



ASKING FOR A FRIEND: Christians and Culture

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So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 NLT

Gender or Sex—biological classification of a person as male or female based on their anatomy at birth

Transgender— (street term) someone is biologically one gender with an emotional desire to be another gender

Gender Dysphoria— (medical term) dissatisfaction of one's biological gender (anatomy at birth)

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31 NLT

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." ²¹So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²²Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. ²³"At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"

Genesis 2:18, 21-23 NLT

"A woman must not put on men's clothing, and a man must not wear women's clothing. Anyone who does this is detestable in the sight of the Lord your God."

Deuteronomy 22:5 NLT

Homosexuality - attraction to a person of the same gender

"Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin."

Leviticus 18:22 NLT

And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment.

Jude 1:7 NLT

²⁶That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. ²⁸Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.

Romans 1:26-28 NLT

How should Christians respond?

1. Remember we were once lost and broken
2. Grieve over the condition of the lost
3. Stand for righteousness but sit with the broken

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:10-11 NIV

4. Pray for the lost and broken to find Jesus