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Biblical Sexuality - What is Sexuality?

<https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF21F35.pdf>

Many people do not have a clear definition of sexuality and take their cues from recent academic studies, marketing campaigns, or cultural norms. Christians, however, ought to follow the Bible.

God intended for sexuality to draw people together in marriage, not merely to have sex. Therefore, understanding what the Bible teaches about the nature and purposes of marriage is essential to a biblical understanding of sexuality.

What the Bible Says About Marriage

Genesis 1-2: Four main principles frame a biblical stance for marriage.

- **Permanent:** Marriage is permanent. A man and woman leave their families of origin and are united together in a life-long relationship.
- **Exclusive:** Marriage is only between one biological man and one biological woman.
- **A Sacred Covenant:** Marriage is making a covenant before God and your spouse. It is rooted in biblical standards.
- **Sexual Differentiation:** God created two complementary, biologically and genetically sexed individuals.

Non-Biblical Forms of Sexuality

- Homosexuality
- Same-sex marriage
- Transgenderism

What the Bible Says About Homosexuality and Same-sex Marriage

- **Unnatural or Against Nature** (Romans 1:18-32)

The apostle Paul explains that humanity has rejected God, exchanging the truth about Him and the things He created for a lie. In verse 26, while describing the sinful “exchanges” men and women have made, Paul uses the term *παρὰ φύσιν* (*para physin*), which means “unnatural” or “against nature.”

- **A Departure from God’s design**

Homosexuality is unnatural because it is a departure from God’s design for sexuality. According to the passage, homosexuality is also a consequence of humanity suppressing God’s truth and refusing to honor Him. Other verses, including 1 Corinthians 6:9 and 1 Timothy 1:10, reinforce this teaching.

- **Jesus Supported the Old Testament Vision for Marriage**

Although Jesus did not directly address homosexuality, the available evidence strongly suggests that He would not affirm same-sex relations. Jesus believed in the binding authority of the Old Testament and affirmed the creation pattern for marriage (Mat. 19:4-6 cf. Gen. 1:27, 2:24). Specifically, Jesus' quotation from Genesis 1:24 indicates He affirmed the Old Testament vision for marriage and sexuality as a union between one male and one female for one lifetime.

What the Bible Says About Transgenderism

- **Sex is NOT a Social Construct**

Transgenderism holds that "sex" refers to the physical body (including the reproductive system), while "gender" refers to a person's inner perception of themselves (i.e., their identification with either maleness or femaleness). In transgender ideology, subjective feelings and personal experience supersede biology and anatomy, while sex is reduced to a social construct. This is inconsistent with a biblical understanding of sexuality. Sexual differentiation of male and female was God's design, and it was created "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

- **Our Body is God's Workmanship**

Moreover, Jesus' incarnation and embodiment after His resurrection imply His physical body and soul are inseparable. In sum, Christians should see their created bodies as part of God's good creation, including maleness or femaleness. (Eph 2:10)

Homosexuality in the United States - Stats & Facts

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/611864/lgbtq-identification.aspx>

These results are based on aggregated data from 2023 Gallup telephone surveys, encompassing interviews with more than 12,000 Americans aged 18 and older.

- 85.6 % identify as straight or heterosexual
- 7.6% identify with one or more LGBTQ+ groups
- 6.8% declined to respond
- The current figure is up from 5.6% four years ago and 3.5% in 2012, Gallup's first year of measuring sexual orientation and transgender identity.
- Bisexual adults make up the largest proportion of the LGBTQ+ population -- 4.4% of U.S. adults and 57.3% of LGBTQ+ adults say they are bisexual.
- Gay and lesbian are the next-most-common identities, each representing slightly over 1% of U.S. adults and roughly one in six LGBTQ+ adults.

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/quick-facts/lgbt-faqs/>

The Williams Institute is a research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. *NOTE TO READER: We do not support this organization's values. These are the only facts and stats we could find on this topic.*

- There are an estimated 13 million LGBT people aged 13 and older in the U.S.
- There are an estimated 11 million LGBT adults in the U.S.

<https://www.statista.com/topics/1249/homosexuality/#topicOverview>

Statista is a global data and business intelligence platform with an extensive collection of statistics, reports, and insights on over 80,000 topics from 22,500 sources in 170 industries.

- In a 2022 survey conducted among Americans, 7.2 percent of respondents identified as part of the LGBT community. This is an increase from 2012 when 3.5 percent of surveyed adults identified as LGBT.
- In 2001, 53 percent of respondents stated they believed gay or lesbian relations to be morally wrong, but in 2022, this number had fallen to 25 percent.

Same-Sex Marriage in the United States - Stats & Facts

<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2022/11/same-sex-couple-households-exceeded-one-million.html#:~:text=There%20were%20about%201.2%20million,and%20about%20500%2C000%20were%20unmarried>

- There were about 1.2 million same-sex couple households in the United States in 2021, according to recently released Census Bureau data.
- Roughly 710,000 of the same-sex household were married, and about 500,000 were unmarried.

Transgenderism in the United States – Stats & Facts

<https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2022/06/07/the-experiences-challenges-and-hopes-of-transgender-and-nonbinary-u-s-adults/>

- A Pew Research Center 2021 survey finds that 1.6% of U.S. adults are transgender or nonbinary – that is, their gender differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.
- Some 5.1% of adults younger than 30 are trans or nonbinary, including 2.0% who are a trans man or trans woman and 3.0% who are nonbinary – that is, they are neither a man nor a woman or aren't strictly one or the other.
- Compared with 1.6% of 30- to 49-year-olds and 0.3% of those 50 and older who are trans or nonbinary
- More than four-in-ten U.S. adults (44%) say they personally know someone who is trans and 20% know someone who is nonbinary.

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/trans-adults-united-states/>

- Over 1.6 million adults (ages 18 and older) and youth (13 to 17) identify as transgender in the United States, or 0.6% of those ages 13 and older.

- Among U.S. adults, 0.5% (about 1.3 million adults) identify as transgender. Among youth ages 13 to 17 in the U.S., 1.4 % (about 300,000 youth) identify as transgender.
- Of the 1.3 million adults who identify as transgender, 38.5% (515,200) are transgender women, 35.9% (480,000) are transgender men, and 25.6% (341,800) reported they are gender non-conforming.
- Research shows transgender individuals are younger on average than the U.S. population. We find that youth ages 13 to 17 are significantly more likely to identify as transgender (1.4%) than adults ages 65 or older (0.3%)
- Youth ages 13 to 17 comprise a larger share of the transgender identified population than previously estimated, currently comprising about 18% of the transgender-identified population in the U.S., up from 10%.
(June 2022)

Planned Parenthood Boosting Transgender Services

<https://www.heritage.org/life/commentary/planned-parenthood-taxpayer-funding-abortion-and-transgender-services-high>

- Planned Parenthood first mentioned providing “hormone treatments for transgender patients” in its 2014-2015 annual report. At the time it had 26 centers in 10 states providing these interventions.
- According to Planned Parenthood website, in 2024 they now have 45 affiliates that provide gender-affirming hormone therapy.
- In Planned Parenthood’s annual report, the Other Services category has increased from 8,153 procedures in 2014-2015 to 256,550 procedures in 2021-2022. Planned Parenthoods expansion of gender services is likely the primary driver behind the rise in these services.
- According to Planned Parenthood’s website, gender affirming services include estrogen and anti-androgen hormone therapy, testosterone hormone therapy, puberty blockers, surgery referrals, and transition support.

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