

# WELCOMING THE STRANGER

## 3. Welcoming Jesus' Words on Gender and Sexuality

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,"  
--Romans 15:7*

1) \_\_\_\_\_.

*MOSES:*

*"No one whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off (eunuch) shall be admitted to the assembly of God."  
--Deuteronomy 23:1 (NRSV)*

2) \_\_\_\_\_.

*ISAIAH:*

*"... this is for the eunuchs  
too. They can be as much mine as anyone.  
--Isaiah 56:3-5 (Living Bible)*

3) \_\_\_\_\_.

*JESUS:*

*"For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."  
--Matthew 19:12 (NRSV)*

*"An angel from the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up, and take the desert road that goes south from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So Philip went. An Ethiopian man who had come to Jerusalem to worship was on his way home. The man was a eunuch, a high-ranking official*

*in charge of all the treasures of Queen Candace of Ethiopia... As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing."  
--Acts 8:26-27 (NRSV)*

*"Jesus answered them, '... in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven."  
--Matthew 22:29-30 (NRSV)*

*"It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body."  
--1 Corinthians 15:44 (NRSV)*