

GENDER DYSPHORIA AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” Genesis 2:24-25

In the very first chapters of the Bible, we see gender and sexuality. Clearly, this is a topic that God loves and cares about. He created gender and sexuality - and it is beautiful and good.

However, in the third chapter of Genesis we see mankind rebelling against God’s perfect plan. As a result, the beautiful and good design of creation was distorted. Unfortunately, that included distortion of gender and sexuality (Genesis 3:10-11, 16). The Bible makes it clear that Jesus offers us a new identity (2 Corinthians 5:17). While we will not be able to escape our physical bodies here on earth, we are offered a new heart and new desires. However, it can take a while for us to grow to act upon these new desires instead of our old ones.

Whether you struggle with feelings of gender dysphoria or you know someone who does, you must remember that God’s design is best, and He desires to be with us and help us live into His design.

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