

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Study 8: Conviction and compassion in an age of marital confusion (2:24)

READ Gen 2:24 and 1 Cor 6:9-20 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

Marriage according to God's design is both good and beautiful. But we live in a culture that has not only disregarded God but has disregarded God's design for marriage. Instead of marriage being the foundation stone of a relationship it has become the capstone: marriage is something people do to celebrate their relationship rather than mark the true beginning of their relationship, if they are to be married at all. In this study we will seek to understand how to think through these key issues.

Key Question: How can we have conviction and compassion in an age of marital confusion?

Questions:

1. What might be some arguments people use against the Bible's view of marriage as a one-flesh, covenant union between one man and one woman for life?
2. How would you answer someone who states that the Bible is not loving, good or beautiful when it speaks regarding marriage? Ps 101:1; 19:7-11; 1 Tim 3:16-17.
3. What does Biblical Authority mean, particularly with regards to understanding marriage? Try to state this in one clear sentence. See HBC doctrinal statement.

4. How would you answer a person who believes that happiness is the highest goal of life and so long as they are not hurting anyone they have sexual freedom?
5. From Heb 13:4, what is the meaning of adultery and sexual immorality and how does such dishonour marriage and defile the marriage bed?
6. Can the sexual union be isolated from all the other kinds of union experienced within covenant marriage? Why or why not? See 1 Cor 6:13, 18; 7:1-3.
7. A. What will happen to the sexually immoral and those who practice homosexuality? See 1 Cor 6:9, Eph 5:5.

B. How would you answer a person who says, "It is not fair for God to judge me for making me with homosexual desires"? See Mk 7:21; Gal 5:19-21; Jm 1:13-15.
8. Do you think it is right for a Christian to attend a homosexual or transgender "marriage" ceremony? How would you lovingly approach such an invitation?
9. What does God desire for His people and explain how someone can gain freedom from sexual sin? See Heb 12:14; 1 Cor 6:11.
10. What might be the result of holding to a Biblical conviction regarding marriage and what should you do? See John 7:7; 15:20; 2 Tim 2:12; Heb 11:36-12:3.

11. What do you find most challenging regarding living as a Christian while holding to a Biblical view of marriage?

STOP AND PRAY:

***Praise:** the Lord for His holy Word that is true and loving, good and beautiful*

***Thank:** God for the gift of marriage and the sexual protections He has put in place*

***Pray:** that you might have conviction and compassion toward those who oppose*