

ECC's positions on marriage, sexuality, gender and the preborn...

PREBORN: We believe that all human life begins at the spark of conception and bears the image of God, therefore it is sacred and should be protected and celebrated, both preborn and born.

(Note- While we understand with deep compassion that not all conception is the result of a loving marriage in a safe and supportive environment, under no circumstances will we diverge from our belief that every life is sacred and marked with purpose and value.)

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Gen 1:27

"13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Psalm 139:13-16

GENDER: We believe that we are each fearfully and wonderfully made by a thoughtful creator, specifically without anatomical error. We believe a person's gender and sex are one; singularly unique and intentional down to the cellular level; and not malleable, therefore we unequivocally do not endorse transgender initiatives, at any age.

"Haven't you read the Scriptures about creation?" Jesus replied. "The Creator made us male and female from the very beginning," Matthew 19:4

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

MARRIAGE: We believe marriage is a holy covenant recognized by God between one genetic man and one genetic woman, and that the marriage covenant was designed by God to be honored for a lifetime. *(Note- While we understand that many people have suffered the pain of broken marriages, we believe in the redemptive gospel! It is Jesus' heart to forgive and redeem people into healthy marriage covenants.)*

"7 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, 8 and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one." Mark 10:7-8

"Marriage is to be held in honor among all [that is, regarded as something of great value], and the marriage bed undefiled [by immorality or by any sexual sin]; for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." Hebrews 13:4

SEXUALITY: We believe that sex is a sacred binding act, created by God to be experienced and enjoyed between a man and a woman within the loving and respectful covenant of a marriage only.

"15 My son, share your love with your wife alone. Drink from her well of pleasure and from no other. 16 Why would you have sex with a stranger or with anyone other than her? 17 Reserve this pleasure for you and her alone and not with another. 18 Your sex life will be blessed as you take joy and pleasure in the wife of your youth." Proverbs 5:15-17

"18 Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:18-20