

Title: Sexuality & Gender

Text: Various

Target: The Bible is more than just a book that spotlights sin, it is the journal of God's heart that spotlights a Savior who came to take away sin.

- I. **The Construct of Sexuality and Gender:** Genesis 2:24-25
 - A. **Genesis of Gender:** Genesis 1:26-27
 1. **Egalitarian:** Equal before God
 2. **Complementarian:** Complete each other
 - B. **Foundation of the Family:** Genesis 1:28/Eph.5:22-33
 1. **Role & Responsibility:** Purpose in Assignment of Gender (i.e., man/father or woman/mother)
 2. **Real & Relatable:** God as Father, sons and daughters, Jesus as the groom, the bride as the church.
 - C. **Sacredness of Sex:** Genesis 1:24-25: God Glorifying
 1. **Personable:** Mingling of the Souls
 2. **Pleasurable:** Sexual anatomy was designed with the opposite gender in mind.
 3. **Purposeful:** Procreation
- II. **The Crisis of Sexuality and Gender:** "*Did God surely say?*" (Genesis 3:2)
 - A. **Sex is no longer Sacred:** Sexual Brokenness is multifaceted. (1 Cor. 6:9) *not comprehensive
 1. No sexual sin is highlighted over another.
 2. Sexual sin is against the body. (1 Cor. 6:18)
 - B. **The Family becomes Fractured:** Divorce or low view of Marriage, Single Parent assumes both parental responsibilities. (Malachi 2:16)
 - C. **Gender Roles are Reconstructed:** biological sex is "now" distinguished from gender. *not including intersex-combination of both male/female biological traits.
 1. **Gender Identity:** 72 gender identifiers.
 2. **Gender Dysphoria:** a sense of internal self not matching external self
 3. **Gender Transition:** (Social, HT, SRS)
 - D. **God's Design is Deconstructed:** Satan's lie from the beginning, "God's plan is preventing you versus protecting you".
 1. **Intimacy becomes Immorality:** self-gratifying vs. self-giving
 2. **Identity becomes Idolatry:** God's image vs. your image
- III. **The Clarity for Sexuality and Gender:** 1 Cor. 6:14-20
 - A. **God made us:** For His Glory & For our Good
 1. **Gender Specific:** His purpose for you is in alignment by the gender He made you.
 2. **Gift Specific:** The expression of your superpowers was given within the context of gender.
 - B. **Sin of Adam/Eve affected us all:** What's wrong with me?
 1. **Predisposition unto sin:** we are all born in sin. (Psalm 51:5)
 2. **Proclivity toward specific sin:** struggle is real. (The Want Vs. The Why)
 - C. **Gospel Saves & Changes Us:** Romans 12:1-2

1. **Reaffirm our Purpose:** *“for from Him and through him, and to him are all things. To the glory of the Father”* (Romans 11:36)
2. **Realigns our Will:** *“present your bodies as a living sacrifice”* (Romans 12:1)
3. **Renews our Mind:** *“but be transformed by the renewal of your mind”* (Romans 12:2)

IV. The Consideration of Sexuality and Gender: A Call to CBC.

- A. **Unconditional Love/Uncompromising Truth:** *“neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more”* (John 8:11)
 1. **Belong:** acceptance is not conditional. All are welcome. Affirmation and Alienation are not the only choice.
 2. **Believe:** we are held captive to the teachings of Jesus & Scripture. (Matthew 19:4-6)
 3. **Become:** Heart transformation before behavior modification.
- B. **Healthy Marriages:** Model Passion and Pursuit. (Hebrews 13:4)
- C. **Next Generation:** Parents be vigilantly involved in your kids' lives. (Deut. 6:4-6)

Takeaway: Three Circles