

Thinking Biblically About Gender

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28, 31

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:15 predicts the Messiah/Savior and refers to Him with the pronoun, He.

Exodus 12:5 contains specific instructions for the Passover Lamb and requires it to be a male without defect.

Leviticus 16:5 explains the Day of Atonement and requires two male goats.

Luke 2:7 Jesus was born a male baby.

Hebrews 2:9-11 Jesus shared our humanity and is referred to with the pronoun, He.

This the foundation of thinking Biblically:

There is a God. God is Creator and you are a created being. You are not here by chance. You have purpose, meaning, value and significance and these are all attached to knowing God and submitting to God's authority. If you remove God and/or God's authority from your worldview, you are not thinking Biblically.

The Bible affirms gender at the beginning with the creation of the world.

The Bible affirms gender with the predictive prophecies of the Messiah.

The Bible affirms gender in the incarnation of Jesus with His life, death, and resurrection.

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