

Christian Life Assembly
Counter-Culture Pt. 1: How Does the Bible Define Marriage?

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All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. - 2 Tim. 3:16

*For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.
- 2 Timothy 4:3 NLT*

The Bible sets the standard of how we are to live

- **The Bible defines marriage as only to be between one man and one woman**

*"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.'"
- Matthew 19:4-5 NLT*

- **The Bible makes a clear distinction between male and female**

*A woman must not put on men's clothing, and a man must not wear women's clothing. Anyone who does this is detestable in the sight of the LORD your God.
- Deuteronomy 22:5 NLT*

- **The Bible forbids same-sex unions**

*Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.
- Leviticus 18:22 NLT*

We are all born with a sin nature, but we are not to practice sin.

*That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.
- Romans 1:26-28 NLT*

*Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people--none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NLT*

We do not point out that homosexuality is a sin because we want to condemn homosexuals, but because we want to save them from eternal condemnation

The Bible reveals to us that we are sinners

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. - Romans 3:23 NLT

- **The Bible commands us not to continue in our sin**

*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! ...
- Romans 6:1-2 NLT*

- **The Bible calls everyone to repent**

God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. - Acts 17:30 NLT