



Arlington Church of Christ

*"The churches of Christ greet you."
Romans 16:16*

Dealing with Transgenderism - 1

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Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.*

Sunday Worship.....5:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

During the time of Esther as queen, who issued a decree that all the jews were to be killed on a certain day ?

For a while the debate between Christians and non-Christians centered on creation and evolution or the age of the earth, but it has now morphed into the issue of transgender - the idea that some people are born in the wrong body type and have to take some action to bring out their 'true identity'. They say that a boy can be trapped in a girl's body and a girl trapped in a boy's body - that physical birth sex does not reflect who one 'truly feels they are inside'.

Certain terms are used to describe the condition - the term "gender dysphoria" is used to describe one who is not content with the gender 'assigned' them at birth by their physical characteristics. The term 'cisgender' means they are satisfied with their sex and gender assigned them at birth, while the term 'transgender' means that they identify themselves as different from the sex or gender assigned them at birth. The term 'gender fluidity' means that they are seeking to find their 'true gender identity' and that it may change with different situations. Those with gender dysphoria make a distinction between one's 'sex' - the physical characteristics with which you were born - and one's 'gender' - the way one chooses to live their life.

So what is a Christian to do in our society where so many are confused by basic biology and choose to rebel against the moral norms that have guided us for thousands of years?

First, we need to teach what the Bible says about the sexes. Things like:

- God made man and woman in His image (Gen 1:26-27) and that these are the only two sexes that He created - we are one or the other at birth.

- While the man and woman are equal in worth before God, they are different physically and genetically.

- The man was created first to work and care for the garden (Gen 2:15) and the woman was made from him and named by him (Gen 2:21-23) The sexes were not the result of some man who wanted to dominate the weak - they were divinely created physical realities. God made men and God made women, period - end of discussion.

- God gave each of them specific roles and duties. The man was to provide, work, and protect: while the woman was uniquely designed with the capacity to give life and nurture it - caring for both her husband and her family.

(Eph 5:22-33, Titus 2:5)

- God designed it so that the marriage relationship of the man and the woman would reflect the relationship of Christ and the Church. Christ as the husband - provider, protector, supplier of needs and the church as the 'bride of Christ' the woman who is to give birth to others in the family (produce other Christians for God's family). Jesus referred to these new family members as 'disciples' in Matt 28:18-20.

So we must first teach and demonstrate by our lives the truth of God's Word - that we did not just evolve but rather were created and designed to honor God in a specific way by our physical body characteristics. We are not just evolved random raw body material to be changed and redone according to our own wishes or preconceived 'feelings'. Your physical attributes of being either a man or a woman is a message from your creator telling you who you are and what you are to be according to His plan. (to be continued)

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

*See the caring cards list in the lobby



*"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."
James 5:16*

- 9/10 Cathy Gordon
- 9/11 Cliff Jacobs
- 9/19 Jeff Nauman
- 9/30 Kyra Manske
- 10/3 Ila Slater
- 10/20 Toni Maddox

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
Matt 18:20*

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/24 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
- 10/1 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)
- 10/13 Ladies' Class on 2nd Fridays (see Cathy for location)

- 10/9 Ron & Johan Hartman
- 10/23 Matt & Kristi Williams

MEN TO SERVE

9/10

9/17

SCRIPTURE READING

	9/10	9/17
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	John Bauer
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Mike Menard	Matt Williams
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(9/13) Mike Menard	(9/20) Jeff McCollum
(Wed.) Song Leader	(9/13) John Bauer	(9/20) Mike Menard

	AM	PM
Sept. 10	Prov. 17, 18	2Cor. 2
Sept. 11	Prov. 19, 20	2Cor. 3
Sept. 12	Prov. 21, 22	2Cor. 4
Sept. 13	Prov. 23, 24	2Cor. 5
Sept. 14	Prov. 25-27	2Cor. 6
Sept. 15	Prov. 28, 29	2Cor. 7
Sept. 16	Prov. 30, 31	2Cor. 8

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
Luke 11:28*

PANTRY NEEDS

TRIVIA ANSWER

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| Over the counter medicines/aspirin | Canned meats— fish, chicken & SPAM |
| Laundry detergent | Canned Veggies— all kinds |
| Face soap & Shampoo | Breakfast Cereal |
| Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels | Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc. |
| Boxed Potatoes | Peanut butter and Jelly |
| Small- Flour and Sugar | |

A: Haman the Agagite