

God's Design of Gender, Sex, and Marriage

January 2024

God's Design of Gender || Week 1 || January 9th

1. Class Introduction

- a. Class goals
 - i. Class is for application and to accomplish CCFW mission.

b. Class Outline

- i. Week 1: God's design of Gender
- ii. Week 2: God's design of marriage and sex
- iii. Week 3: God's design of marriage and sex part 2
- iv. Week 4: Living in a LGBTQ+ affirming society

2. Class importance for our day.

- a. According to many scholars, our culture has moved from a post-Christian world to an anti-Christian world. In 2015 the Supreme Court ruled (Obergefell) that the Fourteenth Amendment requires all states to grant same-sex marriages and recognize same-sex marriages granted in other states. In 2020 (Bostock) supreme court ruled that Employers who fire someone for being gay or transgender violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.
- b. Are you Convinced, Contentious, or Confused?

3. Class References and Resources

- a. *"Is God anti-gay?"* by Sam Allberry
- b. *"What does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?"* by Kevin Deyoung
- c. *"Same-Sex Attraction and the Church: The Surprising Plausibility of the Celibate Life."* by Ed Shaw
- d. *REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SEXUALITY TO THE FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (2019-2020)*
<https://pcaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AIC-Report-to-48th-GA-5-28-20.pdf> by Bryan Chapell, Kevin Deyoung, Tim Keller, and others.
- e. *5 Lies of an Anti-Christian Age* by Rosaria Butterfield.
- f. *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture* by Mark Yarhouse
- g. *Stand to Reason. STR.org*

1. God's design of Gender Gen 1:27-28, Gen 2:20-24, Matthew 19:4-6

a. God creates humanity

- i. To image God.
- ii. To be in relationship with God and one another

- iii. To *"Be fruitful and multiply"*
- iv. *To fill the earth and subdue it*

2. Compassionate answers for people with gender dysphoria:

- a. Need to differentiate between the **ideology** and the **individual**.

3. "The 2 pillars of Transgender theories are the "Sex Spectrum" and "Gender Identity" (Alan Schleman: "Stand to Reason.org". "Transgenderism: Truth and Compassion")

- a. **Sex Spectrum:** *"The idea that people can be classified as male or female, or fall within a range of variations in between."*
- b. **Gender Identity:** *"Your gender identity can be different than your biological sex."*

4. Scripture Falsifies both pillars of Transgenderism

a. God created us male and female, and there is no third gender.

- i. **What about Eunuchs?** Matthew 19:12
 - 1. Eunuchs were men. Removing the sexual organs of a person does not make them more or less their biological sex (i.e. mastectomy, oophorectomy, etc.)
 - 2. Someone who chooses to abstain from sex doesn't make someone less male/female.
- ii. **The Bible mentions that "effeminate men" and "men who practice homosexuality" will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven** 1 Cor 6:9-10
 - 1. *Malakoi= "soft men". Refer to men who take on feminine characteristics or cross dressing, who practiced homosexuality, etc.*
 - 2. According to these verses and the Bible's holistic teaching on sexuality/identity, it is sin to take on the identity of the opposite sex as it does not align with God's intended order. But these were men, nonetheless.

iii. "No males or females in Galatians 3?" Gal 3:25-29

b. Concluding statement on the Bible about Transgenderism

- i. The Bible does not say anything positive about transgenderism.
- ii. The Bible only says negative things about Transgenderism
- iii. All transgender-affirming arguments in scripture are eisegetical, anachronistic, and adverse (harmful; unfavorable) to Holy Scripture.

5. Science Falsifies both pillars of Transgenderism

- a. **The first pillar that science falsifies is the "Sex Spectrum",** *"The idea that people can be classified as male or female, or fall within a range of variations in between."*

b. There are biological and physiological distinctions between the sexes.

i. There are only 2 types of Gametes

1. Sperm is the small male gamete, Ova/eggs are the small female gametes
2. Colin Wright (Atheist Biologist): "Males produce small gametes (sperm) and women produce large gametes (ova). There are no intermediate gametes. Biological Sex in humans is a binary system."

ii. Normal Male chromosomes are XY and women's are XX

1. Abigail Favale, author of THE GENESIS OF GENDER. Women are "*humans who have the potential to gestate life*".

iii. Biology of male and female are built different.

iv. What about intersexuality? *People who are intersex have genitals, chromosomes or reproductive organs that don't fit into a male/female sex binary. Their genitals might not match their reproductive organs, or they may have traits of both. || Cleveland Clinic*

1. What people want to know is, if the condition of intersex exists, does that mean that there is actually a spectrum between male and female? And the answer is no.
2. .018% of the population have an intersex condition. 99% of that group are unambiguously male or female. || Leonard Sax

c. Science falsifies Gender Identity

i. This is a psychological/philosophical question.

1. "I feel like a woman trapped inside of a man's body."

d. Changing your body to match your gender identity is unscientific, damaging, and potentially fatal. (Schleman)

i. People aren't mistaken about their biological sex, but people change their gender based on their feelings.

1. 99.99% sex is a clear objective reality. Surgery is very difficult.

ii. Changing your sex physically is not possible.

1. Through all the surgeries, blockers, hormones, you don't actually change your sex. You just mask/adjust your body...

iii. "Gender-affirming surgery" is mutilation not healthcare.

iv. Psychologically, people aren't fixed after surgery.

v. Transgender ideation often resolves itself.

1. 75-88% of children who have gender dysphoria will no longer have it after adolescence. Transitioning (surgical/hormonal) doesn't solve the

thing that people are wanting. After transitioning, people are still 19x more likely to attempt suicide than the general population. They still experience dysphoria (now in a new body). ||Preston Sprinkle

2. "Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law finds that 81% of transgender adults in the U.S. have thought about suicide, 42% of transgender adults have attempted it, and 56% have engaged in non-suicidal self-injury over their lifetimes." compared to 1.6% of the general population."

1. How to love people who struggle with gender dysphoria?

a. Christians

- i. Treat Christians with Gender Dysphoria with counsel and care like any other person struggling with sin issues.
- ii. Speak the truth in love. Eph 4:15, 5:4
- iii. With patience and kindness.
- iv. Speak biblically about masculinity and femininity, instead of culturally.
 1. The roles and responsibilities of men and women are ordered by God because of our created sex.

b. Unbelievers

- i. Welcome Transgender people in love like we would any unbeliever
- ii. Recognize the difference between speaking out against the "ideology of Transgenderism" and the "individuals in Transgenderism."
- iii. Reject the false dichotomy of the world
 1. Enemy or friend. Reject or Affirm.
- iv. Speak the Truth in Love Ephesians 4:25, Psalm 34:13, Proverbs 12:19
- v. Everybody's first need is the Gospel
 1. The Gospel is the answer to all our identity problems. Every one of us needs to look at God's Word and the Gospel to learn who we are.

2. How to act in the world of pronouns?

a. There is a difference between using names and pronouns.

- i. Names are arbitrary, pronouns are not, they refer to an objective reality. They are fixed to language and purposefully charged by society and others to get people to comply to transgender ideology.

b. It is loving to use people's original pronouns

c. Using false pronouns willingly breaks the 9th commandment of "bearing false witness" i.e. lying.

d. Tactics: Alan Schleman

i. Authentic Dilemma:

1. Do you believe that it is important for people to live a genuine and authentic life?
2. What do you call a Christian who preaches one thing and lives opposite of that?
3. Are you asking me to be a hypocrite or live an authentic life?
4. Do you think it would be genuine and authentic, for me as a Christian, to reject my faith and use your preferred pronouns?

• Small group questions

- What is your personal experience with this topic and what are you hoping to get from the class?
- What stood out to you during this class? Or what was something you learned?
- Why is it important to understand God's design first before delving into the rest of these topics?
- The Obergefell and Bostock rulings were monumental in placing LGBTQ ideology within every area of life. What do you think some key differences will be between a "post-Christian world" and an "anti-Christian world"?
- Caleb made the distinction between the "ideology of Transgenderism" and the "Individual in Transgenderism", why is this important to distinguish and remember?
- What are some practical ways that we can love people with gender dysphoria?