

# How Satan Has Desecrated the Epicenter of Human Identity in Our Age

Right from the beginning, God had a plan for mankind. He engendered the course of human families not simply by suggestion or even direction but by His operation in the creation of humans—male and female.

What was God thinking when He made man and woman?

God generated or brought about two genders based on how He created mankind—male and female created He them. The fall of Adam's race fractured and confused God's plan for male and female.

In any culture, there may be good traditions while others run cross-grain with God's intention, but I encourage you to strip away all viewpoints and even our own experiences and look at the raw truth of the Bible.

Society is not a safe standard either. It keeps changing (2 Cor. 10:12). Instead, we must look to God as the standard. Confusion about what it means to be a godly man or woman, husband or wife, father or mother, and confusion about gender and sexuality is cleared up when we look to our Creator. We are His idea in the first place.

When Jesus was questioned on the subject of marriage, He didn't go back to the law for His standard. He went back further yet—to creation. In the same way, for clarity regarding sex and gender, we need to follow Jesus' example and go back to creation.

When God created man, He did not use a pattern of anything He had made previously on any other day of creation. The pattern

God used to make man was Himself. One primary reason we know that man didn't evolve from any other type of life created earlier is that God very plainly said four times in Genesis that the pattern He used to make man was Himself.

Think about this from the devil's standpoint. If the devil's goal was to deface and desecrate the image of God that he saw in the human, he would need to begin by spiritually separating man from God. Then the devil went on to fracture what is essentially the epicenter of our human identity: the male and female genders.

God had a plan for redemption! As clever as the devil's plan was, God's plan to redeem mankind in every way he was damaged was even more brilliant. Redemption truly means so much more than simply being saved so you go to heaven when you die. Let the scope of redemption include everything that was broken in the fall and everything that required redemption so it can be returned to its original intention. If you can find something in any area of life—spirit, soul and body—that doesn't image or represent God, there's redemption for it.

Jesus redeemed humankind, not simply from the curse of the law but back to what He had *engendered* from the beginning.

Now that's total redemption! {eoa}

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