



Seeing What We  
believe

1 Jn. 5:13, Isa. 26:3

1 Jn. 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

True believers know and understand the depth of God's love. The more we know Him, have assurance of eternal life, and grow in grace, the more we will be at peace in the midst of troublesome times.

# MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH BYLAWS

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(O) **Civil Government.** We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. (Rom. 13:1-7; Eph. 5:22-24; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 2:13-14)

Why go over the constitution and by-laws? Very simply, everyone needs to...

## KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for **I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Rom. 14:5b "...Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

Please remember that the topics we are covering on a Wednesday evening are brief summaries of a specific doctrine. We are only covering the main points, not going into minute details.

Tonight, our subject is...

**(P) Human Sexuality.**

(1) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex and one that is actively involved in such activities will not be considered for church membership. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. Any members of our church engaged in such activities may be subject to church disciplinary action and removal of church membership. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

(2) We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)

- Sexuality is a controversial subject when the Scriptures are ignored or not believed.
- Tonight, our focus will be upon what the Bible says about sexuality.

## The Creation

Gen. 1:27 So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**

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Gen. 5:2 **Male and female created he them**; and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created.

Gen. 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be **male and female**.

Gen. 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, **the male and his female**: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, **the male and his female**.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, **the male and the female**; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. ...

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, **the male and the female**, as God had commanded Noah. ...

16 And they that went in, went in **male and female** of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.



Mt. 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them **male and female**,

Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them **male and female**.

- Anyone with common sense understands the physiological “connection” between the two genders – male and female.

### The Consummation

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall **a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife:** and they shall be **one flesh**.

Heb. 13:4 **Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:** but **whoremongers and adulterers God will judge**.

Gen. 26:8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, **Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.**

- The “marriage bed” is honorable in all and undefiled – God’s gift to mankind was intended for pleasure within the boundaries of marriage commitment between one man and one woman.
- In contrast, those usurping God’s plan of involvement outside of marriage will be deemed “whoremongers and adulterers.....God will judge.”
- **The Old Testament Law had a wonderful honeymoon plan!**

Deut. 24:5 When a man hath **taken a new wife**, he shall **not go out to war**, neither shall he be **charged with any business**: *but he shall be free at home one year*, and shall **cheer up his wife** which he hath taken.

### The Caution

- The Scriptures give caution to the abuse of God's intended purpose of sexuality.

Lev. 18:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 **After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.**

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the LORD.

6 None of you shall approach to any that is **near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness**: I *am* the LORD.

7 **The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover**: she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 **The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover**: it *is* thy father's nakedness.

9 **The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home, or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.**

10 **The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover**: for theirs *is* thine own nakedness.

**11** The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she *is* thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

**12** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's **sister**: she *is* thy father's near kinswoman.

**13** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's **sister**: for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman.

**14** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's **brother**, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine aunt.

**15** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter **in law**: she *is* thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

**16** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's **wife**: it *is* thy brother's nakedness.

**17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for* they *are* her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness.**

**18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life *time*.**

**19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.**

**20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.**

**21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.**

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: **for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:**

- In the New Testament, caution is given in many Scriptures regarding sexual sins.

1 Thess. 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how **ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For **this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**

4 That every one of you should know how to **possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;**

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as **we also have forewarned you** and testified.

7 For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.**

8 He therefore that despiseth, **despiseth not man, but God,** who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.



1 Cor. 6:18 **Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.  
19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?  
20 For ye are bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

Eph. 5:3 But **fornication**, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that **no whoremonger**, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for **because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**

7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.** (See Gal. 5:19-21)

- Even though caution was given, carnal desires caused the weakness of man's character to crumble.

Prov. 6:26 For **by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread**: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

### The Compromise

- God's plan for the family is simply one man and one woman.
- In the sixth generation from Adam, through Cain, Gen. 4:16-18, Lamech aborted God's plan.

Gen. 4:19 And **Lamech took unto him two wives**: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

- Polygamy and divorce developed by the time of Moses.

Mt. 19:7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (See Deut. 24:1-4)

Mal. 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because **the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.**

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For **the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:** for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

- Solomon, the wisest king ever, fell victim to the power of influence of carnal flesh.

1 Kings 11:1 But **king Solomon loved many strange women**, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites;

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: **for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.**

3 And **he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.**

4 For it came to pass, **when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.**

- The compromise from God's plan became a tool of corruption for society.
- David, the man after God's own heart, succumbed to the temptation of the flesh, practiced polygamy, even murdering an innocent man, Uriah, after an affair with his wife, Bathsheba.

## The Corruption

Gen. 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, **that we may know them.** ...

11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that **they wearied themselves to find the door.**

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

24 Then **the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;**

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, **giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

1 Cor. 5:1 It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,**

Rom. 1:26 **For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections:** for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also **the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**

28 And even as **they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, **haters of God**, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.



## The Summary

- God created two genders: male and female.
- God's plan for procreation is male + female = marriage and establishment of a home and family.
- Man's carnal proclivity led to the corruption of God's plan for a family.
- Mankind's carnal corruption includes polygamy, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, incest, pornography, and various forms of licentiousness.
- God's plan is best for society and mankind's response reveals their relationship with the Creator.

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For **to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.**

7 Because **the carnal mind *is* enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.