

“What We Teach – A Journey thru the KBC Doctrinal Statement”

Week 14, “Sexual Intimacy / Divorce”, December 5, 2021

OVERVIEW

Book of Judges - “Everyone did what was _____ in his own eyes”

Recall our Doctrine of Marriage - Matthew 19:3-6

SEXUAL INTIMACY: WE TEACH that the Fall resulted in strife within the marriage relationship (**Genesis 3:16**) which often results in defiling the purity of sexual intimacy God intended. Sexual intimacy is meant to occur only between a male and female who are married to each other. God has commanded that no sexual intimacy be engaged in outside of a monogamous marriage (**Hebrews 13:4**).

WE TEACH that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, pornography, any attempt to change one’s biological sex (i.e. gender) or disagreement with one’s biological sex (i.e. gender), is sinful and offensive to God (**Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:1–30; Matthew 5:27-32; Matthew 19:3-9; Romans 1:24–32; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 6:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**).

WE TEACH that every person, including those engaged in sexual immorality, must be given compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of the Church (**1 Timothy 1:5**).

WE TEACH that the faithful proclamation of the Scripture, including the call to repentance, does not constitute hate speech, or hateful and harassing behavior, but is instead a fundamental part of the Church's loving mission to the world (Matthew 28:16–20; 2 Corinthians 5:11–20; **2 Timothy 4:1–2**).

DIVORCE: WE TEACH that God hates divorce, permitting it only where there has been sexual immorality (**Malachi 2:14–16**; Matthew 5:31–32; **Matthew 19:9**) or desertion (**1 Corinthians 7:12–16**).

WE TEACH that remarriage of the divorced believer to a believer is permitted, but only when the divorce was on biblical grounds. A prior divorce does not necessarily disqualify a man as an elder or deacon (**1 Timothy 3:2**, **1 Timothy 3:12**).