



Marriage

We believe, in accordance of God's word, the Bible, that in God's good and perfect creation, man and woman were created with heterosexual orientations and were joined together by God in the covenant of marriage for the purpose of their mutual well-being, fruitful procreation, glorification of God and Gospel proclamation¹. God recognized it was not good for man to be alone, and as a result, He formed the woman from the man. God presided over the first marriage by presenting Eve as the first bride to her husband, Adam². In the covenant of marriage, God is joining a man to his wife, and they become one flesh³. Not only are man and woman created in the image of God⁴, but they are both co-heirs of the grace demonstrated through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ⁵. Although not everyone is called to be married⁶, for those that are, marriage is a unique calling to a lifelong covenantal relationship between one man, one woman, and God⁷.

Unfortunately, because of the fall, some individuals experience same-sex attraction. We do not believe this temptation or state is sinful in and of itself, nor does it diminish the image of God within them, His love for them, or our love for them. However, our interpretation of Scripture prohibits acting upon this temptation and this prohibition is without exception. Therefore, a gay or lesbian believer who wants to live a faithful life under God is called to remain unmarried and celibate, trusting in Jesus and his Church for their companionship and support.

1. Matthew 19:4-6
2. Genesis 2:18-25
3. Genesis 2:24
4. Genesis 1:26-27
5. 1 Peter 3:7
6. 1 Corinthians 7:6-9
7. Matthew 19:4-6