

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
7. The Body and Gender

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Introduction

- *Bruce to Caitlyn?*
- A cultural issue we can't avoid (1 Pet. 3v15)

What does it mean to be transgender?

- What it means
- What it's not

Where has transgenderism come from?

- Cultural issues
- A clash of worldviews?

What does the Bible say?

- Everyone is made in God's image (Gen. 1v26)
- God has made people male and female (Gen. 1v27)
- Jesus invites those with disordered identities to come to him (Matt. 19v12, Heb. 4v15, Matt. 11v28)

How should we respond?

- Compassion
- Clarity

Genesis 1v26-28 (NIV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Some resources on transgender issues

Books/ Booklets:

Vaughan Roberts, "Transgender"

Sharon James, "Gender Ideology"

David Martin, "Rewriting Gender?"

Tim Geiger, "Explaining LGBTQ+ identity to your child"

Sam Allberry, "What God has to say about our bodies"

(All available on the church bookstall/ literature rack)

Podcasts

John Dickson, Undeceptions, episode 69, "Transgender"

Glen Scrivener, Speak Life, episode 447, "Is JK Rowling a bigot?"

David Powlison, CCEF Podcasts, Feb 7th, 2017, "Gender Identity"