

#2 God's Design For Sex And Marriage *Genesis 2 (NIV)*

- Genesis 2 is a **DETAILED DESCRIPTION** of the 6th day of creation.
- Genesis 2 is a snapshot of God's **DESIGN** for men and women, sex and marriage **BEFORE** sin entered the world.
- Genesis 2 takes place in a **PARADISE** God created for mankind in the Garden of Eden, a protected garden planted with everything man needed that was both **BEAUTIFUL AND DELIGHTFUL**.
- The Bible both **BEGINS** and **ENDS** with a marriage.
- The natural place to begin an investigation into what God thinks about marriage (and sex) is in Genesis 1 and 2, where scripture describes God's creation of the world and everything in it.

Nine Truths About God's Design For Sex And Marriage From Genesis 1-2

1. Sex and marriage are a **CREATION** of God.
2. People are created as **GENDERED** beings. God intentionally made human beings male and female (*Genesis 1:27-28*)
3. The biblical design for marriage is **MONOGAMY**.
4. The two sexes are equal in **VALUE**. "Equal but different" (*Genesis 1:27*)
5. Marriage is an exclusive **RELATIONSHIP**. "Forsake all others" (*Ephesians 5:24-27*)

6. Marriage is meant to be **PERMANENT**. Jesus affirmed the intended permanence for marriage. (*Matthew 19:3-6*)
 7. Marriage is **HETEROSEXUAL**. "The man leaves his *father* and *mother* and clings to his *wife*." (*Mark 10:6-9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, Leviticus 20:13*)
 8. One of the primary purposes of sex and marriage is **PROCREATION**. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." (*Genesis 1:28, 9:1, 35:11*)
 9. **Sex** is good and beautiful. (*Genesis 1:31 and 2:25*)
- Marriage **MODELED** by Christ and the Church (*Ephesians 5:22-32*)

Are We Living A Life That Imitates The Example Of Christ?

***Titus 3:3-7 NIV** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*