



A Christian Affirmation of Marriage

Christian Fellowship Church (CFC) is a Registered Charity (Charitable Registration # 89534 1139 RR 0001). As such, and as a part of our Christian ministry, licensed Ministers have the privilege that our respective civil governments give to solemnize marriages. As with all of our teaching and ministry, the convictions that CFC licensed Ministers hold regarding marriage are governed by the authority of the Bible. Therefore, CFC Ministers will in good conscience only perform weddings consistent with the view of marriage expressed below, which is expounded from Scripture.

We believe:

- That God's intention for marriage is established in the scriptures of the Bible: This is expressed in Creation, the Law of Moses, the wisdom literature, and in prophetic tradition. The divine establishment of marriage is confirmed by the words of Jesus and New Testament authors. These scriptures provide guidance for perfecting marriage and affirm its spiritual significance.
- That God ordained marriage as a voluntary union for life between one man and one woman: Our creation as male and female, complimentary to one another, reveals aspects of the image of God and His relationship to humanity. The permanence of the marital bond mirrors God's faithfulness, just as its monogamy reflects God's singular devotion to His people and His people's devotion to Him.
- That sexual intimacy is intended only within the bounds of marriage: God's commands regarding sexuality are clear. Sexual activity affects people in a profound way, both emotionally and spiritually. Sexual intimacy outside of marriage, promiscuity, adultery, homosexual acts, exploitation, incest, and sexual perversion contradict God's purpose for human sexuality.
- That marriage is more than a contract between two persons; it is a covenant before God: In the covenant of marriage, God joins a man and a woman together "in one flesh," and forbids anyone to break it. This covenant is unique among human relationships, transcending the quit pro quo of contracts through an irrevocable commitment to love, cherish, and remain faithful to one another.
- That in Christian marriages, the Church acts as an agent of God's blessing, as a primary witness to the covenant, and as a supportive community: The church declares the blessing of God on the union, but does not create the blessing. Therefore, the church cannot confer a spiritual blessing of marriage on other types of relationships.
- That a healthy marriage is the best foundation for families and the raising of children: A healthy marriage is a unique source of benefits for children including the stability of a family unit with access to a mother and a father. Children should receive nurture from male and female parents, and in turn learn to honour both. Neither the church nor anyone else can confer the innate benefits of marriage on other forms of relationships or unions.



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In light of these beliefs:

- We affirm that the Bible teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. To recognize other unions as legitimate marriages is contrary to our understanding of Scripture.
- We affirm that because we are created in the image of God, each person is unique, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect.
- We affirm that, as Christians, we are called to introduce all people to the loving, reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ and the life changing salvation that He offers.
- We affirm that, as Christians, we seek to demonstrate God's love to all people, but we cannot compromise our convictions on marriage as defined by Scripture.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. As a matter of belief, doctrine, and religious practice, CFC reserves the term "marriage" for the covenant relationship between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.
2. Ministers who are licensed to perform marriages will not officiate at or co-officiate at CFC marriages outside of the previously stated definition of marriage.
3. In the event that a Minister officiates at CFC or co-officiates at a marriage that is contrary to our stated definition, that Minister will be subject to disciplinary review and loss of license.
4. The Christian Fellowship Church property will not be used for weddings or receptions where the marriage union is contrary to the provision of this resolution.

Enacted by the Board and the Body of Members of Christian Fellowship Church.
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Re-affirmed by the Board.
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