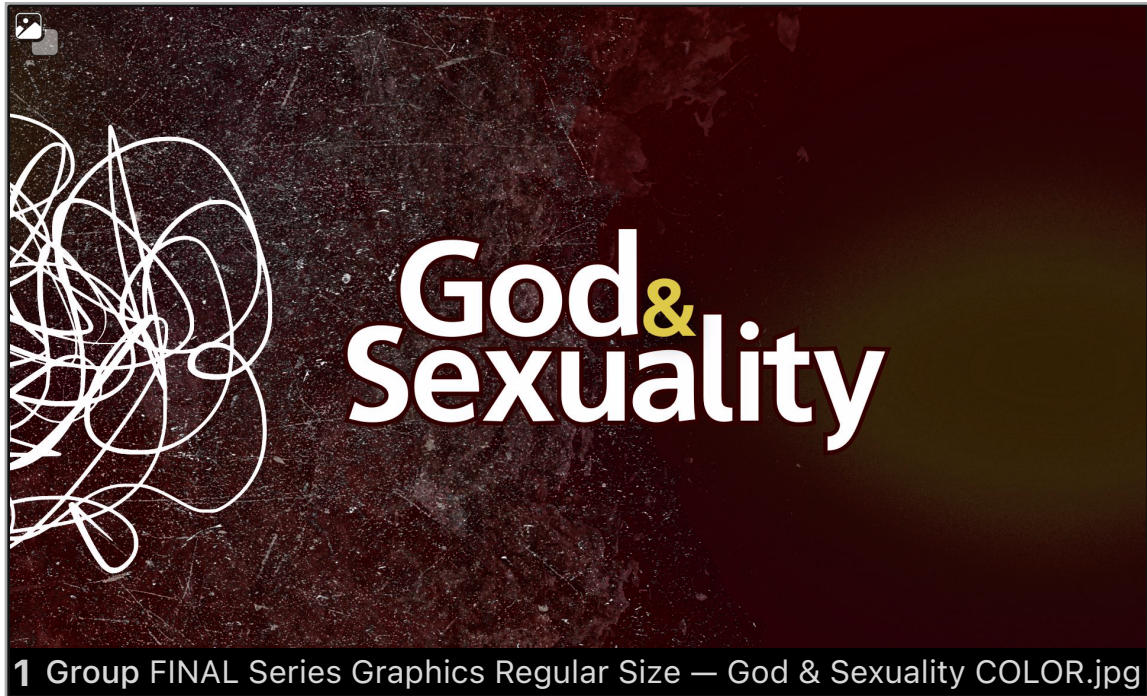


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## 2026\_05\_03 Jesus and Gender Confusion





**Biological Sex** refers to the male or female body, typically with reference to chromosomes, reproductive anatomy, and external genitalia.

**Gender identity** refers to a person's internal sense of being male, female, both, neither, or somewhere along a spectrum.

**Transgender** is an umbrella term for those whose gender identity does not correspond with their biological sex.

**Gender Dysphoria** describes the distress a person may experience when there is a mismatch between the body and the inner sense of self.

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## Personhood Theory

### Person

Has moral, legal standing;  
 exercises autonomy and control;  
 mental and emotional relationships;  
 who I *feel* I am  
 free to impose its own interpretations on the body

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### Body

an expendable biological, organism;  
 a disposable piece of matter;  
 physical/sexual relationships;  
 raw material with no intrinsic identity or purpose  
 free to make alterations as needed

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Genesis 1v27 (CSB)**

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**Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”**

**Genesis 2v18 (CSB)**

**This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.**

**Genesis 2v24 (CSB)**

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**The body is part of the image of God humans carry.**

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**“[The image of God is] a declaration that God intended to create human persons to be the physical means through which he would manifest his own divine presence in the world.”**

**Marc Cortez**

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**The sexed body is part of God’s good design.**

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**“Jesus’ sexed embodiment challenges the notion that  
biology is irrelevant to identity.”  
Preston Sprinkle**

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**The body is part of our discipleship to Jesus.**

**13**

**“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...  
You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So  
glorify God with your body.”**

**1 Corinthians 6v19-20 (CSB)**

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**“A woman is not to wear male clothing, and a man is not  
to put on a woman’s garment, for everyone who does  
these things is detestable to the LORD your God.”**

**Deuteronomy 22v5 (CSB)**

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**We are not souls with bodies; we are embodied souls.**

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**God designed our bodies as sacred and meaningful, so discipleship to Jesus means receiving and stewarding our sexed bodies with grace, truth, and love.**

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***Gender dysphoria* describes the distress a person may experience when there is a mismatch between the body and the inner sense of self.**

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**Males with Gender Dysphoria: 0.005% - .014%**  
**Females with Gender Dysphoria: 0.002% - .003%**

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## **Gender Dysphoria since 2021**

**Overall = .115%**  
**Young Adults = 1.4%**

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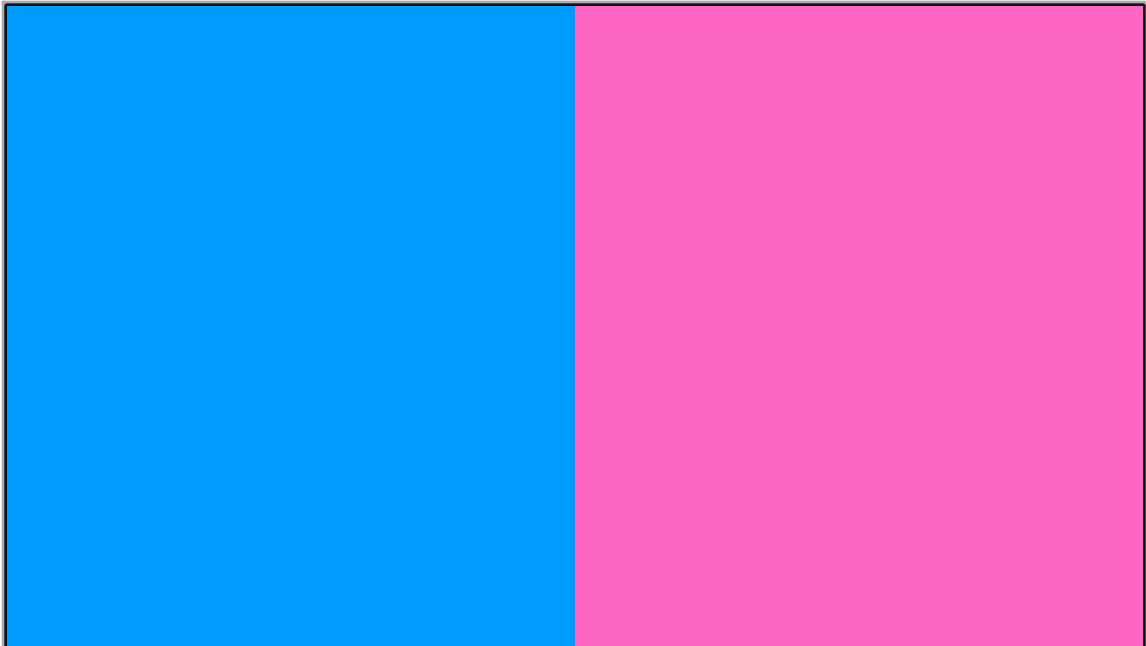
### **Common Factors of “Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria”**

- **Few children showed any signs of gender dysphoria to their parents growing up.**
- **Their new identity seemed to appear out of the blue.**
- **Many, if not all, of their friends at school were transgender and their coming out often followed their friends coming out as transgender.**
- **Many of them became more popular after they came out as transgender.**
- **They engaged in heavy online and social media activity (more than normal) surrounding their coming out as transgender.**
- **Many of them had other mental health concerns that weren't being dealt with like anxiety, depression, and self-harm.**

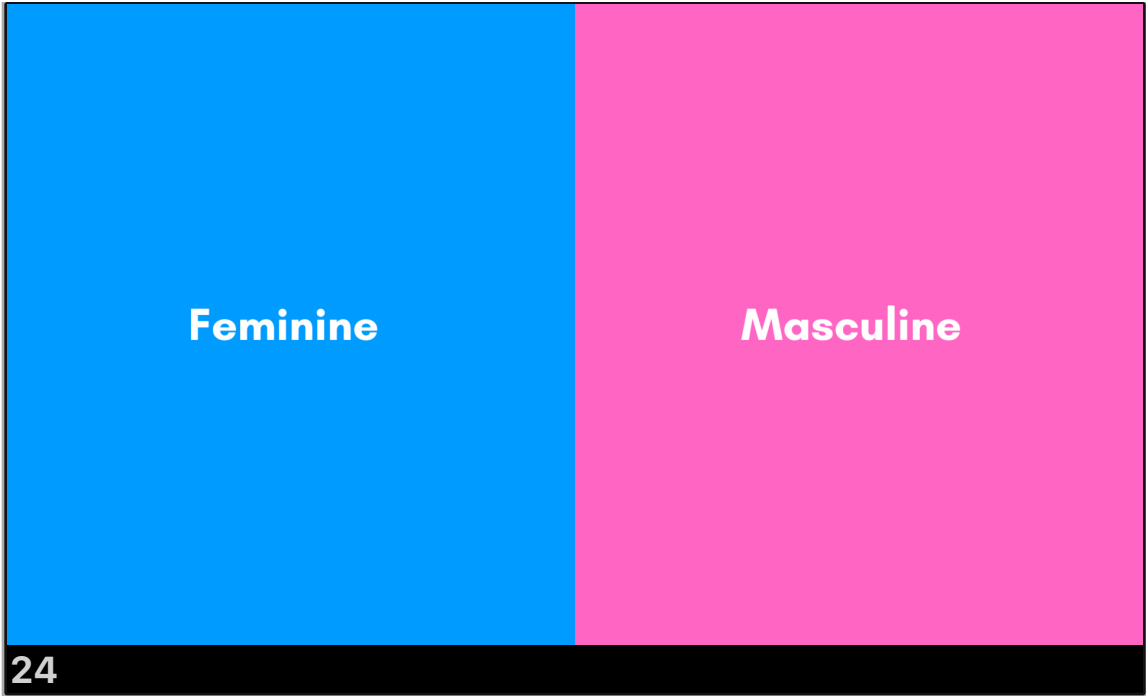
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**Most gender stereotypes come from the culture you live in, not the Bible.**

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**Stereotypes change with culture. God's design goes deeper than stereotypes.**

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**God designed our bodies as sacred and meaningful, and discipleship to Jesus means receiving and stewarding our sexed bodies with grace, truth, and love.**

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**Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

**Romans 12v1-2 (CSB)**

**29**

**For in my inner self I delight in God's law, but I see a different law in the parts of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body.**

**Romans 7v22-23 (CSB)**

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**How can we come alongside someone who is walking the road of gender dysphoria?**

**Repentance**

**Trust**

**Discipleship**

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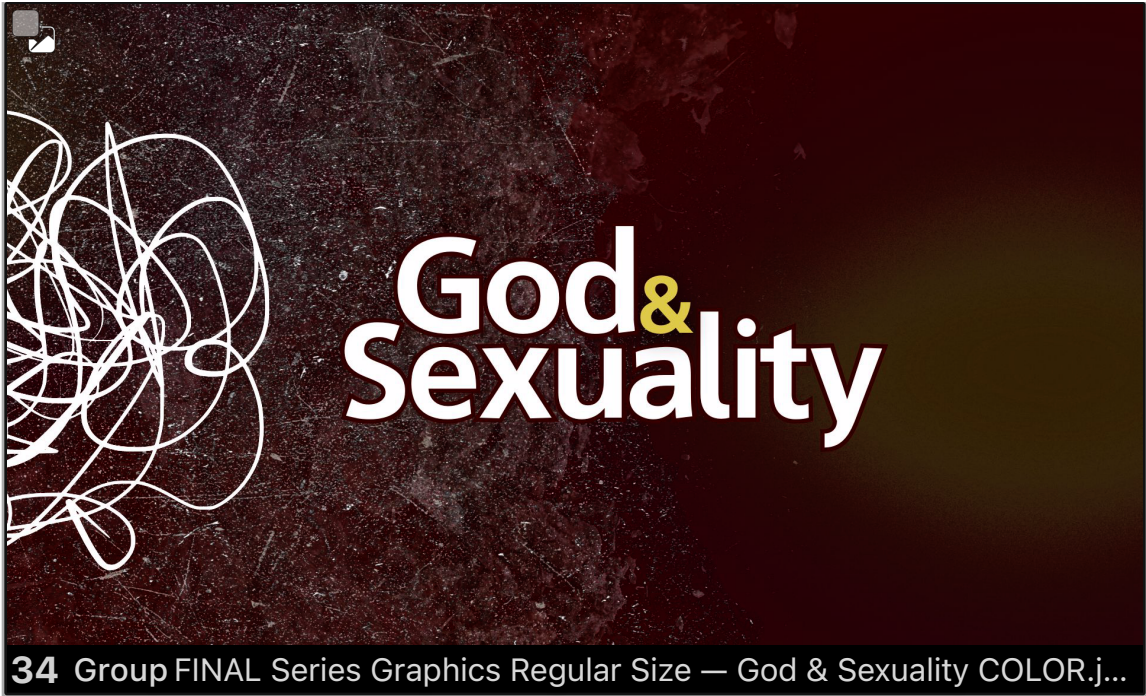
**“Why is it considered acceptable to carve up a person’s body to match their inner sense of self but bigoted to help them change their sense of self to match their body? Feelings can change. But the body is an observable fact that does not change. It makes sense to treat it as a reliable marker of sexual identity.”**

**Nancy Pearcey**

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**As we walk with others, we lead with grace and are driven by truth.**

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