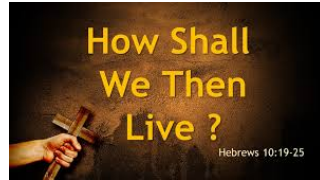


# ***“How Shall We Then Live?”***

## **Part 3: “God Created Them ... Male and Female!”**

**Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25**



Introduction: “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.” - Genesis 1:27

Mankind is the high point of God’s creation!

Two issues facing us today are the confusion of genders, and the acceptance of sexual immorality by those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ.

### **I Corinthians 6:9-11, 19-20:**

The truth is, there is no debate about genders ... either how many there are, or about the roles of men and women ... in GOD’s world!!

***In Christ, men and women complement each other for the glory of God!***

To say that God “*gives people over*” to their sin doesn’t mean that God CAN’T change things, but that He has chosen not to ... which means judgment.

### **I. Understanding God’s created order ...**

#### **John 8:44:**

“*Gender dysphoria*” is being promoted by those who claim to be “experts” in science, psychology, education and government.

#### **Genesis 2:5-7, 18-25:**

From the beginning, even before they sinned, God created the man and the woman with different roles.

Men and women are “wired” differently ... a difference that was created for the very purpose of the two complementing each other.

**Genesis 3:16-17:** Adam was not superior to Eve, but the responsibility to rule was given to Adam BEFORE they sinned.

#### **I Timothy 2:11-14:**

**I Corinthians 11:1-3, 11-12:** “ ... in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor man of woman ... ” (vs. 11).

### **II. Pursuing God’s created design ...**

God establishes the relationship of a man and a woman in marriage BEFORE sin enters the world!

#### **Matthew 19:4-9:**

The idea that two women or two men can create a marriage is foreign to Scripture and contrary to everything God reveals about His created design.

#### **I Corinthians 6:15-17:**

God is speaking about a unique spiritual union that is created between a husband and a wife.

#### **I Peter 3:1-2, 7:**

In the Church, as in the family, spiritual leadership is first of all the responsibility of men ... to be exercised in servanthood.

### **III. Living out God’s created purpose ...**

It is only in a godly marriage and in a biblical church that the purpose of God can be fulfilled: Men and women living together for the glory of God!

#### **Ephesians 5:22-32:**

The “oneness” to which God calls us can only work when each of us lives in submission to Christ, desiring to please the Father.

#### **Ephesians 4:1-3, 15-16:**

**Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32:** “*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up ... that it may give grace to those who hear*” (vs. 29).

#### **Philippians 2:12-16:**

**I John 3:1-3:** “ ... Beloved, we are God’s children now ... but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him ... ” (vs. 2).