

## **Biblical Gender, God's Good Design**

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Review of the core ideas so far:

- Humanity is created in two genders to display the glory of God.
- The Fall impacted every area of humanity, including gender. Therefore, our role as redeemed Eikons is to restore creation, which we will never do perfectly.
- Gender experience is subjective, therefore it's impossible to measure and engage scientifically.
- The LGBTQ+ lobby has very rapidly pushed a radical and dangerous view of gender through the legal and social system.
- However, the church has often developed narrow and unhelpful stereotypes of masculinity and femininity which exacerbate the cultural problem while separating what God has united.
- While the argument can be made that gender dysphoric people cannot logically be experiencing "feeling" like the opposite gender, they are feeling something deeply, and we should respond pastorally.
- It's vitally important to remember that transgender people are PEOPLE before they are trans\*. We need to love them as such. The goal for a trans person is not to cure their gender dysphoria, but for them to encounter the saving grace of Jesus.

Some loose ends...

### **Intersex**

## **Pronouns**

### **Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria**

Google: "Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria Q Ideas" for excellent 20 minute video

"In short, our response to the major issues of our day—particularly those associated with the LGBTQ+ movement and its demands—cannot be isolated from the wider framework of anticulture in which we live. We cannot blithely accept no-fault divorce, for example, and then complain that *Obergefell* redefined marriage. The basic redefinition of marriage did not take place in 2015 but when Governor Ronald Reagan signed no-fault divorce into law in California in 1970."

Carl Trueman, [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self](#)