

## God's Law on Sex in 22 Words!

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” *Genesis 2:24*

This short phrase of 22 words is repeated by Jesus in Matthew 19:5 and Mark 10:7, with the added words “What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” They are referenced by Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:16 and repeated in Ephesians 5:31. (ESV)

I am sure that we have all heard/read these words many times, but have we understood? Have we truly grasped the holiness of God's gifts in this statement?

In God's creation this is His second law or rule given in Genesis, the first being “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” *Genesis 2:16, 17*. And die we certainly did when Eve ate of the tree and gave to Adam.

It is also God's first institution given to humankind – the institution of Marriage. This is God's Doctrine on marriage.

You see, all of God's creation is Holy. It was created by Him, sanctified by Him. “And God saw everything that he had made and behold, it was very good.” (*Genesis 1:31*) Eve was a Holy gift from God to Adam – “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;...” (*Genesis 2:23*) - fashioned from his own flesh (blood relative). You can immediately sense the oneness that exists between man and woman, and sense the joyfulness in Adam's proclamation. It is important to understand that the gift of sex was from God and was a Holy and Sacred gift given for man and woman's enjoyment of each other and for procreation of humans. Thus God's perfect creation of male bodies and female bodies that perfectly fit together. Before we dissect our passage, it is important to note that God created only one Eve for Adam. Not several Eve's or another Adam. One Adam – One Eve. This clearly points to heterosexual monogamy as the divine pattern for marriage that God established at creation. (ESV Study Bible pg 54)

The gift of sex is so Holy, and so Sacred that God deemed it necessary to immediately proclaim the boundaries in which sex may be enjoyed, and it's ultimate purpose of procreating the human race. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” *Genesis 2:24*

We know from Israel's history that a son did not move away from his parents, but lived near by with his wife and eventually inherited his father's land. Man therefore leaves his mother and father in the sense that he puts his wife's welfare before his parents.

The first thing we note is that sex is between a man and a woman. No other combination is acceptable – man shall hold fast to his wife. There can be no mistaking this – there was only Adam and Eve when God gave this command – man and woman. Not two men, not two women,

not with any other creature and not even alone – man shall hold fast to his wife. God’s biblical law is for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman. God created two perfect human beings – one male and one female – created to perfectly fit together in the act of sexual intercourse for the purpose of their joint enjoyment and procreation of the human race. There can be no “fitting” together between two males or two females for their mutual enjoyment. There can be no procreation. “male and female he created them” (*Gen 1:27*), “be fruitful and multiply” (*Gen. 1:28*)

The second point to note is that sex takes place within the covenant of marriage only. A man “shall hold fast to his wife”. A man shall devote himself to his wife – one wife only, and no adulterous adventures and no sex outside of marriage.

The third point which has already been discussed is the use of sex for mutual enjoyment and procreations of the human race.

All other forms of sex would fall under the term “sexual immorality” that we see throughout the Bible.

For those who insist that Jesus said nothing about sex I can only point to the Gospel of Matthew and Gospel of Mark where he reaffirms the law for sex as God outlined in Genesis. There can be no mistake – sex and marriage are between one man and one woman. There can be no other way in God’s plan.

This certainly flies in the face of modern society where we have placed our trust in our elected governments (Psalm 94:20 –...”those who frame injustice by statue?”) They indeed create laws to make right what God has called wrong. But these are human’s laws and not God’s, and we are “not to be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (*Romans 12:2*)

Because we confess and believe in the “one holy, catholic and apostolic Church,” this means we are **not** looking for a Church that fits our own preferences and ideals, but rather one that teaches us what our preferences should be. We are **not** seeking to reform or to teach the Church how it should do things, but are rather seeking to be formed by the Church and to learn how we should be doing things as faithful Christians.

And we know that the will of God is to keep His laws and commandments.

It is indeed noteworthy that immediately following God’s creating of all things that we have this rule/law for sexual conduct: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” *Genesis 2:24*, and at the other end of the Bible we have God speaking to us his severe warning: 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are

trustworthy and true.” 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. **7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**” (Rev. 21:5-8)

It seems so clear – How could we get it so wrong?

Of course, the institution of marriage is God’s Doctrine. Not the Church’s. One day the homosexual/lesbian community will realize that they have gained nothing. We can write whatever we want in our Canons, but in reality we cannot change God’s Doctrine. It is embodied in Scripture and is His Word to us! Do what you want with humankind’s laws, but we cannot change God or His laws, or the Doctrine that He has given us.

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