

**In God We Trust**  
**The Bible and Human Sexuality**  
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Genesis 1:27 - We are made in the image and likeness of God with two distinct and complimentary sexes.

Psalm 139:13-14 - God's creative work extends to each individual.

Psalm 8 - God has given us glory and majesty.

Genesis 2:4-25 - Marriage is the first divine institution, rooted in the created order, uniting one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment for their joint lifetime, for their good and the good of their children. (Matthew 19:4-9; Malachi 2:14-16)

Genesis 3:1-24 - The fall of man into sin and God's curse have introduced brokenness and futility into God's good creation. (Romans 8:20)

Based upon these and other Scriptures, we believe that:

**MARRIAGE** - is defined by Scripture, not cultural norms, and is the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment.

- Weddings in GCC reflect this biblical truth.

**SEXUAL IDENTITY** - The assignment of biological sex in the womb is the gift and prerogative of God.

- We extend love and compassion to those whose experience of the brokenness of sin includes a perceived conflict between their biological sex and gender identity.

-We affirm that gender identity should be determined by biological sex, not self-perception.

**SEXUALITY** - We affirm that we are sexual beings and that sex is good.

- Scripture teaches that sex is for marriage, to bring unity (Genesis 2:24) and for procreation. (Genesis 1:28; Hebrews 13:4)

- Sex outside of marriage is sin. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Hebrews 13:4)

-Sanctification includes sexual purity. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)