

Title: What is a Woman?

Text: *“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”* (Proverbs 31:30-31)

Target: Gender is a biological reality determined by God in the creation of each and every human.

- I. **Clarity of Womanhood:** Adult Female Human.
 - A. **Defined by Science:**
 1. **Genotype:** Genetic Material, XX (Female) & XY (Male) Chromosomes = 43 Total. *23rd Chromosome. *Immutable characteristic
 2. **Phenotype:** Smaller stature, different body composition, hormonal differences - higher levels of estrogen and progesterone, reproductive organs, bone density, and strength.
 - B. **Defined by Scripture:** *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”* (2 Timothy 3:16)
 1. **God Designs Gender/Sex:** Divinely Ordained by God (Genesis 1:27)
 2. **Complementarian Reality:** Completion of opposite Gender through Role and Responsibility.
 - a) Gender Specific: God’s purpose for you is in alignment by the gender God made you.
 - b) Gift Specific: The expression of your talents was given by God within the context of gender.
 - C. **REdefined by Society:** Considered ever changing and to be shaped by individual experiences, personal choices, and cultural evolution. (Birthing person, menstruating person, chest feeding, pregnant people)
- II. **Challenges of Transgenderism:** Gender is no longer determined by biology. Gender is determined by feelings, desires, inclinations, and what feels natural.
 - A. **Gender Identity:** biological sex does not determine gender for they are mutually exclusive, not the same.
 - B. **Gender Fluidity:** a form of expression within a multitude of gender identities.
 - C. **Gender Dysphoria:** sense of internal self not matching external self.
 - D. **Gender Therapy:** explore gender identity and expression to achieve comfort within themselves, manage mental health, and work towards self-fulfillment
- III. **Criticism towards Feminism:** The Silence is Deafening.
 - A. **Women’s Rights:** To Vote, Equal Employment, Education equality, Maternity Leave, Body Positivity, Domestic Violence Support, #Metoo, Sexism.
 - B. **Girls/Women’s Sports:** Title IV: Civil Rights Act of 1964. Increased opportunities for female athletes by addressing disparities in resources and opportunities between men’s and women’s sports.
- IV. **Convictional Kindness in Progressivism:** *“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”* (1 Peter 3:15)
 - A. **Exalt Christ:** *“honor Christ the Lord as Holy”*

1. Equality of Women: *“there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”*. (Galatians 3:28)
 2. Elevation of Women: 1st eyewitnesses of the resurrection.
- B. Embrace Truth:** *“always being prepared to make a defense”*
1. Absolute Truth-Determined by God and accountable unto humanity.
 2. Relativism-Subjective interpretation of Reality.
- C. Exemplify Hope:** *“hope that is in you”*
1. Transgender people are image bearers of God too!
 2. Jesus loves and died for the LGBTQIA community also!
- D. Extend Grace:** *“gentleness and respect”*
1. People are hurting
 2. Families are grieving

Takeaway: *“Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman, for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. **And ALL things are from GOD.**”* (1 Cor. 11:11-12)