

Proposed Amendment to the GARBC Articles of Faith

2020 GARBC Conference

*[Proposed additions are printed in **bold** type. Amendment was presented at 2019 GARBC Conference.]*

Article V: Creation

We believe the Biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and humanity; that this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God without any evolutionary process; that Adam and Eve were created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all people are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, first parents of the entire human race.

Genesis 1; 2; Colossians 1:16, 17; John 1:3

We believe that our Creator established human gender biologically in fixed, binary categories: male and female. Seeking to confuse or change the God-given distinction of the two genders violates God's creative design and revealed will.

In light of God's creative design, we believe that the Bible teaches that marriage is the joining of one man and one woman and that sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the bonds of a Biblically defined marriage. Any other form of marriage or sexual intimacy is immoral and a perversion of God's gracious will.

Genesis **1:27**; 2:18, 24, 25; **5:1-2**; Matthew 19:4-6; **Mark 10:6**; Romans 1:24-29; 7:2; 1 Corinthians 6:**9, 10**, 19, 20; 7:1-5; Ephesians 5:**2-5**, 22-33; **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**; Hebrews 13:4