

# SEX AND GENDER

# Topic: Sex and Gender

## Description/Defining the Terms:

There have been two sexes, male and female, throughout history. Modern gender theory says biological sex and gender identity are two different things. There are over 80 genders and gender identifies. A person does not have to identify in a binary way of male and female, because that is a social construct. They can change genders at will.

## Discuss and Summarize the Secular Worldview:

Sample Summary: A person can redefine themselves and identify as any gender and fluidly change between them as they so choose. Chemical, surgical, and prosthetic means help aid a person to physically match their gender identity. Pronouns for their gender identity are self defined.

## Discuss and Summarize the Christian Worldview:

Sample Summary: God created them male and female in His image and likeness, in two sexes. To deny this is an affront to God's created order. There are rare instances of genetic abnormalities resulting in non-fatal sex chromosome sets. These conditions and the belief that someone's gender is different than their biological sex is a result of our sin-broken world since the fall.

## Why This is Important:

Should the biological order of male and female have bearing on how we live? It is a divisive issue that manifests in the use of pronouns, participation in sports, priority in hiring, and access to private spaces in restrooms and shower facilities.

## Scripture Says:

Genesis 1-3, Genesis 1:27, Exodus 20:16, Matthew 19:4, Galatians 3:28, 1 John 1:8-9, Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 12:43-45

## Worth Considering:

- The cells in our bodies are coded genetically as male or female, with XY chromosomes for males and XX for females.

- Reports of gender dysphoria have experienced explosive growth.
- Underlying psychological conditions, such as autism, have been ignored to fast-track "gender affirming care."
- Cross dressing, binders to hide normal anatomy, and prosthetic breasts and penises are becoming common.
- "Puberty blockers" are used to stop the normal process of sexual development in youths. Some of these medications are used to castrate sex offenders. The short term effects include reduced bone density, slowing/stopping of normal growth, increasing risk for life long osteoporosis, and bone fractures. Long term effects of these drugs are not known. Anecdotal evidence includes cancers.
- Nearly all children who take puberty blockers move on to taking cross-sex hormones.
- Cross-sex hormones are used to begin developing some characteristics of the other sex, such as a deeper voice or breast development. Cross-sex hormones have the side effects of sterility, cardiovascular disease, breast and uterine cancer, bone density issues, mood swings, and psychosis.
- It's estimated that lifetime medical treatments for trans people exceed \$1.5 million. Gender clinics create life-long patients.
- "Top or Bottom Surgeries" remove healthy functioning tissue. Recipients report experiencing urinary tract infections and painful urination, ingrown hairs, cysts, loss of sexual sensitivity, and the expectation of shortened lifespans.
- Some states are legislating bans to stop these procedures on children. In other states, CPS may remove children from homes where parents are not "affirming" their child's sexual identity.
- Those who have "De-transitioned" share stories of rushed diagnoses of gender dysphoria and a rapid start of medication.

## Questions to Consider:

- Biological "sex" has been rebranded as "gender." Do you think it is kind, compromising or a lie to use pronouns such as they/them?
- While sex chromosomal abnormalities occur, because of the fall, should these rare medical conditions drive public policy decisions?
- Suicide rates of people who have transitioned are much higher than the general population. Yet the claimed risk of suicide by gender confused individuals has been the main reason given to push "gender affirming care" and transitioning. Thoughts?
- How should Christians demonstrate care and compassion for struggling individuals as we share the gospel of Christ Jesus?
- Has today's discussion made you reconsider any of your views?