

### III. Loving Our Neighbors in a World of Gender Confusion

#### A. Adopt a Posture of Compassion

#### B. Speak the Truth in Love

- Express love to the person
- Be quick to listen and ask open ended questions
- Explain the Biblical truth gently
- Clarify that you too are a sinner in need of grace
- Share the hope of the gospel of Christ
- Talk about details such as what language you'll use
- Discuss what the relationship should look like

#### C. Offer the Supreme Hope of the Gospel

#### D. Call to Realistic Repentance

- Repentance is hard *and* possible!
- Avoid false promises about the Christian life

#### E. Keep Going by God's Grace

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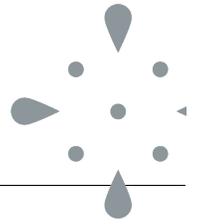
##### *For further study:*

- *Transsexualism: Issues and Argument*, Oliver O'Donovan (Grove Books, 1982)
- "Transgenderism: A Theological Perspective," Tim Scheiderer, online at The Gospel Coalition
- "Joan or John?" Russell Moore, online at the Gospel Coalition
- "Transgender Identity: Wishing Away God's Design," Owen Strachan, online at Answers in Genesis
- "I Was a Transgender Woman," Walt Heyer; and "The Absurdity of Transgenderism," Carlos Flores, both online at The Witherspoon Institute
- "Resolution: On Transgender Identity," 2014, Southern Baptist Convention

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### *Gender Confusion*

#### I. Introduction

- "It is who I am"
- Showing compassion = speaking the truth in love

#### II. A Biblical Theology of Gender

##### A. God created male and female in his own image.

- Genesis 1:27-28,31 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*
- Genesis 2:24-25 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

- Biological sex is a good gift of God to every individual.  
*(Psalm 139:13-14)*

- The common secular assumption is that sex and gender are distinct, with sex referring to biology and gender to psychology.

### **B. The fall has corrupted us in body and mind.**

- Romans 1:18, 21 ... *who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth... they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*
- Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*
- The reality of fallen self-perception

- The compounding pressure of authenticity.

- Our hope? Titus 3:3-4 *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray.... But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us...*

### **C. The resurrection affirms the goodness of the body.**

- 1 Corinthians 15:42 *What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable...*
- Transgenderism: psychological identity trumps physical anatomy (mind over matter).
- Christianity: we are united, body and soul. The body is good!
- We will still have our God-given gender in the New Jerusalem.