

Christian Community Churches of Australia

Perspective on Marriage

Public Statements

What is Marriage?

Marriage is the God ordained covenantal union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

What is the purpose of Marriage?

As bearers of the image of God, the purpose of marriage is to reflect the relational nature of God in the world through covenantal relationship and fruitfulness.

Public Summary

Marriage provides a picture of God. We confess that God exists as three distinct persons yet unified as one. God as the triune God is relational and unified. Likewise God created humankind as male and female, distinct persons, to be uniquely unified in marriage. This marriage union provides a special place for intimacy, sexual expression, and procreation.

Marriage is a covenantal relationship. A covenantal relationship is where a promise of faithfulness and total loving sacrifice is made by each to the other for life, regardless of what the future may hold.

Marriage is God ordained. Marriage is not a human idea it is God's design. Marriage is a relationship where God has brought two people together, to live as one unified couple, only to be separated by death.

Marriage is designed to be fruitful. It is a relationship where male and female become so intimately united that they create the possibility for their love to overflow into the creation of new life; the blessing of children, as a gift from God.

Marriage is not designed for unfaithfulness or unfruitfulness. It is not designed for unfaithfulness because unfaithfulness breaks the covenantal promise and does not provide a picture of a faithful God. It is not designed for same sex unions that cannot be fruitful because this goes against the family creating nature of God who has designed marriage and family to be a special place where God can bless through the provision of children.

Marriage is also a symbol of all that God intends. Just as a bride is united with the groom for life, so the church will be united with Christ, as the family of God, forever.