



**REDEEMING**  
body, gender and sex



“Image” in the OT typically refers to a physical representation of something (e.g., an idol, statue, drawing). Humans, who are physical beings, represent God to the rest of creation.





“The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it.”  
—John Paul II





Man expresses wonder at woman's body,  
which complements his own body:

**This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman [Heb. ishshah],  
because she was taken out of Man [Heb. ish].  
(Gen 2:23)**





“At this point, a basic principle kicked in: you can’t give what you don’t have.... Having ‘denied the gift’ in their relationship with God, they no longer experienced sexual desire as the power to be a gift to one another. Instead, they desired to grasp and possess one another for their own gratification.” – Christopher West





For all have sinned and fall  
short of the glory of God.  
Romans 3:23







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