

Washington Post Claims Bible Says Nothing About Transgender People

A *Washington Post* writer called out conservative Christians who fight immorality and claimed the Bible says nothing about transgender identities.

“Yet these Christians have decided that trans identities are sinful, mostly through their lack of understanding of what being trans means,” Eliel Cruz writes.

Cruz contradicts multiple verses Christians often use to disagree with the trans movement, including Genesis 1:27 and Deuteronomy 22:5.

And while Cruz may have a point about the specific wording in those verses, Christian commentators like Michael Brown point to other factors in a biblical understanding of gender:

What the Bible does say is that: 1) God created human beings male and female; 2) male-female distinctions are of foundational importance; and 3) male-female distinctions should be celebrated. (When Paul taught that there is no male or female in Christ, he did not mean that there are no distinctions between the sexes. To the contrary, he often gave different instructions to men and women. What he meant was that there is full equality in Christ for men and women, slaves and free, Jews and Gentiles; see Galatians 3:28.)

And so, while we recognize that some people are born with biological or chromosomal abnormalities, generally identified as intersex, we don't overthrow God's intended order for their sake. Rather, with compassion, we view them as suffering from a handicap and we work with them to find the best way to achieve wholeness, which could include surgery to address a particular aspect of that handicap.

But that does not mean for a second that we embrace the contemporary war on gender, a war that denigrates gender distinctions as oppressive and constricting. Rather, we recognize that the war on gender is a war against God's intended order for humanity.