



Gender Revealed

Genesis 1:27

Gender Norms

- I think we all understand that gender is a created distinction (Gen. 1:27).
- Some norms are roles that are commanded by God (1 Cor. 11:3).
- Other norms are conditioned on the society we live it (Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:14-15).
- Then there are norms that can cross gender boundaries (1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Thess. 2:7; 1 Tim. 3:11; 1 Thess. 4:3-6).

Compassionate Clarity

- Physical abnormalities are always a part of these discussions.
- These abnormalities were not in the garden (Gen. 1:27).
- The Bible speaks plainly about them (Lev. 21:16-24).
- Just because there are defects that keep someone from natural function doesn't destroy natural function (1 Tim. 2:15).
- There are also abnormalities of the mind and we want to bring those into harmony with God whenever possible (2 Cor. 10:5).
- The Bible is unwilling to bend reality for feelings and so should we be.

Seeking the Lost

- Just because people are caught up in these patterns of deception doesn't mean they want to be (Lk. 7:36-39).
- We aren't trying to be offensive when we speak the truth (Col. 4:5-6).
- But we need to see the difference between refugees and apostles (Mk. 2:17).