



The Freedom of

LIMITS

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:28

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2:20–25

A Theology
Of Marriage
And Sexuality



Marriage - Part of God's Creation

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Genesis 2:22–24

Marriage Essentially Related to Procreation

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Genesis 2:24

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Marriage - Union of One Man and One Woman

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“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that **at the beginning** the Creator ‘made them **male and female,**’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason **a man** will leave **his father and mother** and be united to **his wife,** and **the two will become one flesh**’? ⁶ So **they are no longer two, but one.** Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

Matthew 19:4–6

Marriage - The Only Context for Sex

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Genesis 2:24

Married - Or Celibate

Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry. ² But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband... ⁹ But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 7:1–2, 9

Marriage - Picture of Christ & Church

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”³² This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:31–33

Sexual Immorality Is A Serious Sin

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor **adulterers** nor **male prostitutes** nor **homosexual offenders** ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

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Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”¹⁷ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:16–20



Applying the

WORD

The Lord's Table &
The Marriage Supper of
the Lamb



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

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