

Distinctions: Men and Women

Distinctions in God's Created Order:

- The distinction between the role of the husband and the role of the wife
- The distinction between marriage and family and singleness
- The distinction between the role of men and the role of women
- The distinction between the identity of men and the identity of women
- The distinction between humans and other creatures
- The distinction between creatures and the rest of creation

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **Genesis 1:26-28**

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." **18** Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." . . . **21** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." **Genesis 2:15-23**

God created humans in His image as male and female. When we redefine the God-give roles and identities, we deny the purposes for which we were created.

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The Roles and Identities of Men and Women:

- 1. Men were designed and commanded to multiply and fill the created world with image bearers of God.**

2. **Women were designed and commanded to partner with men as they fill the created world with image bearers of God.**
 3. **Men and women cannot live out the purposes for which they were designed and the commands which they were given without each other.**
 4. **Homosexuality denies the distinct roles of men and women in reproducing image bearers of God,**
 5. **Transgenderism denies the distinct identities of men and women as image bearers of God.**
- Once again, biology and science, rightly understood, agree with God's Word.
 - More than two genders leads to so many genders—
 - A recent article in Women's Health lists 12 gender types
 - At one time FB offered 58 possible genders to choose from
6. **A worldview based on Genesis 1-3 offers the best explanation for the existence of homosexuality and transgenderism.**
- Naturalism cannot explain the existence of homosexuality and transgenderism.
 - If we understand the impact of sin in Genesis 3, we should expect every possible deviation from God's design including:
 - heterosexual sin and confusion,
 - homosexual sin and confusion,
 - and transgender sin and confusion

Key Points to Remember:

- We cannot stand in judgment of the culture if we have rejected God's design within our own families and churches.
- Most of the sin in the church is heterosexual sin and not homosexual sin or transgender sin.
- We must stand for the truth of God's design for gender, sex, marriage, and family.
- We must be filled with compassion for those living an LGBTQ+ lifestyle.