

Marriage and Freedom
in America

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**BIBLICAL MARRIAGE:
DEFINING MARRIAGE**

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of the word “Christian?”

Over 90% of young Americans surveyed answered, “anti-homosexual accurately describes present-day Christians.”

Dave Kinnaman, Gabe Lyons, *UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity... and Why It Matters.*

“Christians who fail to think well about key cultural issues never rise above infectious confusion or unprofitable anger. A church that hides from cultural conflicts or chooses to do nothing will become culturally captive and will effectively abandon people to be victims of bad ideas. Love of God demands truth, and love of our neighbor demands action.”

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1 Pet. 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Pet. 3:16, “having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.”



“Every citizen of a republic must watch for the State as if its liberties depended upon his vigilance alone.”

~Benjamin Rush (1745–1813), signer of the Declaration, served in three administrations

“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity.

Now I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”

~John Adams



“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

~John Jay (1745–1829),
a president of the Continental
Congress, first Chief Justice,
cont. *The Federalist Papers*



“There is no dissonance in these declarations. There is a universal language pervading them all, having one meaning; they affirm and reaffirm that this is a religious nation, this is a Christian nation.”

~U.S. Supreme Court, 1892



The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

POST-FALL

Designed to restrain evil

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth’.”

Gen. 8:17, “Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

Gen. 9:1, “So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’ ”

Gen. 9:7, “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.”

Gen. 2:18, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”

Gen. 2:21, “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Gen. 2:22, “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Gen. 2:23, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’

Gen. 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Matt. 19:3, “The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?’

Matt. 19:4, “And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “made them male and female,” ’

Matt. 19:5, “and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?

Matt. 19:6, “So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Eph. 5:26, “that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Eph. 5:27, “that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Eph. 5:28, “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.”