

How do you interpret what scripture says about marriage? "A man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be one flesh" One man, one woman.

How do you understand the theological significance of gender difference in marriage? Marriage between one man and one woman is the picture of the marriage between Christ and His church. If you change it, the picture of grace is corrupted, there can be no fruit.

Is there a distinction between civil marriage and Christian marriage? They go hand in hand. The rulers should uphold the law of God and promote right living before Him.

The marriage canon describes "the purposes of marriage" as mutual fellowship, support, and comfort; the procreation (if it may be) and nurture of children; and the creation of a relationship in which sexuality may serve personal fulfilment in a community of faithful love.

What is the theological significance of:

- companionship in marriage?

- bearing and raising children?

- the relationship between marriage and sexuality? I think you cannot separate these things. A healthy marriage produces companionship, children, and you cannot have children without having sex. Sex is part of this companionship, this union, "the marriage bed is undefiled". It is against nature for two men, (or two women) to be married to each other as we read in Romans 1.

What is the difference between marriage and the blessing of a relationship? The verses in Romans 1 and 1 Cor. 6 : 9-10 and others clearly show that any sort of relationship short of one man and one woman being married is wrong.

How do you understand the sacramentality of marriage? Marriage between one man and one woman should serve to show us a picture of the marriage of Christ to his church which means that marriage is all about the gospel.

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