

A Biblical Response to Sexual Dysphoria

Sexual Dysphoria is not a real term. Sexual dysfunction maybe, gender dysphoria of course, but the topic of this message is not just one aspect of the sexual destruction of our world, but the total tidal wave of man's attempt to take the place of God, especially in the area of sexuality and identity.

Cultural Shifts

- Philosophy
- Academia
- The Arts
- Government
- The Church

“Gender is different from biological sex. Although genetic factors typically define a person's sex, gender refers to how they identify inside. Only the persons themselves can determine gender.”
Medical News Today

“Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria among teens and young adults may be a social contagion linked with having friends who identify as LGBTQ, identity politics, culture, and internet use.” *Brown University Professor*

Three Stages of Gender Transitioning

- Societal
- Hormonal
- Surgical

Gender Transitioning

- 20 times higher suicide rate

- 2-2.5 times cardio-vascular issues
- 51% have depressive symptoms
- 92% have psycho-social pathology

“Transgendered men do not become women. Transgendered women do not become men. All become feminized men and masculinized women, counterfeits, impersonators of the sex with which they identify. In that lies their problematic future.”

Dr. Paul McHugh, John Hopkins

If you are a transgender person, or are suffering from gender dysphoria, or if you are a parent, or a spouse, or a friend of someone who does, I know this like I know my own name, GOD LOVES YOU.

He is not mad at you, or disappointed in you, or waiting for you to change before He will give you the time of day. He loves you right now, right here, right where you are. And His people love you.

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, [\[a\]](#) and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

The Bible says that God determines both our biological sex and our gender, and that BOTH are a reflection of His image.

Genesis 2:24 “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

Matthew 19:4-5 “Haven’t you read,” He replied, “That at the beginning the Creator made male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’”

The battle that is being fought in all sexual dysphoria is not about gender or sexual identity. It is human identity, whether or not we will conform to the image of God, the Imago Dei, inside all of us.

Genesis 3:5 “God knows that when you eat from the tree your eyes will be open and YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD.” *The Serpent*

Our sexuality is deeply related to our identity. When people turn from God’s design of human sexuality, whether in sexual addiction, same-sex attraction, or transgenderism, it strikes a blow to their human identity and the image of God in us all.” *John Lindell*

1 Corinthians 6:16-20

16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

God is aware of your struggle and sympathizes with your pain.

Matthew 19:12

”For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

I Corinthians 10:13

”No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

Three Basic Responses

- The Integrity Response
- The Disability Response
- The Diversity Response

The Responsibility Response

Matthew 19:14 “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 19:23 “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 19:26 “With man this is impossible, but with God, ALL things are possible.”

This is The Responsibility Response:

As a church, we love them, teach them, journey with them, and make sure we do not hinder them in their discovery of God's identity for them. As a person, searching on any level for God I must be open to hearing from God and His Word. And for all of us, as complicated as it seems, we remember that God is the one in charge. Our responsibility is to stay under the influence of His Holy Spirit, and nothing else.

For parents and influencers:

1. Be Informed
2. Be Involved
3. Be In Charge

For those who are suffering:

"Suffering in Christianity is not only not meaningless, it is ultimately one of the most powerful media for the transmission of meaning. We can stand in adoration before the Cross and kneel and kneel and kiss the wood that bore the body of our Savior, because this is the means by which the ugly, meaningless, atheistic suffering of the world, the problem of Evil, was transmuted into the Living Water, the Blood of Christ, the Wellspring of Creation."

"The great paradox here is that the Tree of Death and Suffering, is the Tree of Life. This central paradox of Christianity allows us to love our own brokenness, precisely because it is through that brokenness that we image the Body of Christ and the highest expression of divine love."

"That God in some sense, wills it to be so seems evident in Gethsemane, Christ prays not My will but Thine be done, and when God's will is done, it involves the scourge of whip and nails. It also always struck me as particularly beautiful and fitting, that when Christ is resurrected, His body has not returned to a state of perfection, as the body of Adam in Eden, but rather, still bears the marks of His suffering and death. Indeed, that is precisely how He is known by Thomas."

Melanie Selmys