

The Declaration of Sexual Morality
A Call to Confession, Repentance, and the Restoration of Integrity in the Church
(LGBTQS.net/declaration)

Abstract

The Declaration of Sexual Morality is a global call for Christian leaders—elders, pastors, and overseers—to publicly confess and repent of any hidden sexual sin, ensuring that those who shepherd God’s people walk in integrity, holiness, and truth. Rooted in the biblical mandate for spiritual leadership (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9), this declaration urges self-examination (2 Corinthians 13:5) and uncompromising adherence to God’s moral standards.

Call to Repentance: Church leaders who persist in unrepentant sexual immorality are called to step down, confess, and, if necessary, face legal consequences (Romans 13:1-4). Those who have repented of past sins must submit to church discipline and accountability, while those who realize they are not truly in the faith must leave ministry entirely. The Church is further called to uphold purity in teaching on sexual ethics, rejecting false doctrines that affirm sin.

Addendum 1: Purity of Teaching Regarding Sexual Ethics and Truth (“LGBT: Love God, Believe Truth”) affirms the biblical teaching that homosexuality, transgenderism, and all distortions of God’s design for sexuality are sinful and incompatible with Christian faith. The document calls for a clear stance against cultural compromise, reminding Christians that those who embrace or celebrate such lifestyles will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:26-27).

Addendum 2: The Weight of Judgment and the Day of the Lord (“QS: Quit Sinning”) emphasizes that judgment is imminent. Jesus’ warning that those who cause others to sin will face severe consequences (Matthew 18:6) highlights the eternal weight of leading others astray. The declaration underscores that life is short, and repentance is urgent—not merely for personal fulfillment, but to stand before God clothed in righteousness on the Day of the Lord.

Addendum 3: Practical Suggestions for Accountability. The Church must take responsibility for survivors of abuse, cooperating fully with law enforcement to hold perpetrators accountable. Survivors who speak up should be encouraged and supported in a safe environment where their stories can be shared without fear or shame.

Addendum 4: Support for Those Who Repent. The Church should welcome back individuals who demonstrate true repentance, forgiving and comforting them so that they are not overcome by excessive sorrow. However, vigilance is needed to ensure that forgiveness is not misused to permit continued abuse or false teaching. A balanced approach is necessary, where grace and accountability work hand in hand, ensuring that repentance is met with forgiveness and unrepentant wrongdoing is met with firm discipline.

The Declaration of Sexual Morality is a line of demarcation—a call to choose between light and darkness, truth and deception, repentance and judgment. Those who love the light will step into it, while those who remain in sin will be judged accordingly (John 3:19-21).

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Preamble

The Church of Jesus Christ is called to be a light in the world, “a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15, ESV). The leaders entrusted with shepherding the flock—elders, pastors, and overseers—are called to a high standard of holiness, purity, and integrity (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9). Yet in our time, hidden sin has darkened the witness of the Church. Many in leadership have harbored secret iniquities, deceiving their congregations, violating their calling, and bringing reproach upon the name of Christ.

We, the undersigned, recognizing the severe warnings of Scripture against hypocrisy and hidden sin (Luke 12:2-3; Hebrews 4:13), issue this *Declaration of Sexual Morality* as a global call for pastors, elders, and all Christian leaders to come into the light.

The Call to Confession and Repentance

Jesus Himself declared:

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” (John 3:19-21, ESV)

To those in Christian leadership who claim to love Christ: Come into the light.

“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.” (2 Corinthians 13:5, ESV). If you find your life is characterized by secret sin—unrepented, hidden, and ongoing—then know that you do not walk in the light (1 John 1:6). The Church must be cleansed, and it must begin with its leaders (James 3:1).

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Three Imperatives for Christian Leaders

1. If you are in unrepentant sin, confess publicly and seriously consider resigning from your office with support of godly pastoral care.

- If you are engaging in sexual immorality—whether adultery, fornication, pornography addiction, or any other sexual sin—you must step down.
- Do not deceive yourself into thinking you can shepherd others while walking in darkness (1 John 1:6-7).
- If your sin is criminal (e.g., abuse, sexual assault, predation), you must turn yourself in to the authorities (Romans 13:1-4).

2. If you have past sin but have truly repented, disclose it and submit to church discipline.

- If, by God's grace, you have turned away from past immorality and been transformed, it is still your duty to confess this to your church leadership and congregation.
- You must be willing to submit to accountability and oversight, as sin—though forgiven—has consequences (Galatians 6:7-8).
- Your continued ministry should be determined by those you serve, not by your own will.

3. If you are not truly in the faith, step down permanently.

- If upon examination you realize you have been a false teacher, a hireling, or a mere religious actor, repent and leave ministry before you incur greater judgment (Matthew 7:21-23; James 3:1).
- Seek the Lord for true salvation rather than using ministry as a platform for self-gain (Ezekiel 34:2-10).

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The Consequences of Hypocrisy and the Hope of Restoration

The Bible warns that God will expose secret sin (Luke 12:2-3). It is better to confess now and be humbled than to be exposed on Judgment Day and cast away forever (Matthew 25:41).

Yet, for those who repent, there is hope:

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9, ESV)

Public confession is not the enemy of grace—it is its confirmation. Those who truly love Christ will embrace the light, no matter the cost.

A Unified Call to the Church

We call upon churches worldwide—denominations, congregations, and believers—to demand this accountability.

- Require public integrity from all elders and pastors.
- Do not shield or defend those who persist in sin (1 Corinthians 5:11-13).
- Support those who repent with true accountability (Galatians 6:1).
- Pray for a purified Church that honors Christ in holiness and truth (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Let this Declaration of Sexual Morality stand as a clear line of demarcation: Either you love the light and come into it, or you love the darkness and will be judged accordingly.

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LGBT: Love God, Believe Truth

A Call to Uphold Biblical Sexual Morality

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, ESV)

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 5:6, ESV)

“For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.” (Romans 1:26-27, ESV)

Thus, no Christian, no church, and no pastor can support, affirm, or endorse LGBT ideology without denying Christ.

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Addendum 2: The Weight of Judgment and the Day of the Lord

LGBTQS: Love God, Believe, Trust, Quit Sinning

The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs 9:10)

“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” (Matthew 18:6, ESV)

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:27-28, ESV)

Final Declaration

1. We affirm that sexual morality is clearly defined in Scripture and that LGBT ideologies are contrary to God’s will.
2. We reject any teaching, church, or movement that affirms sexual sin in opposition to the Word of God.
3. We call upon all Christian leaders, pastors, and churches to take a stand against compromise and deception.
4. We remind all people that the Day of the Lord is coming, and only those who are clothed in Christ’s righteousness will stand.

The call of Christ is urgent: Repent, believe the truth, trust God enough to obey him, and walk in holiness.

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Addendum 3: Practical Suggestions for Accountability

Take Responsibility for Survivors: We call upon the Church to take responsibility for survivors of abuse, in obedience to Scripture's command to "bear one another's burdens" (cf. Romans 12; Galatians 6:2). This means coming alongside survivors with compassion, supporting them practically and emotionally, and not leaving them to carry their pain alone.

Cooperate with Law Enforcement: The Church must cooperate fully with law enforcement to hold perpetrators accountable. Romans 13 teaches that governing authorities are established by God to uphold justice, so we must not shield abusers from legal consequences. Instead, churches should actively assist in bringing about justice by reporting wrongdoing and complying with investigations.

Encourage and Support Survivors Who Speak Up: We acknowledge the immense difficulty survivors face in speaking up, and we commend their courage. They should be gently encouraged to bring their stories to light so that evil is exposed and uprooted from among us. The Church should ensure a safe, supportive environment where survivors can share their experiences without fear or shame, confident that the community will stand with them.

Uphold Holiness and Enforce Accountability: Although such sins "should not even be named among us" (Ephesians 5:3), they are tragically widespread in our midst, revealing unholiness within the Church's ranks. We therefore implore church leaders to protect the flock and to implement firm accountability measures. No offender should be beyond discipline, and the vulnerable must be safeguarded through vigilant oversight and transparent, just processes.

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Addendum 4: Support for Those Who Repent

Restore the Repentant with Grace: We encourage the broader Christian community to welcome back individuals who demonstrate true repentance. Following Paul’s instruction in 2 Corinthians (see 2 Cor. 2:7–8), the church should forgive and comfort the repentant so that they are not overcome by excessive sorrow. In this way, we reaffirm our love for them while guiding them gently back into fellowship.

Remain Vigilant Against False Repentance: At the same time, we recognize that there will still be “wolves in sheep’s clothing” and false teachers who only pretend to repent. Churches must not tolerate ongoing, unrepentant sin under the guise of grace, for true grace never condones evil. Vigilance and discernment are needed to ensure that forgiveness is not misused to permit continued abuse or false teaching. We affirm that although a repentant Christian should be welcomed back into the fellowship, this does not warrant a welcoming back to the previously abused role of leader or teacher.

Balance Grace with Justice: We call on the Church to maintain a balanced approach in these matters. Leaders or members who have sinned should not be treated with undue harshness, but neither should their status or past service shield them from justice. No community should create a climate of passive acceptance where evil can quietly flourish. Grace and accountability must work hand in hand, ensuring that repentance is met with forgiveness and that unrepentant wrongdoing is met with firm discipline.

Care for the Wounded: Finally, we acknowledge that many displaced congregants will enter new Christian communities carrying deep wounds from past abuses. The global church must be patient and understanding, providing long-term care, counseling, and discipleship for these spiritually and emotionally hurt individuals. Every Christian community should strive to be a place of refuge and healing for those recovering from trauma, walking with them for as long as it takes on the path toward restoration.

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