

Defending Doctrinal Distinctives: God-Defined Sexuality and Gender

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Outline

1. God Design for Gender and Sexuality

2. Deviations from God's Design

3. How should Christians respond?

God's Design for Sexuality

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:18-24

Matthew 19:3 -6/ Mark 10:6

Ephesians 5:31

The Decree of Marriage: Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let **them** rule over ...

27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.

28 God blessed **them**; and God said to **them**, "Be fruitful and **multiply**, and fill the earth, and **subdue** it; and **rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1 According to Yoda



The Design of Marriage: Genesis 2:18-24

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a **helper** suitable for him."

... <snip> ...

22 The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now **bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh**; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

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



Jesus Adds: Matthew 19:3-6

3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" 4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning **made them male and female,** 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore **God has joined together,** let no man separate."

Paul Adds: Ephesians 5:31

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

32 This is a **profound mystery**—but I am talking about **Christ and the church**.

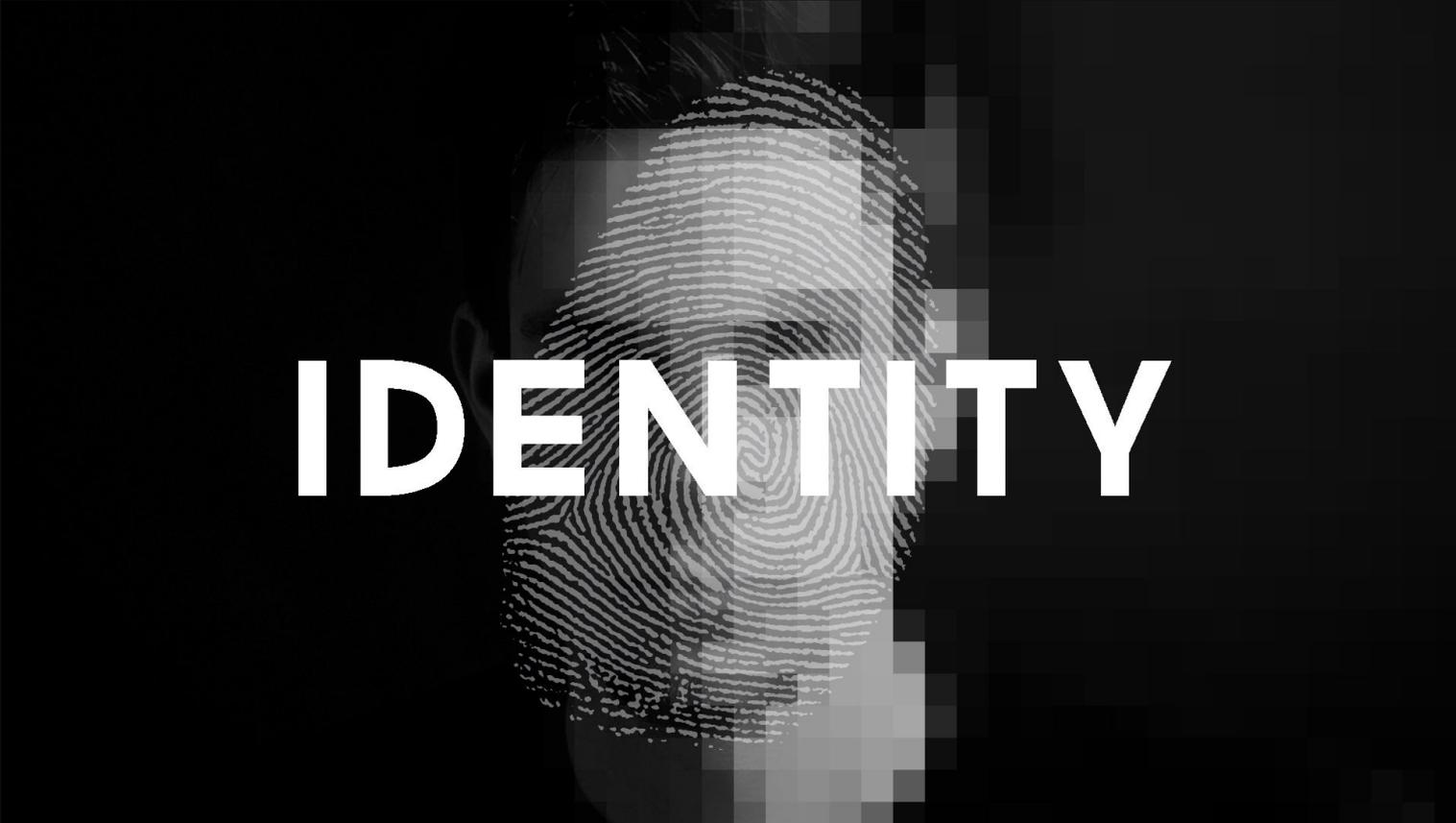
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A good marriage is the best sermon
preached in all of history



How did we get here?



A grayscale image of a person's face, heavily pixelated and overlaid with a large, semi-transparent fingerprint pattern. The fingerprint is centered over the forehead and eyes, symbolizing identity and security. The background is solid black.

IDENTITY

Homosexuality / Transgender

Genesis 19:5-9

Leviticus 18

Ezekiel 16:49-50

Romans 1:24-27

Jude 1:7

1 Tim 1:8-11

Deuteronomy 22:5

1 Cor 6:9-11

Genesis 19:9

5 and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may **have relations** with them.”

9 But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now **we will treat you worse than them.**” So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

Ezekiel 16:49-50

49 Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.

50 Thus they were haughty and committed **abominations** before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it.

Jude 1:7

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in **gross immorality** and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Leviticus 18

22 “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.

24 “Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. 25 Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

Romans 1:24-27

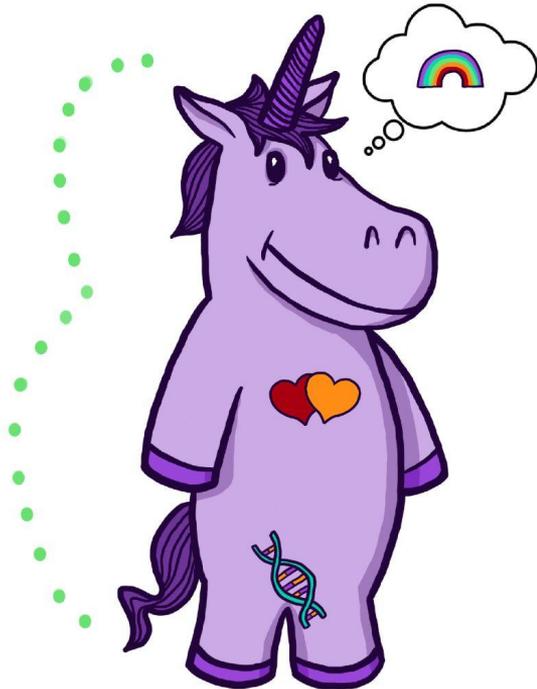
Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their **women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another**, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

1 Tim 1:8-11

8 But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and **homosexuals** and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,

The Gender Unicorn

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Gender Identity

-  Female / Woman / Girl
-  Male / Man / Boy
-  Other Gender(s)

Gender Expression

-  Feminine
-  Masculine
-  Other

Sex Assigned at Birth

-  Female
-  Male
-  Other/Intersex

Physically Attracted to

-  Women
-  Men
-  Other Gender(s)

Emotionally Attracted to

-  Women
-  Men
-  Other Gender(s)

To learn more, go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

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Deuteronomy 22:5

“A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

How Can We Minister?

DON'T:

- Think of them as "other"
- Think you can't help
- Make it about externals
- Be Embroiled in Debate

DO:

- Offer new identity in Christ
- Make clear holiness is the goal, not heterosexual feelings
- Show love
- Pray

Or 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 homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified ...