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## **Title: Sexuality & Gender**

**Text:** Various

**Target:** The Bible is more than just a book that spotlights sin, it is the journal of God's heart that spotlights a Savior who came to take away sin.

- I. **The Construct of Sexuality and Gender:** Genesis 2:24-25
  - A. **Genesis of Gender:** Genesis 1:26-27
    1. **Egalitarian:** Equal before God
    2. **Complementarian:** Complete each other
  - B. **Foundation of the Family:** Genesis 1:28/Eph.5:22-33
    1. **Role & Responsibility:** Purpose in Assignment of Gender (i.e., man/father or woman/mother)
    2. **Real & Relatable:** God as Father, sons and daughters, Jesus as the groom, the bride as the church.
  - C. **Sacredness of Sex:** Genesis 1:24-25: God Glorifying
    1. **Personable:** Mingling of the Souls
    2. **Pleasurable:** Sexual anatomy was designed with the opposite gender in mind.
    3. **Purposeful:** Procreation
- II. **The Crisis of Sexuality and Gender:** "*Did God surely say?*" (Genesis 3:2)
  - A. **Sex is no longer Sacred:** Sexual Brokenness is multifaceted. (1 Cor. 6:9) \*not comprehensive
    1. No sexual sin is highlighted over another.
    2. Sexual sin is against the body. (1 Cor. 6:18)
  - B. **The Family becomes Fractured:** Divorce or low view of Marriage, Single Parent assumes both parental responsibilities. (Malachi 2:16)
  - C. **Gender Roles are Reconstructed:** biological sex is "now" distinguished from gender. \*not including intersex-combination of both male/female biological traits.
    1. **Gender Identity:** 72 gender identifiers.
    2. **Gender Dysphoria:** a sense of internal self not matching external self
    3. **Gender Transition:** (Social, HT, SRS)
  - D. **God's Design is Deconstructed:** Satan's lie from the beginning, "God's plan is preventing you versus protecting you".
    1. **Intimacy becomes Immorality:** self-gratifying vs. self-giving
    2. **Identity becomes Idolatry:** God's image vs. your image
- III. **The Clarity for Sexuality and Gender:** 1 Cor. 6:14-20
  - A. **God made us:** For His Glory & For our Good
    1. **Gender Specific:** His purpose for you is in alignment by the gender He made you.
    2. **Gift Specific:** The expression of your superpowers was given within the context of gender.
  - B. **Sin of Adam/Eve affected us all:** What's wrong with me?
    1. **Predisposition unto sin:** we are all born in sin. (Psalm 51:5)
    2. **Proclivity toward specific sin:** struggle is real. (The Want Vs. The Why)
  - C. **Gospel Saves & Changes Us:** Romans 12:1-2
    1. **Reaffirm our Purpose:** "*for from Him and through him, and to him are all things. To the glory of the Father*" (Romans 11:36)
    2. **Realigns our Will:** "*present your bodies as a living sacrifice*" (Romans 12:1)
    3. **Renews our Mind:** "*but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*" (Romans 12:2)
- IV. **The Consideration of Sexuality and Gender:** A Call to CBC.
  - A. **Unconditional Love/Uncompromising Truth:** "*neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more*" (John 8:11)
    1. **Belong:** acceptance is not conditional. All are welcome. Affirmation and Alienation are not the only choice.

2. **Believe:** we are held captive to the teachings of Jesus & Scripture. (Matthew 19:4-6)
  3. **Become:** Heart transformation before behavior modification.
- B. Healthy Marriages:** Model Passion and Pursuit. (Hebrews 13:4)
- C. Next Generation:** Parents be vigilantly involved in your kids' lives. (Deut. 6:4-6)

**Takeaway: Three Circles**