

## Statement of Marriage, Gender & Sexuality

- We believe that a person's gender is defined by biological differences [[Genesis 1:26-27](#), [Matthew 19:12](#)] and therefore cannot be redefined by subsequent perception of their self-identity. Where male or female biological gender is clearly evident at birth, we believe it to be immutable, notwithstanding alteration or modification of a person's body intended to reassign it to the opposite gender [[Job 10:8-12](#)].
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture [[Genesis 2:18-25](#)]. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other [[1 Corinthians 6:18](#); [7:2-5](#); [Hebrews 13:4](#)]. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God [[Matthew 15:18-20](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#)].
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Morning Star Bible Camp (MSBC) as a Christian Ministry with an evangelical mission, and to provide a Biblical role model to the MSBC employees, volunteer staff, campers, guest groups and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by MSBC in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. [[Matthew 5:16](#); [Philippians 2:14-16](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:22](#)]. Campers and guest groups attending or utilizing the MSBC facilities will be made aware of, and be expected to honor the camps theological position, and standard regarding these issues.
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ [[Acts 3:19-21](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#)]. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity [[Mark 12:28-31](#); [Luke 6:31](#)]. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the rules and policies of MSBC.