

# Planting Roots Statement of Belief



## Marriage and Sexual Morality

*Planting Roots* is a Christ-centered, Christ-directed, Christ-constructed organization committed to glorifying God individually and corporately in thought, word, and action.

As ambassadors of Christ, we extend compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity to every person as Christ reflects that to us (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

With the foundation of the Bible as the infallible Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17), we affirm that God created male and female in His image to reflect His nature and character (Genesis 1:26-30).

We believe the biblical principle of marriage, introduced at creation (Genesis 2:24) and reaffirmed in the Gospels (Matthew 19:5) and the Pauline epistles (Ephesians 5:30-31), transcends all time and culture.

We believe marriage is the single, exclusive covenant union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25). God desires to use this union to draw us into closer relationship with Christ and to mirror to the world His covenant relationship with His people.

We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between one man and one woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:15-16; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4).

In regard to sexual sin, as with any sin, we believe that God redeems and restores all who confess and turn from sin, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

*A Planting Roots Statement of Belief expresses the mind of the Board of Directors of Planting Roots on a subject of compelling interest. It is a definitive but not an exhaustive statement. A Planting Roots Statement of Belief is not to be regarded as binding on the conscience of individuals, but as cultural questions arise that impact faith and practice, we use Statements of Belief for direction and clarity on culturally relevant issues.*

*We believe that, in order to uphold the purpose and integrity of Planting Roots and to provide a Biblical model of the Church in culture to those with whom we work and serve, all persons serving in the capacity of Board Member, Staff, Contributor, or Volunteer adhere to each Planting Roots Statement of Belief.*

*Planting Roots' Statement of Faith is accessible to the public through our website and is available in hard copy or email when requested. Planting Roots will accept monetary donations from individuals and entities who choose to give and/or purchase products and services, without expectation of Planting Root's endorsement of the donor's personal or organizational beliefs.*

*Since Planting Roots reaches out to all women, we welcome any woman who attends our events and/or receives our services regardless of our or their personal viewpoints with the hope and prayer we would all come to adopt God's plan for our lives as revealed in Scripture.*