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Sex & Sexuality

Part 2

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“In the beginning, God...” says that God was already there, preexistent, from eternity past, and He made the universe and all that is in it.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:18-23

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For those who will not submit to Jesus Christ, who refuse to believe in God, God's design for sex and sexuality likely seems foolish – in fact it may even provoke hostility.

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“Flee from sexual immorality... Do you not know that your body is a temple – or a dwelling place – of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

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If sex is created by God, is a gift from God, and serves to help us better understand our union with Christ, then sex is not ultimate, God is, and our identity is not wrapped up in our sexuality, it's who we are in Christ.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:26-28

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This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Genesis 5:1-3

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“Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

Genesis 2:7

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Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

Genesis 2:18

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1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **2** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

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21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Genesis 2:21-23

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“At last, this one is not like all the others. This one is like me.”

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Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

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To leave and to cling (or hold fast), is covenant language. All commitments and obligations in a person's life are reprioritized at marriage.

Monogamous heterosexual marriage was always viewed as the divine norm from the outset of creation.

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And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?”
4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,
5 and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Matthew 19:3-6

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Far from being a mere cultural construct, God depicts the existence of a man and a woman as essential to his creational plan. The two are neither identical nor interchangeable. But when the woman, who was taken out of man, joins again with the man in sexual union, the two become one flesh. Dividing the human race into two genders, male and female—one or the other, not both, and not one then the other—is not the invention of Victorian prudes or patriarchal oafs. It was God’s idea.

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What God instituted for His people in Genesis 1 and 2 is intended to uphold human dignity, to provide the pattern for human families, and to bring glory to God through a husband and wife learning to love and serve each other after the model of Jesus Christ and His Church.

What sexual sinners need is the grace of God that comes through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They need to be urged to turn from their sin of unbelief and to fully trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus.