

- A. Society has abandoned God's norms regarding gender and marriage.
- B. The common root of all of societies' immorality regarding gender and marriage is the dismissing of God's Word regarding these matters, beginning with God's Word in our text.

Marriage: God's Institution

- I. God's Creation of Eve.
  - A. Preparing to institute marriage, God first created a female human to give to the male.
  
  - B. From this we learn lessons regarding . . .
    - 1. Gender identification.
  
    - 2. What a God-glorifying marriage *is*.
  
    - 3. The proper relationship of man and woman in marriage.
  
    - 4. The role of the wife in marriage.
  
    - 5. The need of a man for a wife, and every man viewing his wife as a good gift.
  
- II. God's Institution of Marriage.
  - A. In bringing Eve to Adam to be his wife, God instituted marriage as a creation ordinance.
  
  - B. From this, we are reminded of the need to honor and uphold marriage today . . .
    - 1. By insisting that it is an unchanging creation ordinance.
  
    - 2. By marrying (when God makes that possible).
  
    - 3. By remaining legally married, AND by remaining thankfully devoted to our spouse.
  
    - 4. In the grace God gives us in Christ.
  
    - 5. In love for the beautiful reality of the covenant which God has made with us in Christ.