

# Gender Blending and Confusion

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## Engaging the Heart

- I. There are some stories that help frame our discussion.
  - A. ***Alice in Wonderland***, things are strange and are not what they seem to be!
  - B. ***The Emperor's New Clothes*** and the little boy who sees reality and won't pretend like all the others!
  - C. Today, in Western Culture, everyone is responding strangely to gender and sexuality.
  - D. Western Culture is on a bad "acid" or LSD trip!!!
- II. Facebook is an example: \_\_\_\_ choices for gender!
- III. Where do we start in trying to understand these crucial issues?
  - A. Jesus, of course, points us in the right direction.
  - B. When the issues of marriage, sexuality and divorce arise He points us to the Beginning! Cf., Matthew 19:3-12.
  - C. **READ Matthew 19:3-12.** PRAYER

## Exposition of the Word

- I. You need to see gender issues as a sub-set of a larger issue of identity in general.
  - A. All counseling involves, explicit or implicit, a view of man. Who is he? What is wrong with him? How do you fix him? All the classic debates of nature versus nurture hinge on these questions and assumptions.
  - B. Life must be understood as 2 basic realities, not one as in Eastern mysticism.
    - 1. 2: God and creation including man
    - 2. 2: male and female
    - 3. 2: the Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent.
    - 4. Psalm 8 shows us the way.
  - C. Jesus shows this in John 8: you are of your father the Devil....
- II. You need to see all counseling as involving the issue of the Image of God.
  - A. Psalm 115 shows this.
  - B. Matthew 6:19-34 makes this even clearer!
  - C. Ephesians 2:1-10; 4:17-24.
- III. You can see that gender is but a sub-set of the Image of God.
  - A. Genesis 1:26-28; man is the Image of God.
  - B. Genesis 5:3; man gives birth to a reflection of himself.
  - C. Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 15 makes clear that the 2 Adams have children in their images.
  - D. Therefore, the Adam/Eve are the norm. Anything else is a sinful degeneration from that created norm. Gender/sexuality are part of the image of God and are impacted by sin.
- IV. You must NOT be deceived by the pagan worldview of gender.
  - A. Eastern thought.
  - B. Peter Jones' work.
  - C. All of this is based upon the basics of biblical counseling: Introduction, Marriage & Family, Advanced.
  - D. All of this is based on "The Biblical Ethics of Transsexual Operations" **Journal of Biblical Ethics in Medicine, Vol 4, no 2**, 30-34.

### **Exhortation for Life**

- I. You need to live and counsel out of these realities.
  - A. You need to hold to this for your self-understanding.
  - B. You need this for your children.
  - C. You need this for your churches.
  - D. You need this for your culture and counselees.
  - E. The gospel works here: repentance and faith are the door (in the Person and work of Jesus) through which the transsexual needs to enter the Kingdom.
- II. You need wisdom to apply these to real people.
  - A. Teaching
  - B. Counseling/discipleship
  - C. Evangelism
- III. Remember 2 Timothy 2:22-26