

The Blessings of Gender II.
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Matthew 19:4-6. *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
And said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.*

Christ took the creation account to be literally, historically true. Do you?

Genesis 1:27. *...male and female created he them.*

Genesis 5:2. *Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day they were created.*

So. God invented gender, and blessed gender from the very beginning. Wow! He made the male first. Then He made the female-man's completion, his complement, his companion-and called her woman.

Two genders...that's it. Sorry, but binary is all you get.

1. For Companionship. "It is not good that the man should be alone."
2. For Reproduction. "Replenish the earth."

Incidentally, God defines marriage in these verses as well, not just gender.

GENDER IS A BLESSING OF ALMIGHTY GOD!! If you are male, you are very blessed. You are blessed with certain traits and characteristics because you are male. If you are female, you are very blessed, probably even more so than the male (my opinion). You are blessed with certain traits and characteristics because you are female.

Hallelujah!!

Definitions.

Male: *"of or belonging to the sex which begets offspring, or performs the fecundating function. M.E."* OED.

Female: *"of or belonging to the sex which bears offspring. M.E."* OED.

Males beget offspring; they father children. Females cannot do this.

Females bear offspring; they deliver and nurture them. Males cannot do this.

Ever wonder about all of those irrelevant ‘begats’ in the Bible? Now you see why they are there.

Also please notice that you do not have to beget children to be male. If you belong to the sex that begets children, you are male, even if you never beget children. The same goes for the female sex.

I. You do not choose your own gender. You are either male or female, and this is true from the moment of your conception. From the moment of your conception your genetics are determined and this includes your gender. XY-male. XX-female. So you are blessed with gender from the moment your life begins.

NOTE: Isn’t it interesting how all those who advocate the existence of all these various genders ignore the facts of science? Of human genetics? Yet they claim that we ignore science when we believe in Creation or refuse to believe in Global Warming. Hmmmm...

So. All of these supposed genders that you have no doubt heard about are not genders at all. They are choices. Here is a short list of the ones I have heard promoted, from various sources.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, agender, androgyne, demigender, gender fluid, pansexual, genderqueer, etc. Under the heading of transgender, you can be a transgender man or a non-transgender man. You can be a transgender woman or a non-transgender woman. You can even be unsure...undecided. ????

I think it is abundantly clear that the Lord is not the author of such wide-spread, hopelessly convoluted, feelings-driven confusion.

II. The blessings of gender are not just physical. They also involve temperamental, emotional, and personality characteristics. These are attributes of gender too, and really help define male and female.

MALE: Provide for! [Women want and deserve security!]

Protect! I take this very seriously. I will shoot first and ask questions later. Becky never thinks of this at all. Nor should she.

Van battery incident.

FEMALE: Nurturing. The maternal instincts. Caring, comforting. PRAISE GOD!
Becky and baby John.

III. But, peer pressure, social pressures, etc can lead men and women to go against these natural God-given gender characteristics. Let’s face it. These days it is chic to be gay. It is cool. It is intellectual. Right?

Further, I admit that nature goes awry at times. I have known people who, for whatever reason, were attracted to the same sex.

Well, they must resist their carnal nature just as I must resist mine. None of us are allowed to say, "I can't help it." Sorry.

IV. The blessings of gender go far beyond the physical realm I have been describing, and enter into the realm of SPIRITUALITY, and the GODHEAD.

A. **God is represented as MALE throughout scripture.** Our Father. There is good theological reason for this. BTW, it is not sexist to call God male.

NOTE: God alone begets SPIRITUAL offspring. That is, He alone performs the *spiritual* fecundating function! He alone and without assistance fathers His own children. In this He is not assisted or aided or helped in any way, not even by the church.

So, gender, properly understood, teaches us the Biblical truth of IMMEDIATE, HOLY SPIRIT REGENERATION. Way cool!

I John 5:1. "...and every one that loveth him that *begat* loveth him also that is *begotten* of him." Wow!

B. **The church is represented as FEMALE throughout scripture.** There is good theological reason for this too. The church, (I speak of the local assembly...) does not and cannot beget spiritual offspring. That is the function of the Male, Our Father who art in heaven. She is, however, the Mother of us all, the Bride. She it is who feeds and clothes and cares for and corrects her husband's children because of His provision for her.

The church no more has the ability to beget spiritual offspring, or even to assist in the begetting of spiritual offspring, than a woman has the ability to father children.

So gender is a blessing even in the spiritual realm. Not just in the physical realm.

Socrates' question. "What would happen if everybody did it?"