

## **CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA (CCG)**

### **STATEMENT ON RECENT LGBTQI ACTIVITIES IN GHANA**

#### **TO ALL PRESS HOUSES**

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The Christian Council of Ghana has followed with concern and keen interest, the recent developments in the country regarding the supposed rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) individuals and the office space that the perpetrators of this act have established.

As a Christian majority nation, the CCG has a mandate to espouse the position of the Christian faith on homosexuality to all citizens. We therefore deem it appropriate to explain briefly, the Bible position on marriage, homosexuality and the family values that we the people of Ghana uphold.

#### **The Bible and marriage**

The Bible has established clearly, what marriage is supposed to be, i.e. A union between a man and a woman.

*"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."* Genesis 2:24.

The man and the woman, as part of their marriage covenant, have the ability to bring forth children. They have the responsibility to nurture the children and provide their basic needs. They are also required to train their children to be obedient to God's laws and to walk in the fear of the Lord (Genesis 1:26; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-3).

From Bible position, marriage is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end. God has established it as an institution to be the conduit for child bearing and training. Marriage therefore goes beyond sexual satisfaction and sexual preference. It begins the family unit,

which is the foundation institution upon which all other institutions in a country are established.

God has established marriage His way and anyone who engages in the marriage covenant independent of God's law redefines marriage other than what the creator intended it to be.

### **The Bible and homosexuality**

Homosexuality is a redefinition of the family system other than what God intended when He created humankind. It has no space for procreation and nurturing of children with the love of a father and mother.

God considers homosexuality as an act of perversion and abomination that attracts His wrath (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Genesis 19:1-28).

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul calls acts of homosexuality "vile passions." Romans 1:26-27 reads:

*"For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also, the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error, which was due."*

The Biblical texts of Genesis 19:1-28, Leviticus 18:22, 20:13 and Romans 1:26-27 describes homosexuality as

1. Sinful
2. Perversion
3. Abominable
4. Vile passion
5. Unnatural relation that is contrary to nature

6. Shameful act
7. Error that attracts penalty from God.

Homosexuality is therefore an affront to human dignity, attracts the wrath of God, and should be condemned from the Bible point of view.

### **Homosexuality and Ghanaian family values**

All the ethnic groups that come together to form the nation Ghana frown on homosexual unions and relations. In Ghana, marriage is between a man and a woman and not between same sex individuals. The Ghanaian people cannot discard our unique family value system for the so-called human rights of a few. It is important to protect our family values, which is the foundation of our nation. Homosexual unions therefore do not have a place in our Ghanaian family value system.

We, the CCG therefore call on all Ghanaians to reject the lie being perpetrated by a few that homosexuality is a human right and should be incorporated in the family system of our country. Let us protect the good family system that we have inherited from our forebears.

### **CCG's position**

With reference to the Bible and the family system of our dear country, the Council wish to bring to the attention of the entire nation the following:

1. That homosexuality is an affront to human dignity and a redefinition of the family system other than what God intended when He created humankind.
2. That homosexuality is not a human right and we reject it in all uncertain terms as a Council.
3. That marriage goes beyond sexual preference and sexual satisfaction. It is a means of procreation and nurturing of children to fit into society.

4. That the family system in Ghana has no place to accommodate homosexual unions in the country.
5. That the government should ensure that the laws of the nation concerning homosexual unions are fully enforced and that the office space created by the LGBTQI perpetrators be closed down.
6. That pastors and church leaders should begin to intensify teachings on the family system and God's purpose for marriage.
7. That the CCG is willing to make available trained and qualified pastors and counsellors from our Member Churches to help all those who have passion and tendencies of unnatural relation with the same sex. We believe that God will be able to restore such people.
8. That the Ghanaian people should not put the law into their own hands by molesting and attacking persons known to be in homosexual unions but rather report to the appropriate agencies since such unions are against the laws of the country.

The CCG will continue to pray for the good of the nation. May the Lord bless us all.



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