

# SEXUALITY AND GENDER IDENTITY

As a community of believers in Christ, we have faith in the redeeming and sanctifying work of God in all areas of our lives. Evangel University is affiliated with the [General Council of the Assemblies of God](#) (Read the AG Position Papers: [Homosexuality, Marriage, and Sexuality](#) and [Transgenderism, Transsexuality, and Gender Identity](#)) rooted in Evangelical, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions, and we align with our parent organization regarding interpretation of Scripture and doctrinal beliefs. Our goal is to recognize our identity is in Christ and our daily thoughts and actions give us opportunity to live out our redeemed identity. We believe as we commit our lives to God, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in our faith, compassionately care for and lead others to Christ, and be good stewards of all our resources, including sexuality.

We believe God created humans to love and worship Him above all else (Deut. 6:5) so that everything we are and everything we do falls under His Lordship. We are His people. So, as we consider our human sexuality, we strive to honor and serve Him, above our own thoughts, feelings and desires. Our sex and sexuality is not an end in itself but is something God created for His purpose. We understand our beliefs may be contrary to other worldviews and we do not seek to antagonize or disrespect those whose views differ from our interpretation. Since Evangel is a Christian university, guided by the above principles, members of this community are expected to live congruently with the Scriptural teachings of our heritage. We further expect this community of believers to extend grace and care as we strive to honor God in all we say and do.

We believe God created two distinct sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matt. 19:4-5), and our sexuality is a gift from God reflecting who we are as humans, designed for His purpose to do the good work He has called us to do. We regard sex at birth as the recognition of a person's biological sex and do not support attempts to alter one's birth sex in favor of an opposite psychological gender. Students, faculty, staff and guests of the university are expected to use bathroom, housing, and locker room facilities congruent with the biological sex at birth. This statement is not meant to reflect those rare situations concerning congenital disorders of sex development.

We believe God designed sexual intimacy to be expressed solely within a marriage between a male and female (I Cor. 6:9, 16-20) and sexual activity outside of that marital relationship, as recorded in Scripture, violates the will of God. We do not support acts of sexual behavior outside of marriage.

Our commitment is to live in ways that guide us towards holiness, whether we are unmarried or married. Our sexuality, expressed through sexual integrity for single persons and sexual faithfulness in marriage, allows us to bring honor and glory to God.

We do not support behavior whereby personal desire, satisfaction, and/or dominance (such as pornography, lust, exhibitionism, sexting, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, etc.) supersedes care for others and service to God.

Persons in our community may have had experiences that cause them to question their biological sex or psychological gender, fail to maintain sexual integrity or faithfulness, and/or have same-sex attractions. These experiences may have led to internal conflict and external behavior that is incongruent with biblical standards. But this is not the end of the story. We serve a God who redeems our sexuality and who invites us to trust Him with our whole beings. For those whose beliefs align with these Christian teachings and community standards, Evangel can be a place of healing and restoration. We seek to care for persons in ways that convey respect, concern, support, and accountability.