sins are forgiven

(Luke 7:48),
and

Stop sinning

(John 5:14).¹⁷

The words of God and His followers call those continuing in sexual sin to turn away from their sin¹⁸ and believe in forgiveness offered to us through the blood of Jesus.¹⁹

Appendix

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the

name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9,10,11

Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction: the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Gal 6:7,8

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:3

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:13b

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:4

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:16

