

## **GENDER IDENTITY CRISIS – HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?**

All of the Bible is inspired by God, it is the infallible Word of God, it is true, it is perfect, it is not from any man.

Our world view should be based on what the Bible says, not on what media says.

President Obama has made a decree concerning transgendered people and restroom policies to protect a small group of people, but in the process has endangered a large group of people.

This is not just about rest rooms in schools, it also extends to all public rest rooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms and beyond.

In some European countries, preschools now prohibit the use of gender pro-nouns.

Similar prohibitions are being attempted in North America.

The University of Tennessee encouraged the use of Ze, instead of he.

The University of Kansas student senate bans the use of gender pro-nouns when writing legislation.

The University of California has 6 gender options; Male, Female, Trans-female, Trans-male, Gender-queer, and different identity.

The state of Minnesota wants to eliminate all gender distinctions for high school sports.

One reporter writes, in this scheme there would be no accounting for sex differences in high school sports on the field, nor in the locker rooms, bathrooms or hotel rooms.

War is currently waging in North Carolina concerning whether or not a male who identifies as a female can use female public rest rooms.

Several cities and large corporations, including IBM, Pay Pal, Biogen, NCAA and many others are refusing to do business with North Carolina unless they give in to the transgender agenda.

The transgender movement will not stop until everyone bows to their agenda of eliminating all gender distinctions in every sphere of life.

The transgender agenda and religious liberty are on a collision course.

Why is our culture so confused about gender?

Because of post-modernism.

Post-modernism is a philosophy that claims there is no such thing as absolute truth.

That what is true for you may not be true for me and it may not be true or right for someone else.

That reality is not the same for everyone, you have the ability to determine your own reality.

Therefore you can determine your own gender.

And you can change your gender identity as often as you change your clothes.

There are a couple of responses that can have to this.

We could be disgusted by this, and it's hard not to be.

But God wants us to be heart-broken over this instead, because He is.

May we have compassion for them, because we too were once lost in our sins just as they are.

God will call us to speak with boldness, but He will also call us to speak in love.

Speaking the truth without love is not going to minister to anybody.

We are all created by God male or female.

God only created two genders and it's determined by the body parts we were born with.

Every cell in your body is either male or female as determined by your chromosomes.

So no matter how many sex change operations you have, your sex is not changed.

Our gender differences are good.

An attack on gender is a satanic attack on the image of God in man.

Men and Women are meant to compliment each other's weaknesses.

We should celebrate the differences between men and women.

A man is called to act like a man and a woman is called to act like a woman.

Look to God for your identity.

Biblical manhood can be summed up in three words:

1. Leadership
2. Provision
3. Protection

We need to be people of prayer.

Don't just through up your hands and give up, PRAY!

We need to be an instrument and a conduit for the Holy Spirit to act through.

Someone who has actually been through it, and came out of it by God's power, will be the most effective ministers to help others come out of it.

We have to be led by the Spirit of God.

We need to respond with:

1. Prayer
2. Compassion
3. Speaking the truth in love

## SCRIPTURE LIST

1 Peter 1:25

Romans 1:18-24

John 13:34-35

Genesis 1:26-27

Ephesians 5

1 Timothy 2 and 3

Deuteronomy 22:5

Psalms 139:13-14

1 Timothy 5:1-2

1 Peter 3:7

2 Corinthians 6:18