

What Does God Say about Gender Dysphoria and the Transgender Movement? Elephants in the Church May 21, 2023

Sex: Male or female, typically with reference to chromosomes, internal reproductive anatomy, and external genitals. --Mark Yarhouse, *Understanding Gender Dysphoria*

Gender Identity: A person's self-perception of whether they are male or female, masculine or feminine. --Andrew Walker, *What Does the Bible Say about Gender Identity*

Gender Dysphoria: The sense of mismatch between physical sex (body) and psychological gender identity (mind) --Nancy Pearcey, *Love Thy Body*

Romans 7:22-23 (NIV) For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

Transgender: An umbrella term for many experiences of gender identity that do not align normatively with a person's biological sex. --Mark Yarhouse and Julia Sadusky, *Emerging Gender Identities*

- **Where do our bodies come from?**

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

Psalms 63:1 (NIV) You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

- **How can I be happy?**

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.