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I. A Functional Definition: What Does It Teach?
- ***Gender Theory*** teaches that every person has a "gender identity" that may or may not be their biological sex.

II. Its Philosophical Formation: How Did It Develop?
- A. Darwinian Evolutionary Theory
- B. The Sexual Revolution
- C. The Cultural Revolution (The Critical Theory or Cultural Marxism)

III. The Cultural Expressions: How Is It Trending?
- A. The desire or effort to adopt the physical characteristics and gender role of the opposite biological sex (Dt. 22:5)
- B. Sexual involvement with members of the same biological sex
  1. Sexual Attraction (Gen. 2:24; Jam. 1:14)
  2. Sexual Lust (Mt. 5:27-28; Rom. 1:26)
  3. Sexual Intimacy (Rom. 1:26-27; Gen. 18:20; 19:4-9, 13; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Tim. 1:8-11)
- C. The affirmation of transgenderism and its sexual sin as morally good (Rom. 1:28-32)

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IV.   The Spiritual Foundations: What Is Its Source?

    A.   Experiencing developmental confusion (Rom. 8:20-22)

    B.   Rebelling against God's Word and His sovereign decision of one's biological sex (Mt. 19:3-6; 1 Cor. 11:3, 15-17)

V.   The Biblical Implications: How Should We Respond?

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VI.   The Biblical Correction: What Is the Truth?

   A. The Biblical Truth about Sex & Gender

1.   God created human beings in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1).

2.   God created humanity in two genders, equal as persons but distinct as male and female (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:2; Mt.19:3-6).

3.   God designed the differences between the two sexes for human good and flourishing (Gen. 1:31; 2:18).

4.   In eternity past, God sovereignly determined every person's biological sex and at conception assigns the corresponding chromosomes and reproductive structures (Gen. 1:27; 18:10).

5.   God intended every person's biological sex to dictate their self-conception as male or female (Gen. 2:21-25).

6.   God sovereignly determined that *you* would be male or female (Ps. 139:13-16).

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B. The Biblical Truth about Men's & Women's Roles

1. As Creator, God alone has the right and the wisdom to define the nature of manhood & womanhood and has done so in His Word (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:2).

2. Satan and our flesh tempt us to reject God's design and to pursue a different standard for men's and women's roles (Gen. 3:6, 16).

3. Every Christian must reject all unbiblical definitions of manhood and womanhood and pursue God's revealed standard alone.

    a. God has established two common priorities for every man and woman (Mt. 22:34-40).

    b. God has set one common goal for the character of every Christian man and woman: to be like Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29).

    c. God has also established specific character qualities and priorities for men and women (Pr. 31; 1 Tim. 2:9-15; 3:1-7; Titus 2; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).

    d. God designed most men and women to be married but has specifically gifted some for singleness (Gen. 2:18, 24; 1 Cor. 7:1-6, 7, 32-35).

    e. God designed that most married men and women will have children (Gen. 1:28; 4:1; Mal. 2:14-15; Titus 2:4-5a).

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f. God designed men and women for unique roles.
   ❖ In Marriage and Family
   - Men were made to lead in their marriages and homes by serving their wives and families in a gracious, sacrificial way, shepherding them toward the Lord (Eph. 5:23, 25; 6:4; Mk. 10:42-45).
   - Wives were made to be helpers, life-givers, and nurturers, submitting to their husband's leadership (Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 11:11-12; Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).

   ❖ In the Church (1 Tim. 2:9-15; 3:1-7; Titus 2:3-5)
   - God has determined that men He has gifted and qualified are to lead in the church by serving as elders (1 Tim. 2:9-15; 3:1-7).
   - Other men and women are to use their spiritual gifts to serve in every other ministry (Rom. 12:3-8).

Recommended Resources

1. *Gender Ideology* (Sharon James)
2. *What Does the Bible Teach about Transgenderism?* (Owen Strachan, Gavin Peacock)
3. *Men & Women: Equal Yet Different* (Alexander Strauch)
4. *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* (John Piper & Wayne Grudem)