

When it comes to LGBTQA+ community, are we becoming a more Christian nation or a less Christian nation?

2015 Supreme Court defends/supports Gay marriage.

Pew Research: (2019 survey). Answered "Very important"  
Marriage. Why get married?

	General Public	LGBTQA+
1. Love.	88%.	84%
2. Lifetime Commitment.	81%.	70%
3. Companionship.	76%.	71%
4. Legal rights/benefits.	23%	46%
5: Economic/financial.	28%.	35%
6. Have children.	49%.	28%
7. Religious ceremony.	30%.	17%

DISCUSSION: What engages you about these survey results?  
How are these answers changing from previous generations?  
Is LGBTQA+ changing our society's definition of marriage?

## CHRIST AGAINST CULTURE: “We are becoming a less Christian nation”

Adam and Eve; God creates 2 genders: male, female  
Command “Be fruitful and multiple” populate the earth  
Noah and Arc, two genders of all species, including humans  
BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:

### 1. CHILDREN (fruitful and multiply)

(Psalm 127 Blessed man has “quiver full” of children”)

Woman’s role is to have children. Husband plants seed in woman’s soil.

Woman without children is cursed. Sarai. Hannah, mother of Samuel.

“Woman saved through child-bearing” (1 Timothy 2:15)

### 2. ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL Extended family works together.

Extended family and tribe loyalty is norm. Nuclear family not in Bible

Arranged marriages between fathers of two: (not love-based)

Wife is virgin at wedding, then fertile after... divorce if either is unfulfilled

BIBLE = PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY. Woman always under man’s authority

Women at church learn from husbands, don’t speak in church gatherings

### 3. RELIGIOUS CEREMONY FOR WHOLE VILLAGE.

Jesus first miracle ... water into wine

parables about weddings.... Wedding ceremony woman “given”:

husband head over wife; Ephesians 5:21 misinterpreted.

Marriage helps men control lust (1 Corinthians 7), avoid immorality,

be loyal to wife and children.... Wives stay home and rear children...

### PERVERSIONS OF MARRIAGE:

Marital Sexual activities not intended to conceive children. (Onan Gen. 38)

Incest and Adultery, dangerous to familial trust and endangers children’s inheritance

Prostitution: Pagan fertility cult practices

Rape: dominance over another, violence, non-consensual sex

Homosexual acts: unproductive of children, assumed rape “abomination”

Sodom Genesis 19: Ezekiel 16:48-50

DISCUSSION: Where is our culture in relation to Bible definition of marriage and family values? Which parts of biblical marriage do you affirm? Which parts do you reject? How does this view fit with LGBTQA+ community?

CHRIST IN/OF CULTURE “We are becoming a more Christian nation”

God gave us minds and intelligence to study and make moral choices

Gender Science: biology, psychology, sociology

Science of animal families... few species remain monogamous

Some species share or even reverse gender roles

Lioness hunts and kills, wolf packs where uncles nurture pups

Male and female barely differ or largely differ according to species

Hyena female have large clitoris nearly a penis...

Clitoris used to dominate other females

Frogs, clownfish, bearded dragons... are transgender, gender fluid  
as needed by community and environment

Male dominance. Strongest male mates with herd of females

Natural selection for next generation to be strong

Male on male sex? Exert dominance.

History/sociology: Ancient warfare, victors raped and enslaved

Victors/dominant males raped losing army's men to humiliate losers.

Homosexual acts were assumed to be rape in order to demean opponent.

Human societies create gender roles as human construct.

One wife, many wives? Cultural not absolute... King David, Solomon

Science: not as clear as simple male/female in order to produce progeny

Science: human contraception techniques

Science: breeding animals for selected genetics

Human anatomy: genitals placed for face to face making love

Science of LGBTQA? Babies very infrequently born with both genitals.

2%? born gay .... How? Genetics? Nurture?

As much as 10+%? have non-traditional attractions LGBTQA+

Wrestle with Bible:

Use Trinity image for human marriage: mutual submission

Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another... wives to husbands, husbands  
also love your wives

Proverbs 31: 10-20 ideal woman is family AND business woman

Does that mean we no longer address sexual sins?

Sinful behaviors? Infidelity/Adultery...

John 7:53-8:11 “woman caught in adultery.

Jesus distracts and draws their focus “Go and sin no more”

Disloyalty to family and tribe, sex outside of marriage and family loyalty

Incest: dehumanize, objectify, and sexualize women: 1 Corinthians 7

“Your body belongs to the spouse” both directions men to women  
Pagan Cult prostitution  
Rape, Sodom  
Ezekiel 16 Sodom’s sin ... was inhospitality to poor and needy  
No concept in ancient cultures of loving, monogamous LGTBQA relations  
Ethic of Love together with science. Pro-LGBTQA marriages

DISCUSSION:

How is LGBTQA+ definition of marriage consistent with Bible or against Bible?

On a continuum between “Christ against culture” and “Christ in/of Culture” where do you see yourself?

In your opinion, how are we as a culture moving toward Christ?

How are we moving away from Christ?