



#15 – What does the Bible say about Gender Roles and Homosexuality / Trans-Gender Issues?

The Biblical Significance of Gender

Ephesians 5:21-33 NKJV

Submitting to one another in the fear of God. ²² **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** ²³ **For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.** ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,** ²⁶ **that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,** ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

²⁹ **For no one ever hated his own flesh,** but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

Three Panels – Three Questions on Gender and Homosexual and Transgender Issues

(from Ravi Zacharias – the Christian View of Homosexuality)



The Sociological Problem

What kind of culture are we living in?

Theonomy – Culture ruled by God’s law or natural law

Heteronomy – A culture ruled and controlled by a few

Autonomous – A culture of self-law where each dictates their own moral law

“If we are an autonomous culture, and I answer your question, are you going to give me the privilege of my autonomy too?”

Or as soon as you disagree with my answer, you will switch to a heteronomous mode and dictate for me what I must believe as well?”

The Theological Problem

Question from reporter, “I have a problem with Christianity... Christians are generally against racism, but when it comes to the homosexual, they discriminate... How do you explain that?”

Ravi’s answer:

“The reason we believe that discrimination ethnically is wrong, is because the race and ethnicity of a person is sacred. You do not violate a person’s ethnicity and race. It is a sacred gift.

And the reason we believe in an absolute nest of sexuality is because we believe sexuality is sacred as well – and that’s why we make our choice that same way.

You will help me if you will tell me why you treat race as sacred and desacralize sexuality?”

Marriage is the most sacred relationship in which you will enter.

Marriage is the only relationship type that pulls all four types of love (Agape, Philio, Eros and Storge) together in a single relationship.

All departures from God’s model are not acceptable in the sight of God.

The Relational Problem – How do we communicate this?

“God gives you the most sacred gift of the prerogative of choice but does not give you the privilege of determining a different outcome to what the choice will entail.

When I look at the sacredness of marriage, any change from it, from the Biblical point of view, is a departure from the Biblical mandate. But at the same time, the Bible commands us to love even those with whom we disagree.

...Our privilege is to love.”