

God's Design

Recently, I was asked about the confusion that our kids are facing in school. A classmate may come in one day dressed and acting as a girl, the next day dressing as a boy (or vice versa). In spite of what seems obvious to young eyes ("He's a boy and she's a girl"), the rest of the students are expected to speak to these individuals according to their "chosen gender," and those who don't may face disciplinary action.

Facebook currently has fifty-eight gender options (including male and female). Some have raised that number to 112. What's going on?

Where do we begin to answer the question of our children and our children's children? One we returned to God's original design for his creation. Site Genesis 1 male and female he created them. While there are exceptionally rare instances of biological confusion, or physical deformity, the fact remains that according to God's created order there are two sexes/genders male and female. And in spite of all the cosmetic work can be done through hormones drugs and surgery, you can funneling fundamentally change your DNA from one to the other. The science, therefore, follows God's creative design.

Second, in spite of signs in Scripture being in agreement, there is a wide and growing swath of society that will simply disagree with what I just wrote. That shouldn't surprise us, because as Christians we often been marginalized and ignored in our opinions and statements. That doesn't change the facts nor does it change our confession. What it does change his our position in the world. What used to be commonly accepted has changed. For us to stand on our faith is now no longer a matter of the regular order of society, but rather a test of our faith and confession and what God has taught and told us.

Therefore we can expect to suffer for our faith in this as in many other issues. While we can push back against these trends in the public square, bringing arguments that aren't simply quotations from the Bible to school board meetings in the voting booth, we should recognize that we will not necessarily win all these arguments, if any.

Insert this above. First we need to recognize that these children are themselves suffering. This condition usually called gender dysphoria and some of that is common to the child's growth and development. However, psychologists have decided to change the definition of gender dysphoria and encourage children and adults to explore whatever feelings they choose to follow. While we can categorically disagree with what's going on, we should do so in a spirit of gentleness and kindness for those who are hurting and confused.

In perhaps the greatest thing we can do at this point is to refresh our knowledge and reaffirm our faith in our God is make room heaven and earth creator of male and female. Remember in all this that we live in a fallen world, broken creation, one that has been redeemed and is being restored in Christ. That restoration will not come to its fullness until Jesus returns the last day. Between now and then, we live as citizens of two worlds, this sinful world with all its troubles and citizens of the world that is to come in Christ. Consider including the second Peter quotation about why people do this they have deliberately rejected what's known. And on a final note of the peace I have overcome the world.