

## Beautiful Design Class Schedule

1. God's Wonderful Gift of Gender - January 6
2. Manhood (pt 1) - January 13
3. Manhood (pt 2) - January 27
4. Womanhood (pt 1) - February 3
5. Womanhood (pt 2) - February 24
6. Men & Women in the Home – March 3
7. Men & Women in the Church - March 10
8. Men & Women in the World & Workplace - March 31
10. Sex, Marriage, Same-Sex Attraction & Gender Confusion – April 7
11. Objections to Complementarianism – April 14

### **For Further Study:**

1. Todd Wilson, *Mere Sexuality* (Zondervan, 2017)
2. J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex* (Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2012)
3. Christopher Yuan, *Holy Sexuality: Sex, Desire and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story* (Multnomah, 2018)
4. Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-Gay?* (Good Book Company, 2013)
5. Ed Shaw, *Same-Sex Attraction and the Church* (Intervarsity, 2015)

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## *Beautiful Design*

**Class 9:** Sex, Marriage, Same-sex Attraction & Gender Confusion



### **I. Introduction:** Did God actually say?

- Today's class: not focusing on individual commands on sex, but rather the whole biblical vision for marriage and sexuality

### **II. God's Design for Marriage and Sex:**

- Gen 1:27-28: Male & female he created them... "be fruitful and multiply"
- Gen 2:22-25 "They shall become one flesh"
- Eph 5:28-32: Marriage as a one flesh union (Song 6:3)

*What is marriage? A covenantal, bodily union of one man and one woman, open to the gift of procreation, symbolic of the relationship between Christ and the church.*

**A.** Marriage is covenantal

**B.** Marriage is bodily union

### C. Marriage is a union of one man and one woman

1. Procreation is one of the designed ends for marriage
2. Marriage is a picture of two distinct parties in covenantal union

The lesson? *Marriage and sex are mutually interpreting realities.*

- True sex vs. counterfeit sex
- Making sense of chapters like Leviticus 18 and 1 Corinthians 6

### III. Sex as Fulfillment? The Example of Jesus

- Fulfilling personal desires as the foundation for morality?
- The “sexuality of Jesus”
  1. Jesus is a fully human man
  2. Jesus took on a body capable of sex

- Jesus’ intimate friendships and real human sufferings
- Matthew 19:12: “Eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven”

### IV. Same-Sex Attraction

1. Fallen people have fallen desires (Jer 17:9, Eph 2:3, Titus 3:3)
2. What if someone is “born that way?” (Ps 51:5)
3. All sins make us equally deserving of condemnation, yet some sins are particularly consequential denials of God’s design
4. A posture of compassion and speaking the truth in love

### V. Concluding Application

1. We should honor marriage (Heb 13:4)
2. We should honor singleness (1 Cor 7:8)
3. We should cultivate strong friendships in the family of God