

The Image of God and Gender

GENESIS 1:26-28

Overview

How we think about gender is becoming a massive cultural issue. As Christians, our starting point on this issue must be what God's word says about gender. The image of God calls us to reject transgender ideology but also to value people who claim a transgender identity.

Notes

How do you live biblically and engage graciously?

Two main goals: faith and love

1. Believe a biblical worldview
2. Love others with different views

The Image of God calls us to reject transgender ideology

The Bible

Nature

The Fall

Kossuth Statement of Faith: Men and Women

"We believe that Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct and complementary in their sexuality. As part of the goodness of God's creation, each of us should joyfully embrace and express the biological sex we were created as, whether male or female."

The Image of God calls us to value people who claim a transgender identity

John 1:14

Galatians 6:1-2

Colossians 3:9-10

Four Attitudes:

Conviction

Confidence

Compassion

Courage

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean that people are made in the image of God?
2. How should the image of God shape our understanding of gender?
3. How should the image of God shape how we relate to people who claim a transgender identity?
4. How can Christians uphold God's design for gender in a world where disagreement with transgender ideology is considered intolerant?