

We Bear His Image

Lesson 6 – Transgenderism and the Image of God

Review

As human beings, we are created in the image of God in order to _____.

That image is not a _____ feature, but a reflection of the character and goodness of God.

_____ distinction is part of how God created us and how we glorify him.

Gender expression is not Biblically mandated, and is instead heavily dependent on _____.

Culture does not get the final word and must _____ to God's will as expressed in _____.

Understanding the Language

1) Sex and Gender

“sex” is a biological distinction, determined by _____

“gender” is a psychological or social distinction, expressed in _____

As cultures change and vary over location and time,

what gender _____ like also undergoes some variation.

Making a distinction between these two is a relatively _____ phenomenon

How these things are changing in our world today:

2) Gender Dysphoria

A psychological condition defined as:

distress caused by a _____ between assigned (biological) sex and gender

Some important things to remember about gender dysphoria:

1) It is not _____

2) It is not always _____

3) It is not a _____

4) It is not *in itself* _____

And so we must be careful that in condemning the sin, we do not condemn the _____.

This makes our _____ very important.

Consider how these two options sound to someone with this condition:

“You are _____ and _____, and you should be _____.”

“You are beautiful and wonderful and _____ of _____ and _____.”

3) Transgender (previously called _____)

A response to gender dysphoria wherein a person understands themselves and “identifies”

contrary to their _____ and in accordance with their preferred _____

Recognize the Image

Reminder: The image of God is something true of _____ person, even those in _____.

On the basis of God's image, every person is deserving of _____.

This is still 100% true of those with gender dysphoria,
so our speech about and towards them should be _____ and _____.

Human identity is never _____ - determined but is instead _____ - determined.

“This might be *how* you are, but it is not *who* you are.” (Vaughan Roberts, *Transgender*, p66)

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 – You are not _____

Ephesians 2:10; Isaiah 64:8 – we are God's _____

Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:22-24 – reshaped according to _____

Lego Theory of Identity vs Art Restoration Theory of Identity

Connect with the Brokenness

Sin seeks to _____ the image of God in _____ area of life – head, heart, hands, harmony

Ephesians 4:17-24 (see also ***Romans 1:24, 26, 28; Romans 7:15-20***)

We cannot assume that our desires are _____!

“following our retreat from Eden, there is a presumption that what we should cultivate is not what naturally grows within us. Indeed, our deepest desires are likely to lead us astray..”

-Jonathan Grant, *Divine Sex*, p. 178

When confronted with God's Word, we should all feel like our _____ is out of sync.

Because of sin, there is a _____ between our bodies, our inner person,
and the world around us; which is *exactly* the struggle of gender dysphoria.

This should create attitudes of _____, _____, and _____.

A Biblical Path Towards Redemption

Our culture's solution for gender dysphoria:

A different view of our _____ (creation) and our _____ (fall) leads to a different solution.

The solution? Adjust our _____ and _____ to match our _____.

The Biblical solution accounts for our created origin and the influence of sin.

Galatians 5:16-17

The solution? Adjust our _____ and _____ to conform to _____.

Final Plea for Compassion

Always keep in mind the principle of ***1 Corinthians 5:9-13***. Where is our focus?

Do not confuse the standard of _____ with the standard of _____.