

Gender Identity: Can I Be What I Feel?

Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Genesis 1:27

MESSAGE

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the outline to follow along or take notes on anything that stands out to you.

NOTES

It is important to understand the complex issue of gender identity from both the biblical and secular worldviews to engage in impactful conversations. Central to this issue is the question: Can I be what I feel? How would you answer? Here are five guiding principles:

- 1. The issue of gender identity is complex and confusing in our fallen world**
 - God created us, and so He knows us best.
- 2. God's creation design for human sex and gender is only male and female (Genesis 1:27)**
 - In God's original creation design, there are only two sexes and genders.
- 3. What I feel may not be what is true and real**
 - Jeremiah 17:9-10; James 1:14; Romans 8:7
 - Reality and truth puts a reasonable limit on one's feelings and correctly controls one's self-identification

- 4. God desires all people to find their primary identity in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-17)**
 - Our primary identifier is not our feelings, but our positional standing in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10).
- 5. God deeply loves and cares for those with gender identity issues and so should you**
 - God loves ALL people deeply (Ephesians 5).
 - As Christians, we need to patiently love, counsel, befriend, and come alongside those who struggle with gender identity. We can reach out to them in kindness and share with them the transformative power of Jesus Christ, who died to save all sinners.

REFLECT and DISCUSS

1. Take a few minutes to talk about the message. What part of the teaching had the most impact on you?
2. Why is this topic of gender identity and sexuality so important to listen to and discuss?
3. How would you teach a child about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective?
4. Share how you could reach out with God's love to the LGBTQ+ community.

PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.