

**Sermon Title:** What Does the Bible Say About Our Response?



**Sermon Series:** Frequently Asked Questions

**Scripture:** Titus 3:1-5

**Speaker:** Pastor Ian Bonthron

## Grace and Truth

We submit to God's Word, but how do we \_\_\_\_\_ when we live in a culture that does not \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word?

### Titus 3:1-2 ESV

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**1. We submit to human authorities while respecting God's ultimate authority.**

**2. We always do what's right.**

**3. We are gentle and considerate.**

Rosaria Butterfield

*"Good teachers make it possible for people to change their positions without shame. Even as Ken prayed for my soul, he did it in a way that welcomed me into the church rather than made me a scapegoat of Christian fear or an example of what not to become," (p 14).*

—Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey Into Christian Faith*

Love the sinner, hate your own sin.

—Rosaria Butterfield

### **Titus 3:3-5a ESV**

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...

**4. We recognize our own \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ shown to us.**

When we interact with people who disagree with us on gender and sexuality, our first heart response should be compassion, goodness, and kindness because Jesus was that way with us.

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is our first priority**

### **Romans 2:4 ESV**

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

**Our ultimate goal is not to change behavior. Our goal is to point others to Jesus.**

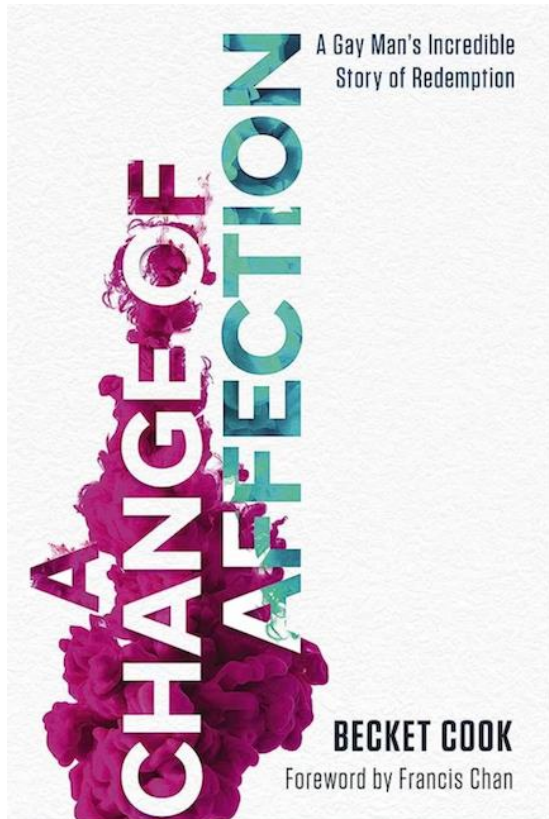
**2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ well**

*"Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable." We need to love them more than their LGBTQ friends do. We need to love them more than they love their sexuality - Al Mohler*

—David Augsburger, *Caring Enough to Hear and Be Heard*

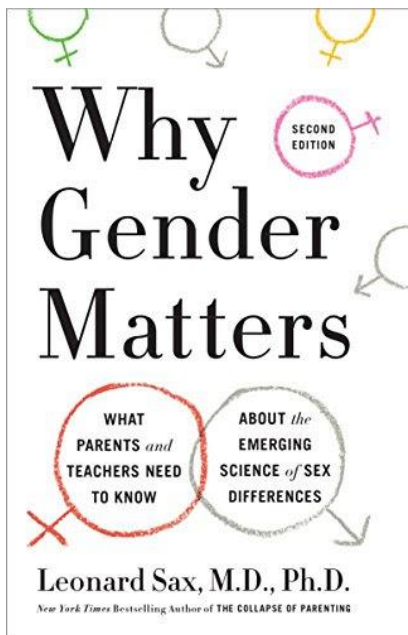
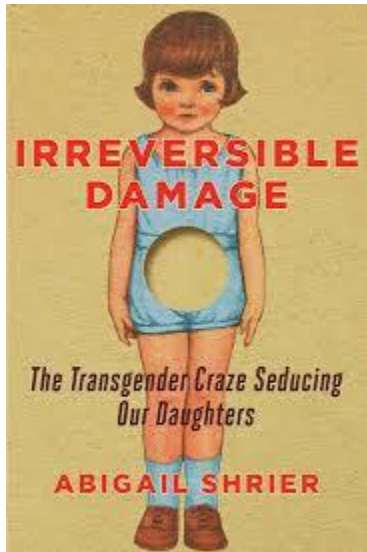
3. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your interactions



5. Don't expect those who don't \_\_\_\_\_ Christ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ

6. Use \_\_\_\_\_ law



7. Parents must continually \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ with their children

*“Students are not required to obtain parental/guardian consent or a court-ordered name and/or gender change before being addressed by their affirmed name and pronouns.”*

—NYS Education Dept.

“Would you rather have a dead daughter or an alive son?” – Statistically, that phrase is a lie.

*“Nearly every novel problem teenagers face traces itself back to 2007 and the introduction of Steve Jobs’s iPhone. In fact, the explosion in self-harm can be so precisely pinpointed to the introduction of this one device that researches have little doubt that it is the cause. If I had told you in 2007 that one device would produce a sudden skyrocketing in self-harm among teens and tweens, you would likely have said, “No way is my kid getting one.” And yet, here we are: the statistical explosion of bullying, cutting, anorexia, depression, and the rise of sudden transgender identification is owed to the self-harm instruction, manipulation, abuse, and relentless harassment supplied by a single smartphone.”*

—Abigail Shrier

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The goal is not \_\_\_\_\_. The goal is to know \_\_\_\_\_ and then live in \_\_\_\_\_ sexuality.

### **Gender, Sexuality and the Bible – New Heights Church**

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## Resources

What does the Bible say about Gender, Sexuality, and our Response?

## Resources

### ● **Books on Homosexuality**

- Change of Affection - Beckett Cook (If you can only read one book, read this one)
- Is God Anti-Gay - Sam Allberry
- Holy Sexuality and the Gospel - Christopher Yuan
- Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert - Rosaria Butterfield
- What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality? - Kevin DeYoung

### ● **Books on Transgenderism**

- When Harry Became Sally - Ryan T. Anderson – Christian Perspective (not sold on Amazon)
- Irreversible Damage - Abigail Shrier (Non-Christian Perspective on Rapid-onset gender dysphoria, Every parent needs to read this book)
- Why Gender Matters - Leonard Sax M.D. Ph.D (Non-Christian Perspective - For parents & educators)

### ● **Books for Parents**

- Mama Bear Apologetics Guide to Sexuality - Hillary Morgan Ferrer
- Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering your kids to challenge cultural lies - Hillary Morgan Ferrer
- God Made Boys and Girls - Marty Machowski

### ■ **For younger children**

- 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity - Rebecca McLaughlin
- Growing Up God's Way For Girls or For Guys. Dr. Chris Richards & Dr Liz Jones - Ages 10-14 - (Essential, Biblical, and Ethical teaching on God's design for our bodies and reproduction, along with facts about puberty.)

- **Books/Articles - Understanding and Engaging with Culture**

- Them Before Us - Katy Faust
- Strange New Worlds - Carl Trueman
- “Talking Sin to a Culture That Doesn’t Believe in It” -

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/talking-about-sin>

- “Heresy at the Heart of Derek Webb’s ‘Boys Will Be Girls’”

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/heresy-boys-girls-webb/>

- “Downplaying the Sin of Homosexuality Won’t Win the Next Generation” -

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/downplay-homosexual-sin-generation/>

- “How To Better Engage Post-Christian Culture” -

<https://youtu.be/sECNy0HI2nw>

- **Sermons and Podcasts**

- Gender Sexuality and the Bible - New Heights Church - 7 Sermons and 7 Podcasts -

<https://subsplash.com/newheightschurch-wa/watch/ms/+36dn2my>

- The Great Exchange - Sermon - Donnie Williams -

<https://youtu.be/sJKN7C6jVNw>

- Secret Thoughts Of An Unlikely Convert - Interview with Rosaria Butterfield & Russell Moore -

<https://youtu.be/cc8wPOHksYs>

- Roundtable Discussion - Becket Cook, Rosaria Butterfield, Christopher Yuan - The Becket Cook Show -

- Part 1 <https://youtu.be/BqQX2apec2k>

- Part 2 <https://youtu.be/6tMpmsiS7VY>

- Why Is God’s Sexual Ethic Good for the World? -

[https://youtu.be/7PrEI\\_gstAg](https://youtu.be/7PrEI_gstAg)