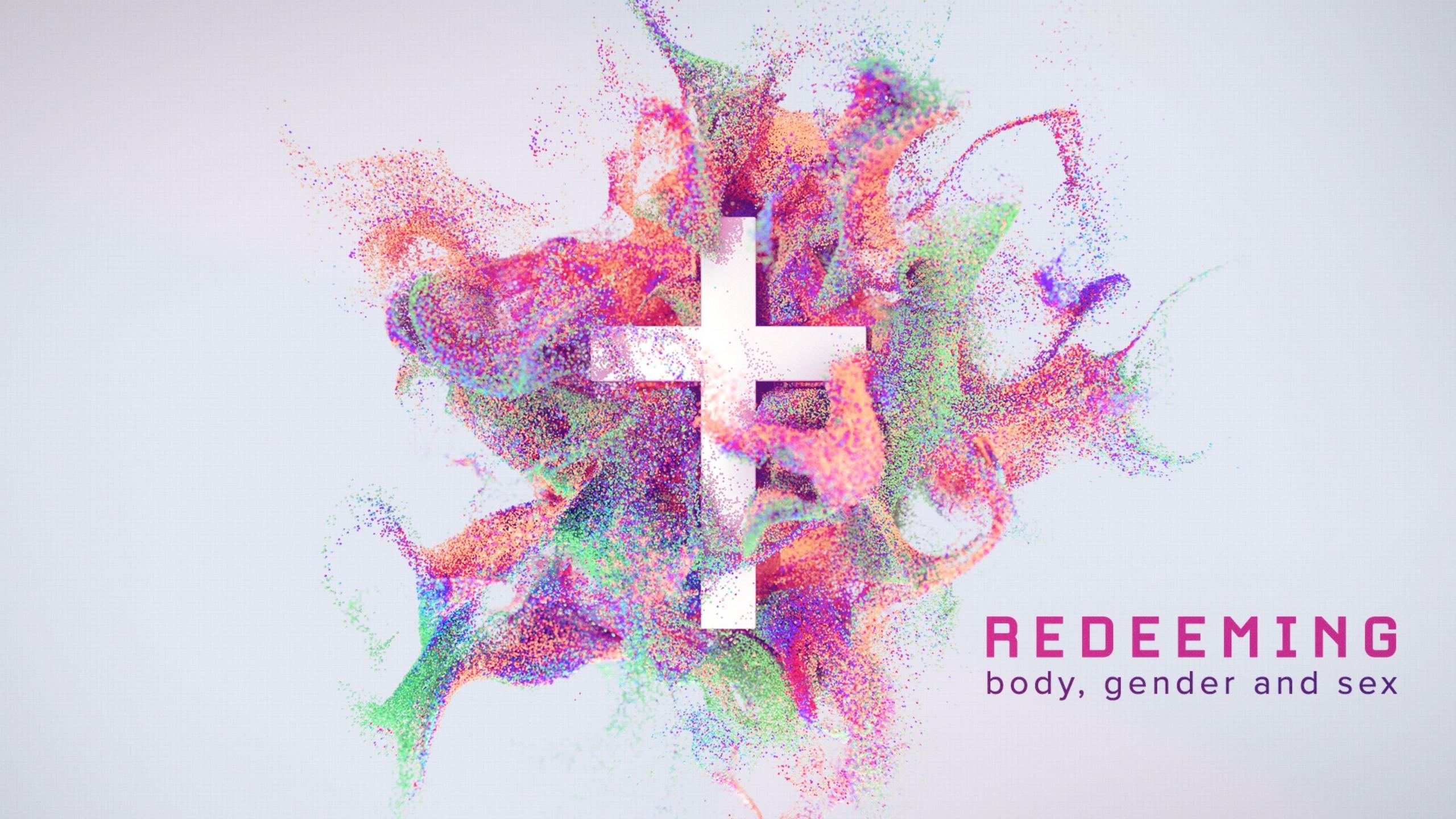


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THE RISE AND TRIUMPH of the MODERN SELF



Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution

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Mimesis: the world has an order and meaning that we must discover and conform to.

Poiesis: we use the world to create our own meaning.

Romans 12:1-2



Transgender: "an umbrella term for the many ways people express or present themselves differently from those for whom there is a match between their gender identity and their biological sex." — Mark Yarhouse

Gender dysphoria: "deep and abiding discomfort over the incongruence between one's biological sex and one's psychological and emotional experience of gender." — Mark Yarhouse

Creation: God makes humans in his image as male and female. Our sexually differentiated bodies are an important part of being made in God's image.

Fall: Original sin corrupts all of human existence, including psychological and biological aspects of our sexuality. Because all parts of us have been distorted by sin, we can't look at our feelings and say, "This must be right."

Redemption: God affirms the goodness of the body by sending his Son Jesus as a real, embodied, male human who did not sin. God wants to transform us to reflect Jesus's character in every area of life.

Glorification: One day God will give us new bodies in his new creation. Jesus's resurrection—a preview of the new creation—suggests that our biological sex will continue into eternity.

Romans 12:1 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



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