

SEXUAL/GENDER STANDARDS



So the Lord God caused the Adam to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the Adam's ribs (OR part of the Adam's side) and closed up the flesh.

Then the Lord made a woman from the rib (OR side) he had taken from the Adam and brought her to the man. The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones and
flesh of my flesh. She will be called
Ishah for she was taken out of Ish.”

Because of this, a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

(Gen. 2:21-24)

Our desire/quest for INTIMACY is most fully expressed/satisfied in sex.

Because sex is so much more than physical,
God expects us to treat sex carefully.

TWO GENDERS

- a) Whatever was separated from the man was given expression in a different body of its own!
- b) By dividing his image into different aspects, it could be experienced both partially and fully.
- c) This pattern is repeated with Jesus (“last Adam”). Though we are part of him, we are differentiated from him and referred to as his bride.

GENDER We believe...

God has designed/assigned sexual **distinctiveness** and the sex of birth should be **honored** and **maintained**.

HOMOSEXUALITY

We believe...

Same gender sex is sinful and unacceptable to God. This is based on the pattern God infused into the created world (including the human anatomy) as well as the clear instructions and warning in both the Old and New Testaments.

PORNOGRAPHY

We believe...

Pornography implies that all sorts of sexual immorality is acceptable (normal or desirable or non-consequential) and causes people to sin. It mocks relationship, commitment, and marriage. It must be avoided and resisted.