

God's Mountain Ministries

Doctrinal Statements & Beliefs regarding the Holy Bible, the Gospel of Jesus, and marriage, family and sexuality.

The following must be understood and affirmed by all God's Mountain staff and volunteers.

Beliefs regarding the Holy Bible:

- Firstly, we believe that all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. **(2 Timothy 3:16)** We believe that all matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of the Bible (the Word of God) which is our inspired, infallible, and inerrant guide. We believe the Word of God is complete and that the Truth found in the Word of God is unchanging.

Beliefs regarding the Gospel of Jesus and what followers of Christ are called to do:

- We believe that all have sinned and are in need of salvation. Salvation can only be attained through God's only Son Jesus Christ, who lived a sinless life, was crucified – paying the penalty for our sins – and was raised to life after three days. All who believe and confess that “Jesus is Lord” and repent of their sins will receive salvation. **(1 John 4:9, Luke 24:7, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38-41).**
- We believe that followers of Christ are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, resist the temptation of sin, be a disciple, and make disciples. **(Matthew 28:19, 1 Peter 1:16, John 14:26)** We believe that God exists in three persons – God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **(1 Peter 1:2, Matthew 28:19).**

Beliefs regarding marriage, family and sexuality:

- We believe that the Bible speaks directly to the nature of human beings and their sexuality. It is, therefore, imperative that we correctly understand, articulate, practice and teach what the Bible teaches on these matters, and that our staff, board and volunteers are in agreement with the Word of God on these issues.
- **Family:** We are committed to the home and family as set forth in The Bible. We believe God has ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. The Bible sets forth specific home and family values, which include the distinct roles of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children. It is our firm conviction that we uphold the dignity of each individual as we embrace the unchanging and longstanding principles of scriptural truth.
- **Marriage:** We believe that marriage is the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” union of one man and one woman, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child. **(Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:4-9; Mark 10:5-9; Ephesians 5:31-33)**

- **Sexual Immorality**: We believe that sexual acts outside marriage are prohibited as sinful. Consequently, we believe that followers of Jesus must resist and refrain from lustfulness and any and all sexual acts outside marriage. (**Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:7-23; Leviticus 20:10-21; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 15:19; Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 15:19; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 13:4; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:17-19; Colossians 3:5**)
- **Sexual Identity**: We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. Consequently, we believe that all followers of Christ must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their created biological sex. (**Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)
- **Sexual Orientation**: We believe that God created and ordered human sexuality for the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” union of man and woman. Consequently, we believe that followers of Christ must affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist the temptations to same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct. (**Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-9; Revelation 21:2**)
- **Sexual Redemption**: We believe that redemption, forgiveness, and spiritual cleansing is available for all sins. Consequently, we believe that followers of Jesus must welcome and treat with respect, compassion, and sensitivity all who experience sexual temptations that go against the teaching of Scripture (including same-sex attractions) or confess sexually immoral sins *and* are committed to resisting sexual temptation, refraining from sexual immorality, and conforming their behavior to what the Bible teaches. (**Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 1:9**)
- **Celibacy** — We believe that the Bible grants two life-enhancing options for human sexual behavior: the conjugal “one flesh” marital union of one man and one woman, and celibacy. Either is a gift from God, given as He wills for His glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. Celibacy and faithful singleness is to be celebrated and affirmed. (**Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18, 21-24; Isaiah 54:1; 56:3-5; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-8; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-8; Matthew 19:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Romans 12:10; 1 Timothy 5:1-2**)

This statement does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired, unchanging and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. **The God’s Mountain Board of Directors, for purposes of our faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, is our interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application. Staff and volunteers will be informed of these policies and are expected to know and actively affirm these policies.**