

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA**  
**CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS, PT. 2**  
**AUGUST 27, 2017 – BILLY HUMPHREY**

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**I. Recap**

- A. When it comes to social conversations we have to understand that the prevailing tide in the society today is according to the sway of this world system (1 John 5:19).
- B. The question for believers in this hour is whether we will allow the world system to influence us or will we embrace the ways of the kingdom of God.
- C. Believers must not live by worldly opinions and feelings that we have received from social rhetoric, political parties, our natural culture, our personal experience, or our family.
- D. We must live by the culture of the Kingdom of God above every other influence in our lives.

**II. The relationship between anything created and its creator**

- A. The identity and purpose of anything that is made is derived from the desire of its creator.
  - B. It's not up to the thing created to say to the creator what its purpose should be or to give itself definition. In order for anything to know its true purpose it must look to its creator.
- Rom 9:21** Does not the potter have power over the clay...
- C. The truth of the creator – created relationship clearly extends to our relationship with our Creator. We can only find our purpose and definition through our relationship with God, our maker.
  - D. The idea that humanity can pick its own gender identity imagines that man is somehow in the place of the originator and thus can self assign his definition and identity.
  - E. Since human beings are created beings, we don't have the authority or power to self identify.
  - F. God created us and His desire is to give us the richest most abundant life possible (John 10:10). if we live by His design and His ways we will ultimately experience the greatest levels of pleasure and fulfillment possible.
  - G. God therefore has a great and good plan for human sexuality. His plan for gender and sexuality is for our greatest good. We must live according to His designs in order for us to experience the goodness He destined for us to experience in human sexuality.
  - H. Conversely living according to the world system will steal from us the pleasure God intended in His creation and ultimately destroy us.

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**Joh 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**III. Biblical identifiers to describe human gender**

- A. The Bible defines human beings in a simple hierarchy.
- B. First, we are created (i.e. we are made by God). We are God's handiwork. His own unique design. The reason He made us is firstly for Himself (Isa 43:21). We are an expression of His glory (Gen 1:27).
- C. Secondly, we are man (i.e. mankind or human). Mankind is slightly lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5) in that they are immortal and we are mortal without Christ. But in the resurrection we will experience glorification and ultimately immortality. We are made to have dominion over all the works of God's hands. The future for humanity is absolutely shocking, as we will be eternally joined with the uncreated God. Our station and function in His eternal Kingdom is equally as incredible: we will rule with Him and even judge the fallen angels (1 Cor 6:3).
- D. Finally, we are designed in two unique genders within humanity, male and female. Male and female are equal in value, dignity, honor, and worth. There are differences between the male and female frame. These differences are intentional in order to reflect God's glory.

**Gen 1:27** So God created mankind (human race) in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- E. Within the nature and being of God there are masculine and feminine components and thus when God created image bearers to fully express His nature He made male and female, because it required both genders to fully reflect His image and likeness.

**IV. Science and Gender**

- A. The popular mentality that somehow gender and biological sex are different is brand new within the last few decades.
- B. Every civilization until now has agreed that biological sex determines one's gender.
- C. Biological sex is determined by the chromosomal makeup of a fertilized egg. XX is female, while XY is male. The female egg always carries the X sex-determining chromosome, while the male sperm can carry either the X or Y sex-determining chromosome.

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D. There is within the Y chromosome a single gene that signals the development of an individual toward being a male. The presence of this gene causes a person to begin masculinization.

E. Changing someone's physical anatomy through hormone treatments or surgeries doesn't change their chromosomal makeup. It simply changes their physiology their genetic makeup is set upon conception.

F. "Sex change" is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is civil-rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder." - Dr. Paul McHugh  
University Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

G. The psychiatric diagnosis for someone who feels that their emotional and psychological identity is different than their biological sex is gender dysphoria.

**V. Jesus' attitude toward those struggling with sexual sin of any kind**

**Joh 8:3-11** Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. 7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

A. Jesus' message to the Pharisee is your self-righteousness is a repulsive as this woman's harlotry.

B. Jesus' message to the harlot is:

1. I don't judge you.
2. Go and sin no more.
3. This is the same message the church is to send.