

#4 THE DOCTRINE OF SEXUALITY

30 PRACTICAL DOCTRINES YOU NEED TO KNOW / DR. RANDY WHITE

HUMANITY IS INHERENTLY AND MALE AND FEMALE

- From the first chapter of the Bible, humanity has been divided into two genders; male and female. Genesis 1:27 tells us that God created two kinds of human beings, the male kind and the female kind.
- Procreation is the primary reason for two genders. Genesis 1:28.
- In recent years, an attempt has been made to differentiate between *sex* (male and female) and *gender* (being personal identity with masculinity and femininity).
 - This recent creation is not grounded in biology, history, anthropology, etc., but in *feelings*, which is why a definitive list of modern genders is not available.
 - Post-modern thought is “self-referential.”
 - Classical thought: based on *revelation*
 - Modern thought: based on *reason*
 - Post-modern thought: based on *self-reference*
- The 4,000 years of human history recorded in the pages of Scripture reveal only two sexes and two genders: male and female, masculine and feminine.
 - Masculinity chiefly centers around *dominion* of the created.
 - Femininity chiefly centers around *nurture* of the family.

MALE AND FEMALE HAVE COMPLEMENTARY ROLES

- It only takes a surface-level reading of the Bible to discover that the roles of men and women are complementary, not identical.
- *Egalitarianism* is a theological idea that says men and women are *equal* in their assignments.
- *Complementarianism* recognizes that men and women are created of equal value and equally created in the image of God, but have *complementary* roles and assignments.
- Throughout the Bible, the role of women and that of men are distinct and separate. The Bible approves of these distinct roles, giving honor to both genders.

CONFUSION OF GENDER WILL LEAD TO CHAOS IN SOCIETY

- Personal Gender Confusion: a confusion of *identity*.
 - The LGBT (etc.) issues are personal identity confusion and are choice-based.
 - An LGBT identity confusion may not be a completely self-directed choice.

- Matters of culture, surroundings, etc. shape our individual choices, sometimes beyond our ability to fully comprehend.
- Many choices are not self-directed, but we are responsible for those choices. For example, a person may be an angry, quick-tempered person because of their culture and surroundings in early life, but they are responsible for their anger and quick-temper.
 - A person who struggles with LGBT choices should receive Biblical counsel to make identity choices that honor the revelation of God about gender.
- Societal Gender Confusion: a confusion of *role*.
 - The Bible gives clear gender roles for *family* and *worship*.
 - Those roles are summarized in 1 Corinthians 11:3.
 - When a man submits to the headship of Christ and a woman submits to the headship of her man, God is honored and life becomes simple.
 - This doesn't imply inferiority (Christ submits to the Father) and is not inferior).
 - This doesn't allow abuse (nor do godly men allow or excuse it).
- God is not the author of confusion.
 - Personal or societal gender confusion is the activity of Satan.
 - Embrace your God-given gender.

SEXUALITY IS INTENDED TO BE FULLY EXPRESSED WITHIN MARRIAGE

- The Bible uses a single word for sexual sin: *fornication*.
- The Bible is clear about sexual sin. 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - We are to **flee fornication**.
 - The reason that sexual sin is to be avoided is because, unlike all other sins, fornication is a sin against an individual's own body.
 - It can only be true that fornication is against the body if the body has a created purpose which is somehow violated through fornication.
 - Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 show that our bodies are created in the image of God and designed for a lifelong, monogamous relationship with the opposite sex.
 - Marriage between a man and a woman is the Biblical solution to the temptations of fornication (1 Cor. 7:2).
 - Sadly, our society has failed to promote marriage as the pathway to a healthy future.