

Centerpoint Church Position Paper: Marriage

The Bible is not vague in any way on the definition of marriage. From early on we are told that marriage is a sacred bond between a man and a woman instituted by God. God clearly defines what marriage is in Genesis 2:24: “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”¹ This is directly after God brought Eve to Adam as his mate, so it is unmistakably clear that this is speaking of a bond between a man and a woman. What is important here is to grasp that marriage is an institution initiated by God from the very beginning, not something invented by man. God brought Eve to Adam as his wife.

The Bible speaks of itself that it is inspired of God, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...”² There are numerous passages in the Bible that speak of married people: Noah and his wife (Genesis 6:18), Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 11:29), Lot and his wife (Genesis 19:15), Isaac and Rebecca (Genesis 24:67), Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:5), Joseph and Mary (Mathew 1:16), Aquila and Pricilla (Acts 18:2), Paul speaking of the Apostles (1 Corinthians 9:5), and others. What is common is that marriage is defined the same way in every case, a man and a woman committed to each other in a sacred bond. This is how the Bible has defined marriage and how it has been agreed to by societies for thousands of years.

Centerpoint Church agrees with the Biblical definition of marriage, that it is and has always been a sacred bond between a man and a woman as an institution initiated by God.

Often mankind in rebellion to God has sought to change God’s standards in various ways. To change how marriage has always been defined is no exception in our day. We reject any redefinition of marriage by society as an attempt to redefine something settled by God. Societies and those who lead them are neither God nor appointed by God to change or reinterpret the institution of marriage.

We are committed to being salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16) to our culture, to love people while holding to God’s standards, not wavering from them as we preach the good news of the Gospel.

¹ *The New International Version*. (2011). (Ge 2:24). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

² *The New International Version*. (2011). (2 Ti 3:16). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.