

## Gender Confusion and Clarity (Genesis 1:27)

### Sermon Devotional

Series: God Speaks on Manhood and Womanhood

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1. Have you heard about businesses and government buildings providing “gender-neutral” restrooms? What do you think about that?
2. Do you believe that it is important to distinguish between males and females in society, or do you think that such distinctions shouldn’t exist? Why?

#### Digging Deeper

3. A growing segment of people in our society ascribe to a view of gender called the “Gender-Fluid View.” It states that there is a difference between one’s sex and one’s gender. According to this view, a person’s “sex” means their physical male-or-female characteristics, while their “gender” refers to what society says is masculine or feminine (such as the way someone should dress or behave).
4. According to the Gender Fluid View, it is perfectly acceptable for someone to be a male and yet dress like, look like, or act like a female. Do you believe this is acceptable in God’s eyes?
5. The Gender Fluid View makes your “gender” (as defined by them) a personal value judgment that you decide. This means that the authority in deciding gender is the authority of me.
6. Read Genesis 1:27. According to this verse, who is the authority that decides whether someone is male or female?
7. Many people today feel conflicted because they sense there is a gap between the person they *feel* themselves to be and the person they *wish* themselves to be. The solution to this feeling of insufficiency, however, lies not in changing one’s gender, but in our future resurrection and glorification.

#### Bringing It Home

8. God accepts us as he made us—either male or female. It is important that we accept ourselves, too. Spend a moment thanking God that he made you the way you are.
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