



Do you like who you are? No...I am not talking about your likes and dislikes...or, your character flaws and positive traits. I am talking about your identity as a MALE OR FEMALE.

Evidently, there are some people (young and not so young) who want to change their sex from what God created them to be. Today, I understand that there are some moms and dads who are pushing a particular sex on their own children.

All I can say is... "Satan is working overtime in our world of doubts and distractions!"

SIN has reached its pinnacle of "disillusionment, deception, and degradation."

Death and Destruction of our moral values and Godly decrees are being seen as "the new world order" takes its place throughout our world.

It certainly gives way to the concept of "The Total Depravity of Man."

NOTE: The "Ds" of the Devil...

Doubts, Distractions, Disillusionment, Deception, Degradation, and Destruction...The Pathway to a Depraved Mind and Death.

Romans 1:18-32, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. ²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men

committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and **depravity**. They are full of envy, murder, strife, **deceit** and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they **disobey** their parents; ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things **deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.**"

From Darkness and Death to a Destiny with the Deity

What God has said "Let no man put asunder."

People who don't know our God is trying to separate us by tearing down the fundamental truth of Creation.

Genesis 1:28-31, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

"Male and female He created them": This passage of Genesis gives us an overview of God's creation of man, and Genesis 2 will explain how exactly God created male and female.

- ✓ **In our day, many say there is no real difference between men and women.** This only makes sense to those believing creation was over millions of years and that we (men and women) are the result of mindless evolution,
- ✓ **To God, the differences between men and women are not accidents.** Since He created them, the differences are good and meaningful.
- ✓ **Men are not women, and women are not men.** One of the saddest signs of our culture's depravity is the amount and the degree of gender confusion today.

NOTE: It is vain to wonder if men or women are superior to the other. A man is absolutely superior at being a man. A woman is absolutely superior at being a woman. But when a man tries to be a woman or a woman tries to be a man, you have something inferior.

Then God blessed them”:

The first thing God did for man was to bless him. Without the goodness of God’s blessing, human life would be not only unbearable, but also impossible.

Psalm 8:1-8 – ***“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.***

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (NIV)

Matthew 19:4, ***“Haven’t you read,” he (Jesus) replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’***

I believe I will go with the red letters on this one...

Jesus was there when “male and female” were created...and he stated the facts about “Male and Female” while He was on planet Earth.

Genesis teaches that God created humanity male and female in his image and likeness. We are divinely separated into male and female.

Summary:

As Christians, our starting point for understanding human sexuality is Scripture.

- 1. We know from the creation account in Genesis 1 that God creates by “calling forth” by His spoken word (“Let there be...”).***
- 2. We also learn that His creation and ordering of the world involved a series of “separations.”***
 - These separations include heaven and earth, light and dark, day and night, morning and evening, clouds and seas, and water and dry land.***
 - Profoundly, the Hebrew concept of “separation” is rooted in the word kadosh, which—while often rendered as “holy” in English—here carries the sense of being “set apart” (separated) unto the Lord.***
 - Thus, in this series of separations, we see a consecrated and holy ordering, which at its essence reflects a setting apart unto the Creator God of the Universe.***

3. *Following this pattern of separation, the creation account then gives a distinct separateness for plants and then seasons, followed by all manner of living creatures found in the seas, on land and in the air.*
 4. *Finally, in Genesis 1:26, we see the pinnacle of God's creation—mankind—called forth into being.*
 - Humans are first created separate from the animals.
 - However, we are also told that there is a separation of mankind into two sexes—male and female—wholly complementary, yet each sex uniquely and mysteriously bearing God's image—the *imago Dei*.
- 5. Humans bear the image and likeness of God as male and female. It is in this way, as men and women, that humanity is called to make visible the invisible Creator God on this planet.**

NOTE:

- *It is out of the diversity and distinctive separateness of male and female that we humans are called to not only reflect the image and likeness of God, but we also represent God in the stewardship of His good and wonderful creation (Genesis 1:28-29).*
- *Male and female also reflect God as they come together in unity in marriage and are joined as "one flesh" (see Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19: 3-6; Mark 10: 6-9; Ephesians 5:28-32).*
- *This coming together as one flesh is unique, in that the sexual union brings forth new life that will also somehow look like God and bear the *imago Dei*. As we are "fruitful and multiply and fill the earth," we spread God's image around the world (Genesis 1:28).*

As it was from the beginning, so it is to this very day.

- ✓ **God is not a divider in actuality.** He brings together all creation to help mankind understand the goodness and majestic mystery of the saving knowledge of Jesus.
- ✓ **Where we have "no choice" as to whether we are born male or female, we do have a choice as to our "acceptance" or "rejection" of God's grace and mercy to sinful man.**

Whether you are male or female, make the choice to be not only in the image of God here on earth, but in the image of God throughout eternity.

