"We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, and He has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage. God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete one another. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female, for life."

THIS WE BELIEVE: MATTERS OF PURITY AND MARRIAGE

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

"We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, and He has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage."

1 Cor. 7:2 Intimacy within marriage is seen as the good and all other sexual expression is considered immorality. (Acts 15:20; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Gal. 5:19-21)

Hebrews 13:4 Adultery and sexual immorality are contrasted with the marriage bed. This passage also highlights the need for sexual purity all the days of our lives. (In both mind and body Matt. 5:27-30)

"God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete one another."

Genesis 2:18-23

Ephesians 5:28-32

"God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society."

Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9

"For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female, for life."

Genesis 2:24 Severance and permanence

Malachi 2:13-16

WHAT ABOUT 'LOVE IS LOVE'?

"Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

- Romans 1:26-27

God "gave them over"

This is never to be understood as God deciding some behavior is okay after all. This is a judicial term used when a prisoner is handed over for sentencing. As a result they will be subjected to the penalty appropriate for their perversion.

Note the terms:

'shameful,' 'unnatural,' 'indecent' and 'perversion'

The Christian home is a miniature picture of the Church (See Eph. 5:21ff)

Note the placement of 1 Peter 3:1-7

Satan is bent on destroying the home, as it represents the Church. Be on guard. This is no time for casual attitudes toward marriage and the home.

Eph. 6:10-18