



# 21ST WORLD CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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## RESOLUTION:

### **Gender and Sexuality**

**WHEREAS**, God created all human beings as either male or female at the time of Creation (Genesis 1:27); and

**WHEREAS**, God gave very distinct roles to men and women, in every aspect of life, from the time of Creation (Genesis 2:18); and

**WHEREAS**, God ordained marriage between one man and one woman, for life, as the only permissible arrangement in His good plan (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:7-9); and

**WHEREAS**, adultery (Exodus 20:14), fornication (Colossians 3:5), homosexuality (Romans 1:27), polygamy (Matthew 19:4-6), and all other forms of sexual perversion are a sin against God;

**WHEREAS**, through Adam's fall, sin passed upon all men, and we are all "desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Council of Christian Churches rejects such sinful aberrations as our society increasingly presents as good and normal. These include:

1. the destruction of all roles the Bible reserves for men and women respectively, such as fatherhood, motherhood, who is the head of the family, who may be ministers and other officers in the church, etc.;
2. endeavors to blur the God-ordained differences between masculinity and femininity;
3. all attempts to change ("resassign") persons from the sex to which God created them to the opposite sex, by means of surgery, medication, or any other means;
4. the claims that there are many genders, with a wide number of variations on the spectrum;
5. the introduction of a multitude of new "pronouns," with the demand, sometimes even by force of government, that everyone must learn these words and use them according to the dictates of each individual, no matter how untruthful these pronouns may be;
6. all forms of sexual practice outside the Biblical position that marriage is between one man and woman, as long as they both shall live.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 tells us: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." These verses tell us that just as extortion, stealing, alcoholism, etc., are sins, so also are all deviations from how God created the sexes, and all perversions of sexuality.

Yet, Paul tells us concerning those who have come in repentance to Christ for salvation: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11). The Bible gives us the wonderful promise that: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We call upon all who have been captured by these and other sins to come in repentance to Christ, forsake their sins, and look to Him for salvation.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Council of Christian Churches, meeting in its 21st World Congress, June 21-28, 2023, in Collingswood, NJ, USA, calls on Christians to reject the evil and unbiblical philosophy and agendas pressed upon us by many in today's world, and to study the Bible anew to bring our lives and our churches into complete conformity to all that the Bible teaches on these matters.