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## **GENDER ISSUES ACROSS THE GLOBE**

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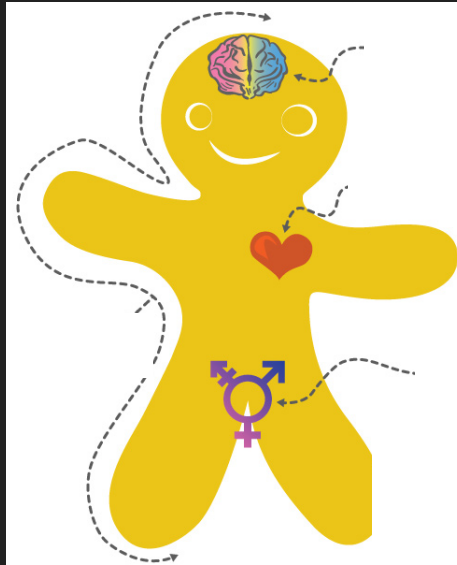
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TRANSGENDERISM

## “DEFINITIONS” OF SEXUALITY

- **SEXUAL BIOLOGY:**  
WHAT YOU WERE BORN WITH
- **SEXUAL IDENTITY:**  
WHAT GENDER YOU FEEL
- **SEXUAL ATTRACTION:**  
WHO YOU ARE SEXUALLY OR ROMANTICALLY ATTRACTED TO
- **SEXUAL EXPRESSION:**  
HOW YOU PRESENT YOUR GENDER TO OTHERS



## TRANSGENDERISM

### WHAT IS TRANSGENDERISM:

- A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIES AND/OR EXPRESSES A GENDER IDENTITY THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THEIR GIVEN SEX AT BIRTH
- “TRANSGENDERISM IS NOT ABOUT WHAT’S BETWEEN YOUR LEGS, BUT WHAT’S BETWEEN YOUR EARS.”
- GENDER DYSPHORIA - THE CONDITION OF FEELING ONE'S EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IDENTITY AS MALE OR FEMALE TO BE OPPOSITE TO ONE'S BIOLOGICAL SEX

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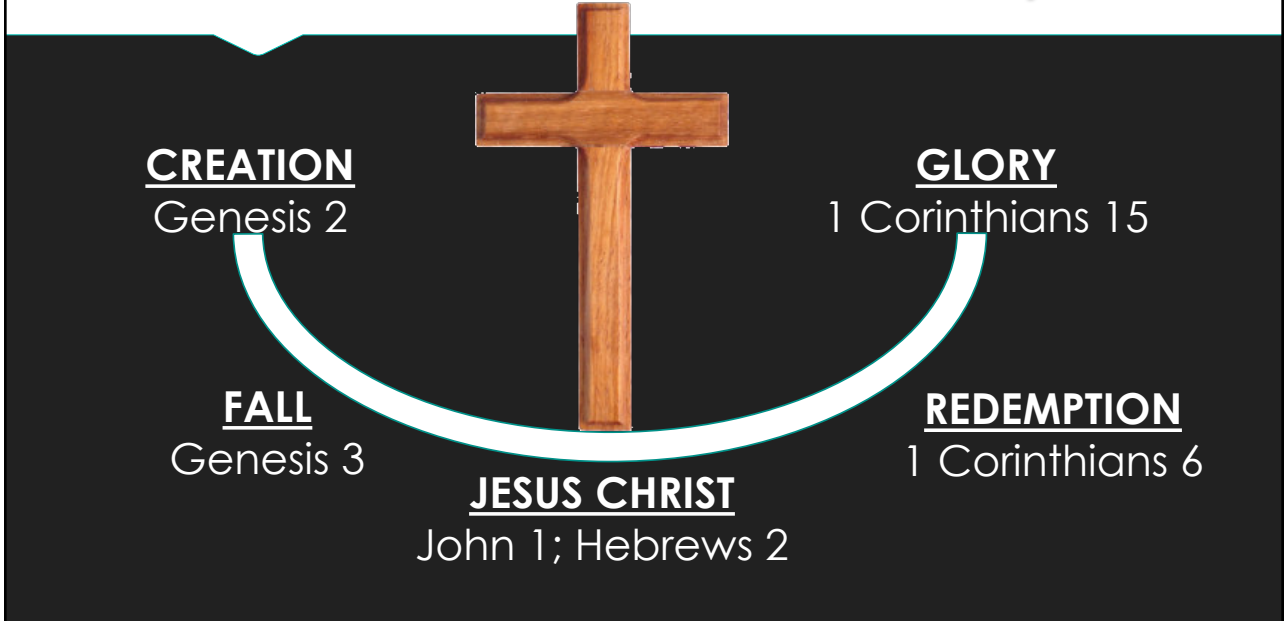
### WHAT IS TRANSGENDERISM:

“SEXUAL IDENTITY IS ABOUT WHO YOU GO TO BED AS...  
SEXUAL ATTRACTION IS ABOUT WHO YOU GO TO BED WITH.”

# TRANSGENDERISM: THE CULTURAL EXPLOSION



# TRANSGENDERISM: A THEOLOGY OF SEX/GENDER



## TRANSGENDERISM: THE CULTURAL REACTION

### HOW HAS CULTURE & THE CHURCH REACTED?:

<u>LENS TO VIEW TRANSGENDERISM</u>	<u>WHAT CAUSES IT?</u>	<u>HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?</u>	<u>WHO RESPONDS LIKE THIS?</u>
DEPRAVITY	SINFULNESS	CONFESS	CHURCH
DISABILITY	SICKNESS	COMPASSION	COUNSELING
DIVERSITY	SPECIALNESS	CELEBRATE	CULTURE

*Mark Yarhouse: Gender Identity & the Christian Counselor*

## TRANSGENDERISM: THE CULTURAL REACTION

### HOW HAS CULTURE & THE CHURCH REACTED?:

**“DOES YOUR CHURCH/YOUTH GROUP WELCOME TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE?”**

# **TRANSGENDERISM: THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE**

## **HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?:**

- 1. REAFFIRM GOD'S GOOD DESIGN: Genesis 2**
- 2. RECOGNIZE THE REALITY OF BROKENNESS: Romans 1**
- 3. REFOCUS OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST: John 3; 1 Peter 2**
- 4. REJOICE IN THE HOPE TO COME: Romans 8**