

## Reviewing and Refreshing our Doctrinal Statement

### Creation:

#### **Current:**

We believe God created the heavens and the earth in six literal 24 hour days, as recorded in Genesis, including all life “each after its own kind”, and believe therefore, mankind came by direct creation and not by the process of evolution. Genesis Chapters 1 – 2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3

#### **Suggested Revision:**

We believe God created the heavens and the earth in six, literal, twenty-four-hour days, as recorded in Genesis; that this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God without any evolutionary process; that man was created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all men are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, first parents of the entire human race (Genesis 1; 2; Colossians 1:16, 17; John 1:3).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1)
  - a. Six, \_\_\_\_\_ days
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ days
  - c. As recorded in \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. IS NOT: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. IS: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Without \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Of \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. First \_\_\_\_\_

b. Of all \_\_\_\_\_

False views:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Gender, Marriage, and Life:

**Suggested Statement:**

We believe that God created both male and female; that He designed gender distinctions between men and women, including the biblically-defined and distinctive roles of husband and wife; that seeking to confuse or change the God-given distinction of the two genders violates God's design; that marriage was divinely ordained to be the lifelong and exclusive union of one man and one woman; that the Scriptures prohibit all sexual intimacy outside of this biblical, marital relationship; and that all human life has sanctity, including that of the unborn from conception, the ailing, and the aging, regardless of quality of life (Genesis 1:27; 2:22-25; Deuteronomy 22:5; Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 23:22; 24:11-12; Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 2:11-12; Hebrews 13:4).

Gender:

1. Two \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:22)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Distinctions between \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - a. In \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:12)
  - b. In the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:22-33)
3. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 22:5)

QUESTION: If changing gender is sinful, is changing your strength level? Hair color? Facial features? What about shaving?

QUESTION: Do the distinctions between genders indicate an inequality?

QUESTION: Do angels have a gender?

Marriage:

1. Divinely \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:22-25)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 19:6)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:6b; Romans 7:2)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)
  - c. One \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 19:4-6)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage (Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4)

QUESTION: When is someone married?

QUESTION: What about 1 Corinthians 6:16?

Life:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of all (Genesis 1:27; James 1:27)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 20:17)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 24:11-12)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:8)

QUESTION: Why is it important that life starts at conception?

QUESTION: Why did I include the statement on quality of life?