

HUMAN SEXUALITY

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Human sexuality, in common use, refers to the quality of sexual expression or behaviour between human beings.

- A. As members of CMDS:
1. We believe the natural world was created by God who, as its designer, provides guidance about how it should function. We are accountable to Him with regards to how we live.
 2. We believe God created human beings with many dimensions. Sexuality is that part designed for procreation. Moreover, it is a beautiful, fulfilling and pleasurable experience when practiced within God's prescribed context of a monogamous marriage relationship.
 3. We believe sexual intimacy encompasses not only physical union but also a joining of the mind and emotions of a man and woman in the context of marriage.
 4. We believe the Bible states that sexual intercourse should only occur between a man and a woman united in marriage.
 5. We believe Jesus Christ taught that the quality of the thought life is as important as that which is actually lived out.
- B. Therefore, the position of CMDS is that:
1. The family is the basic building block of society. It is the responsibility of parents to actively participate in instruction regarding family life, sexual expression and biblical principles.
 2. Unmarried individuals who choose the celibate life are whole beings.
 3. There is no scriptural contraindication for ethical birth control methods. However, avoidance of pregnancy by such means does not legitimize the sexual encounter outside the marriage bond.
 4. The public display of sexual intercourse is inappropriate and inadvisable.
 5. God's will is for us to be holy, so each of us must stay away from all sexual sin. (1 Thess 4:3).
 6. One can follow God's will for the expression of one's sexuality through the enabling power of Jesus Christ. As Jesus Christ said to one: "Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more," an individual can seek the forgiveness available through Jesus Christ should His teachings not have been followed.