

HOT TOPICS**#1 – GENDER: DELUSION AND CONFUSION**

GENESIS 1:27

I. Gender Confusion

- **Gender** _____ – Today’s culture/society is obsessed with LGBTQ+ issues, especially transgender people. This is impacting all of us through government policy, and changing social values. Our children in particular are being brainwashed and are confused. What does God have to say? Why is this important to us? And what are we as Christians to do?
- **Gender** _____ – A sense of conflict that a person has because of a mismatch between their biological sex and their gender identity, resulting in a change of their sex and / or identity. Confusion!
- **Reasons:** Genetics/hormones, cultural environment, and/or upbringing. Famous Transgenders: Bruce / Katelyn Jenner; Ellen / Elliot Page. 700,000 in the U.S. identify as transgender.
- **Definition:**
 - > Transgender – denoting or relating to a person whose sense of sexual identity and gender does not correspond with their biological sex at birth

II. Gender Delusion

- _____ **Delusion:** In order to battle discrimination, persecution, judgmentalism, and avoid giving offense, government and secular society has affirmed these gender-confused decision and lifestyles and given social and legal protections. Today, it is fashionable for kids ages 12-18 to “test-drive” gay and transgender identities for a time. It’s cool!
- _____ **Delusion:** Satan uses government and society to cause great social and personal harm, and attack God’s truth. Example: Gender hormone treatments and gender re-assignment surgery before age 18; outlawing Christian conversion therapy (counseling) even of adults; schools support child transgender decisions without parents’ knowledge; the vilifying of Christians as harsh and wrong for standing up for the truth; through popular media, young children are being bombarded with worldly (and wrong) gender/sex propaganda that influences them before they are ready to make mature decisions.

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
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III. God’s Solution – Know and Live the Truth (Genesis 1:27)

- **God’s** _____ – **Men and women in His own image.** We should recognize and declare the biological difference between men and women as a wonderful part of God’s design. This binary sexual distinction includes our physical body, God-given sexual inclination, and cultural expression. Biological sex and gender are the same thing. In contrast,

the secular world differentiates between them. For them, “sexual orientation determines who you want to go to bed with, and gender identity is who you want to go to bed as.” Sexual orientation and gender are separate and not necessarily correlated.

- **The _____ – Sin distorts our sexuality** – Man’s rebellion and the fall can distort our bodies sexually (genetic and hormone distortions), and our inner thinking / understanding (the heart) (Romans 1:18, 21). In our rebellion, God allows us to engage in wrong thoughts and actions sexually (Romans 1:26-28). We can’t trust our own thinking and understanding, because it has been distorted and damaged by sin (Jeremiah 17:9, Prov. 14.12).
- **The _____ of sexual sin** – (1) A broken relationship with God; (2) Conflicted, confused and futile thinking, causing conflict, pain, and despair; (3) Ultimately hell when we die.
- **Live the _____: We must be truthfully loving, while being lovingly truthful** – (1) Speak lovingly and wisely the truth that the LGBTQ lifestyle is self-destructive and God has a better way – the Gospel; (2) Remember and remind others that Jesus came to save us from our sinful and self-destructive lifestyle. He was a friend of prostitutes and sinners (Titus 3); (3) Always show love, understanding, and concern toward others who struggle with LGBTQ+ issues. Jesus would and did!
- **Seek and use _____ in public and on your job** – Your government, schools, and/or job may implement policies that are pushing the LGBTQ+ agenda. Should you protest? Should you implement policy under protest? Should you quit your job? Seek God’s wisdom through scripture, and other Christians. Organize with others to multiply the volume of your voice and power. Above all, stand up for Jesus and the truth His way.

Answers: I. Controversy; dysphoria. II. Social; satanic. III. Creation; fall; consequences; truth; wisdom.