

## THE DOCTRINE OF GENDER IDENTITY

TEXT: (Genesis 1:27, NLT)

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## INTRODUCTION

## A. A State of Confusion

1. “We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine” (I Timothy 1:8-10, NIV).

## I. THE IMPORTANCE OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

## A. The Goal Is Holiness

1. “Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2, NIV).
2. “For it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy’ (I Peter 1:16, NIV).

## B. Moral Issues

1. “When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn’t talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don’t even eat with such people” (I Corinthians 5:9-11, NLT).
2. “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24, NIV)

## C. Who Am I?

1. “Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:9-11, NLT).

## II. GOD’S IDEA OF GENDER

1. “So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27, NLT).

## A. Gender Is Binary

1. “For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others” (Matthew 19:12, NIV).

### B. Gender Identity

1. “With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him” (Ephesians 4:17-18, NLT).
2. “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed” (Psalm 139:13-16, NLT).

### C. Expressed in Your Appearance

1. “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God” (Genesis 22:5, KJV).
2. “Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory?” (I Corinthians 11:14-15, NIV).
3. “If a woman has no covering, let her be for now with short hair, but since it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair shorn (cut) or shaved, she should grow it again” (I Corinthians 11:6, NIV footnote).

### D. Gender Confusion

1. “For God is not *the author* of confusion” (I Corinthians 14:33, KJV).
2. “But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them” (Romans 1:18-19, NLT).

## III. TRANSFORMATION

1. “With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity” (Romans 12:1-2, PHILLIPS).
2. “For [Jesus] is able to understand our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15, NCV).
3. “Go, and sin no more” (John 8:11, KJV).
4. “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:1-4, NIV).
5. “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin” (Romans 6:5-7, NIV).