

## Course outline

### **Foundations**

- Week 1: Man and Woman in Creation: Equality, Fertility, and Complementarity
- Week 2: Man and Woman in Creation: A Biblical Theology of Beautiful Difference
- Week 3: Man and Woman in a Fallen World
- Week 4: Man and Woman in Christ
- Week 5: Man and Woman in the Modern World

### **Applications**

#### **Week 6: The Meaning of Sex**

- Week 7: Singleness and Marriage
- Week 8: Parenting
- Week 9: The Church (Part 1)
- Week 10: The Church (Part 2)
- Week 11: Work

### **Apologetics**

- Week 12: Answering Common Questions
- Week 13: The Goodness and Beauty of God's Design

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### **Suggested reading**

- Jonathan Leeman, "The Meaning of Sex" (online)
- Mark Regnerus, *Cheap Sex*
- J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex*
- Oliver O'Donovan, *Begotten or Made?*
- Kamel, Meador, Minich, *Protestant Social Teaching: An Introduction*, chs 5-7
- Herman Bavinck, *The Christian Family*

## CHBC Core Seminars

### **Man and Woman in Christ** *Week 6*



## **The Meaning of Sex**

### **Introduction**

The modern contradiction: sex means everything, sex means nothing.

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body” (1 Corinthians 6:18)

### **I. What is sex For?**

#### *1. Marriage (Unitive)*

The uniting of **bodies** seals the uniting of **lives**. (Gen 2:22-24, 24:67)

Christ's love, and marital love, is to be *free, total, and faithful*.

- Dependent on covenant & contradicted by extra-marital sex (1 Corinthians 6:16)
- Requiring of equality and consent (1 Corinthians 7:3-5)

The Biblical vision: **covenant and consent**.

## 2. Children (Procreative)

Union ↔ Procreation in Scripture:

- “Now Adam *knew* Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain...” (Genesis 4:1)
- “When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son *in his own likeness, after his image*, and named him Seth.” (Genesis 5:3)

“The filling of the earth mirrors the creation of the earth... The human family is to be made how the world was made – birthed out of love.” (Glen Scrivener)

Christ’s love, and marital love, is to be free, total, faithful, and fruitful. (John 10:10, Psalm 127:3-5)

- Why sex not oriented towards union, and sex by nature not oriented towards procreation is prohibited (Romans 1:24-27).

## 3. Pleasure?

Not the purpose of sex, but...

- Celebrated in Scripture (Song of Solomon)
- A testimony to the pleasure of *union*
- Incredibly powerful (Song of Solomon 8:7)
- A motivator towards union and procreation (1 Corinthians 7:9)

## II. What is my sexuality for if I’m not married?

### 1. To make God more knowable (Hosea, Ezekiel 16)

We need to be sexual creatures in order to understand the gravity of sin and magnitude of God’s love.

### 2. To make heaven more desirable (Revelation 19:6-9)

Sex is the trailer, not the feature film.

In sum: sex means **more** and **less** than we’re trained to believe.

## III. Lessons and Takeaways

### 1. God’s commands are for our good.

Why do you think the fact that cohabitation before marriage leads to greater risk of unhappy marriage and / or divorce is *surprising* in our culture?

Why do you think the *correlation* between cohabitation before marriage and divorce exists?

### 2. Sex should not be “cheap.”

“Sex is cheap if women expect little in return for it and if men do not have to supply much time, attention, resources, recognition, or fidelity in order to experience it.” (Mark Regnerus)

What would a counter-cultural where sex is not “cheap” but appropriately “costly” look like?

### 3. There is hope for the sexually broken.

“**And such were some of you.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:18)