

## Sexuality- the Bible's Glorious Vision

People...

Two ways of doing life...

"I couldn't accept who I was and I didn't want to be the person I was becoming. I didn't want to be gay...After I accepted who I was the next challenge was whether rugby would accept who I am...Rugby has supported me and players, spectators, pundits and administrators have all enabled me to be who I am."

**Nigel Owens**

What is the universe about?

God's plan for Sexuality and Marriage

Matthew 19:1-12

*'Haven't you read,' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator "made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate...' v.4-6*

*'There are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made that way by others – and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for sake of the kingdom of heaven.'* v.12

**The Prohibition Passages:**

*'Although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him...Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.'* Romans 1:21, 26-27

*'Men who have sex with men...'* 1 Corinthians 6:9

*'Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman.'* Leviticus 18:22

**God's Ultimate Plan for Sexuality and Marriage:**

*'Your Maker is your husband- the LORD Almighty is his name.'* Isaiah 54:5

*'You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

*No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate...*

*for the Lord will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.*

*As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;*

*as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.'*

Isaiah 62:3-5

*'How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is still with them?'*

*Matthew 9:15*

*'This is a profound mystery but I am talking about Christ and the church. '*

*Ephesians 5:32*

*'Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready...'*

*Revelation 19:7*

*'One of the functions of human marriage is to express the nature of the union between Christ and the Church. We have no authority to take the living and seminal figures which God has painted on the canvas of our nature and shift them about as if they were mere geometrical figures.'*

**C. S. Lewis**

Sexuality is a signpost

### **The pattern of the Christian life-**

Created

Fallen

Redeemed

Glorified

*"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."*

*Mark 8:34-35*

*"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted"*

*Hebrews 2:18*

*"My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

*2 Corinthians 12:10*

### **The best identity of all**

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"*

*1 John 3:1*

### **The ultimate human interest story**

