

May We “Self-Identify” In Marriage?

The issue of “self-identifying” one’s gender or what is right or wrong involves this deeper issue—“What is within man’s control?” What about marriage? Is it in our control?

When asked about divorce, Jesus first spoke about marriage and said that at the beginning God made humans *male and female* and that they may be one flesh (Mt. 19:4-5). Man has no right to “self-identify” a relationship between two men or two women as marriage.

Jesus also said *...what God has joined together, let not man separate...whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another commits adultery* (Mt. 19:5). Man has no right to “self-identify” permissible divorce or remarriage.

The husband must lead and love his wife, in imitation of Christ’s love for His church (Eph. 5:23). Man has no right to “self-identify” the roles of marriage. Husbands who refuse to lead in love or wives who refuse to submit are as guilty of sin as are men claiming to be women.

So, the problem of “self-identifying” existed before the current “gender” issue. It exists any time man tries to control what belongs to God. God will forgive. Man must repent.