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Transgenderism Is An Insult Against Our Almighty Creator

Sadly, there is a strong push in our society today for all to accept transgenderism. Now, some may be asking, what is transgenderism? Well, “transgenderism” is a term assigned to people whose gender identity differs (i.e. based off of personal feelings) from the sex they were assigned at birth. Simply put, “transgenderism” says that one’s internal feelings of self is what makes one a male or female, and not what sex one was born.

Think about that! You see, we are living in a society today in which many want to advocate one’s feelings as determining one as being a male or a female, rather than the physical anatomy that one was born with, and because of this great perversion, laws are being made to allow those who were born a male, but who claim to internally feel like they are a female, to go into women’s restrooms, and vice versa. Likewise, it is becoming common practice to ask one how they identify themselves, rather than making that judgment based upon their physical make-up, and sadly, it is becoming harder to determine the sex of some today by looking at them, because those who claim to be transgender who were born a male, but feel like they are a female, will often dress and act like a female, and will often change their name to fit the identity of a female, and vice versa.

However, my friends, such a thing should never be so, for the fact of the matter is, transgenderism is a direct insult against God’s design of the male and female (Ref. Genesis 1:26-27), and to deny or attempt to reverse one’s gender in which one was born is absolute rebellion against our Almighty Creator! You see, we must all understand that the gender that one is born with is no accident, and the Scriptures show us that God is purposeful in making each of us. For instance, David expressed to God, “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well” (Psalm 139:13-14).

You see, David, a man described in the Bible as being a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), clearly understood that he was fearfully and wonderfully made by God, and he realized that when God formed his inward parts, and made him who he was, he was whom God intended him to be.

My friend, one’s gender at birth is no accident, everyone is born the way God intended them to be, and when one claims that the gender they were born does not match the gender which they perceive themselves to be, they are simply insulting our Almighty Creator, and then when they proceed to attempt to change their gender by dressing in clothing of the opposite sex, they rebel against God our Almighty Creator (Ref. Deuteronomy 22:5).

Simply put, all the modern day talk about transgenderism is completely foreign to what the Scriptures teach, and because of that, we must not approve of those who promote and practice it (Ref. Romans 1:32). Remember that, my friend, and always obey God, rather than men (Acts 5:29) when it comes to such things as transgenderism.

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Not Ashamed of the Power of the Gospel

One of the most quoted and powerful verses of Paul's letter to the saints in Rome is found in Romans 1:16 when the inspired apostle wrote the following: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

Packed into this short passage are three valuable lessons that apply to us today.

First, there are ZERO reasons to be ashamed of the gospel. But, because we're humans, we are sometimes prone to "shying" away from it and perhaps wanting to substitute its simple message for a man-made set of ideas. The gospel message of salvation for all men is simple, straightforward, and easy to grasp. But, we as men sometimes complicate its simplicity.

Second, the power of the gospel is the gospel itself. Not you – not me. You may be good at presenting its contents and I may be talented in explaining it all. But the credit belongs to the Lord and His good news. That's where the power lies – always has and always will be.

Finally, the gospel's power does not discriminate. We might show partiality as humans and, we sometimes do. But not the good news of the Lord and Savior. It is powerful enough to see through race, gender, cultural differences, and the like. We must remember this fact when we think about teaching someone or inviting them to study or worship. Let's be aware of the gospel and its great power to save all – and that means ALL – mankind.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)

Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)

Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)

Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)

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