

Family in Culture

1 Chronicles 1:32

Effects of Gender Ideology Conference Syllabus

Family Fortress Ministries

Session One

Understanding God's Divine Design

Because He is creator, God alone has the authority to interpret the purposes and design of His creation. [Genesis 1:1](#)

God's pattern for creation is binary opposites that function together or complement each other. [Genesis 2:2-25](#)

These binary aspects of creation will not cease. [Genesis 8:2](#)

God created humans in the binary format of male and female, two like-opposites that complete each other. [Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18](#)

The design of the sexes is sacred. [Genesis 1:31, 2:18-25](#)

To tamper with the male and female sex, or to alter the expression of maleness or femaleness is committing sacrilege!

The purpose of distinctive maleness and femaleness is union (physically, emotionally and spiritually) that would produce godly offspring. [Genesis 2:24-25, Malachi 2:15](#)

Before the foundation of the world, God had planned that the joining of male and female as one flesh in marriage would be a picture of the gospel – that is union of Christ and His bride the church. [Ephesians 5:32, Revelation 21:2,9](#)

Same sex marriage and claims that gender differs from biological sex distorts the picture of the gospel. It is blasphemy.

Males and females both equally mirror the image of God. They have the capacity to reflect Him, to have communion with Him, and to bring glory consciously and intentionally to Him. [Genesis 1:27](#)

God assigns man and woman the responsibility of managing his creation and multiplying a godly heritage. This assignment necessitates distinctive anatomy and differing roles. [Genesis 1:28, Malachi 2:15, Psalm 139:13-14](#)

Distinctions in Physiology

Facet	Male	Female
Chromosomes (23)	XY	XX
Hormone Level	High Testosterone	Higher Estrogen/progesterone
Food	Converted to Muscle	Converted to Fat
Blood Cells	More Red Cells & Clotting Factors	More White Blood Cells
Gonads	Testes	Ovaries
Sexual Anatomy	Scrotum, Penis, etc.	Labia, Clitoris, Vagina, fallopian tubes
Secondary Sexual Characteristics	Greater Muscle Mass	Wider Hips, enlarged Breasts

In keeping with the different physiological makeups of man and woman, God also assigned specific differing roles to the man and woman.

Male and Female are equal in essence, but different in function.

- The man is to be the head of his wife by lovingly leading her. He is to nourish, cherish, protect, and provide for her as Christ does the church. [Genesis 2:15-17](#), [Ephesians 5:25-31](#), [33](#), [1 Peter 3:7](#)
- The wife is to be the helper to her husband –one who supports him by enabling and empowering him as he performs the tasks God gives him. She is to submit to his leadership as unto Christ. [Genesis 2:20b-22](#), [Ephesians 5:22-24](#), [33](#), [Titus 2:3-5](#), [1 Peter 3:1-6](#)

Complementarianism (Conservative View)

Biological Sex	Male	Female
Gender Identity	Man	Woman
Gender Role	Masculine	Feminine

Egalitarianism (Liberal View)

Biological Sex	Male	Female
Gender Identity	Man	Woman
Gender Role	No Defined Role	No Defined Role

Because man's relation to woman is a creation ordinance, it defines what the ideal is for all humanity. To the degree that men and women depart from these norms, frustration, disorder, and pain find their way into the human condition ¹. John Piper

Intersex is a term used to describe conditions in which a person is born with sex characteristics or anatomy that does not allow clear identification as male or female. The causes of an intersex condition can be chromosomal, gonadal or genital ². Mark Yarhouse

If biological sex is rendered ambiguous or something to be graphed on a spectrum, then the assignment of God ordained gender roles is rendered ambiguous as well. On this paradigm, the order of creation cannot be normative, and the sexual complementarity of man and woman becomes but one expression of human sexual potential ³. Denny Burk

*Abnormalities in chromosomal development are just that: abnormalities, deviations from the norm. Abnormalities do not constitute a new biological sex. Rather, they are a disorder of normal human development. Individuals with these abnormalities are still either male or female. Those with a Y are male and those without a Y are female..... Also, these abnormalities are not the same thing as so-called “gender identity.” Transgender, gender fluidity, and everything else LGBTQ activists are pushing have nothing to do with biology—it has everything to do with psychology, how a person thinks and views himself or herself. **It’s not a problem of the body. It’s a problem of the mind!*** ⁴ Ken Ham

Genesis and Jesus both confirm a binary view of sex. There is no spectrum or fluidity. [Genesis 1:27](#), [Matthew 19:4, 11-12](#)

Just like there are birth defects, heart disease, and many other physical maladies, biological sexual abnormalities (intersex) are a result of the curse, the fall of man into sin.

We currently live in a broken sin cursed world. As Christians, we have the promise of redemption which will set us free from bondage to corruption including the resurrection of our physical bodies. Our promised inheritance is a reversal and restoration of what was lost in the garden of Eden. In the resurrection, all disorders of sex development will be swept away, and intersex people will be healed and made whole. [Romans 8:22-23](#), [1 Peter 1:3-7](#), [1 Corinthians 15:42-43](#), [Philippians 3:20-21](#), [Revelation 21:3-4](#)