

# Human Identity (race, gender, sexuality)

Genesis 1:26-28

**Because we are all made in the image of God, we have...**

## **A biblical answer to RACE (1:26)**

- When it comes to the Bible, there is one race-the human race.
- You can't hate "another race" without hating yourself
- We strongly condemn racism and white supremacy
- The race divisions have led to incalculable amounts of hate, death, human suffering
- Big World Questions: what about the Black Lives Matter movement?
- The statement itself is inherently TRUE. But the statement is very immeshed into the Black Lives Matter movement, which includes leaders that have been proven to be against the nuclear family, lack focus on fatherhood, some are members of the occult, misappropriation of funds, etc. our goal as Christians is to reflect heaven on earth, and BLM movement does not reflect this goal.

## **A biblical answer to GENDER (1:27)**

- Both (yes, two!) genders are made in the image of God and equal in value before God
- In the Christian worldview, God has made us male and female. There is no biblical category for a spectrum of genders or being one thing biologically and another thing internally.
- According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeries, in 2015 there were 2,740 gender-confirming surgeries, and in 2020, there were over 20,000+. 2/3 of transgender youth will decide they are their biological sex by adulthood. 84% of the trans community has considered suicide, and 40% have attempted.
- Are you a transphobe if you question this? Keep in mind: compassion over affirmation. The acceptance of society is only exposing a transgender person's pain. It's brokenness because it's not God's plan.

## **A biblical answer to SEXUALITY (1:28)**

- There's no fulfilling God's command without males and females.
- A Christian can and should love a homosexual person as an image bearer, but understand their sexual temptations and activities are against the heart of God
- God's plan is for a man and woman to be married, then live together, then bear more image bearers.

## **Why do we care?**

### **We believe in truth that is objective (Truth is relevant, not relative)**

### **We believe in progress guided by a purpose (not guided by personal feelings or behavior)**

1. Polyamory (group love) - the logic: if it doesn't matter what gender is married, why does it matter that it's just two people?
2. And taking a step further...does the age of the person really matter? Does a child who can determine their gender also determine whom they can explore their sexuality with? (The term for it now is MAP- minor attracted persons). This is a progression towards the demonic.
3. This is where Christians have a bigger vision to offer- a kingdom vision! Declare that our heart is for God's vision- and we look to Jesus for this, who laid down his life for us and freed us to be in relationship with God again,