

XIX. Marriage, Gender & Sexuality

What We Believe

We believe 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. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one 1) _____ and one _____ in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are 2) _____ to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that 3) _____ of sexual immorality including adultery, fornication, _____ behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, use of pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex is sinful and offensive to God.

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Rock Spring Baptist Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Rock Spring Baptist Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Rock Spring Baptist Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, 4) _____ to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality.

We believe that God offers 5) _____ and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We believe that every person must be afforded 6) _____, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Rock Spring Baptist Church.

Why?

1) **Genesis 2:24**, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be _____ to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

2) **Hebrews 13:4**, "_____ is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

3) **Romans 1:18-27**, "For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against _____ of men . . . who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator . . . For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise, also the men, leaving the _____ use of the _____, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

4) **Philippians 2:1-2**, "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one _____."

5) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**, "Do you not know that the _____ will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such _____ some of you. But you _____ washed, but you _____ sanctified, but you _____ justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

6) **Luke 6:31**, "And just as you want men to _____ to _____, you also do to them likewise."

RSBC Prayer List

RSBC Missions & Ministries

Living Lord's Supper

Youth Sunday

Church Family

Mary Anderson
Russell Briggs
Josiah Clifton
Rita Daniels
Terry McFarland
Charlotte Moss
Brittney Price
Katherine Robbins
Katie Stanley
Kent Winstead

Virginia Arnold
Polly Cheaves
Jennifer Daniels
Brian & Carie Hedrick
Tony Mitchell
Harold Murphy
Jennifer Rhodes
Blake & Wendy Sauls
Jerry Temple
Amie Wrenn

Other Concerns

Goga Abulashvili
Brad Atkins
Tucker Bell
Roy Brantley
Brenda Caulder
Janet Dement
Keith Edwards
Hunter Hedrick
Bill Jones (Steve's dad)
Dianne Loyd
Mike & Shelley Meadows
Steve Miller
Heather Minor
Melissa Oakley
Brent Pierce
Dennis Richardson
Becky Singleton
Peggy Taylor
Larry Timberlake
Ukraine
Margie Walters
Rose Williams
Reggie Wynne
Stephanie Zirelli

Rebecca Anderson
Paula Bass
Phil Brantley
Bryson Capps
Deb Chenault
Pam Denning
Carole Felbob
Bill Jones (Florida)
Delbra Liles Family
Luci May
Brianna McGuyrt
Tony Miller
Pat Nicholson
Eoin Oriada
Don Puckett
Frank Saunders
Andrea Sowder
Buddy Thomas
Kellie Tomaszewski
Susie Wade
Gene Whaples
Ronnie Wrenn
Carol Zimmerman

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Midweek Bible Study

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