

Replacement gods
Genesis 1:26-28
Eros, or the God of Self-fulfillment

- **We have all been given an identity by God.**
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- **Both gender and sex are an intentional part of God's original and good creation.**
 - **Confusion about and distortions of gender, sex, and identity are a result of the Fall.**
(Genesis 3)
- **While distortions of Biblical sexuality and gender are sinful, there is forgiveness and grace.**
(Ephesians 4:17-24)
- **Every single one of us had an old self (identity) that was deeply sinful (hard-hearted, callous, sensual, greedy, impure).**
 - **None of these things (including sexual sin) are unforgiveable.**
 - **In the death of Christ, this old self was put to death. (Galatians 2:20)**
 - **In the resurrection of Christ, we receive a new self (new identity).**
 - **With the new self, there is a new way of living.**
(Ephesians 4:25-32)
- **While understanding and practicing Biblical sexuality are important, receiving and living out our God-given identity is what is essential.**
(Galatians 3:28)
- **The point that Paul is making in this passage is that all of the ways we could use to identify ourselves don't matter the way we thought they did. He isn't trying to erase these categories as meaningful, but they aren't ultimate.**
 - **To be slave or free, Jew or Gentile, male or female is not what makes you acceptable or unacceptable to God.**
 - **To be in Christ is what makes us acceptable to God.**