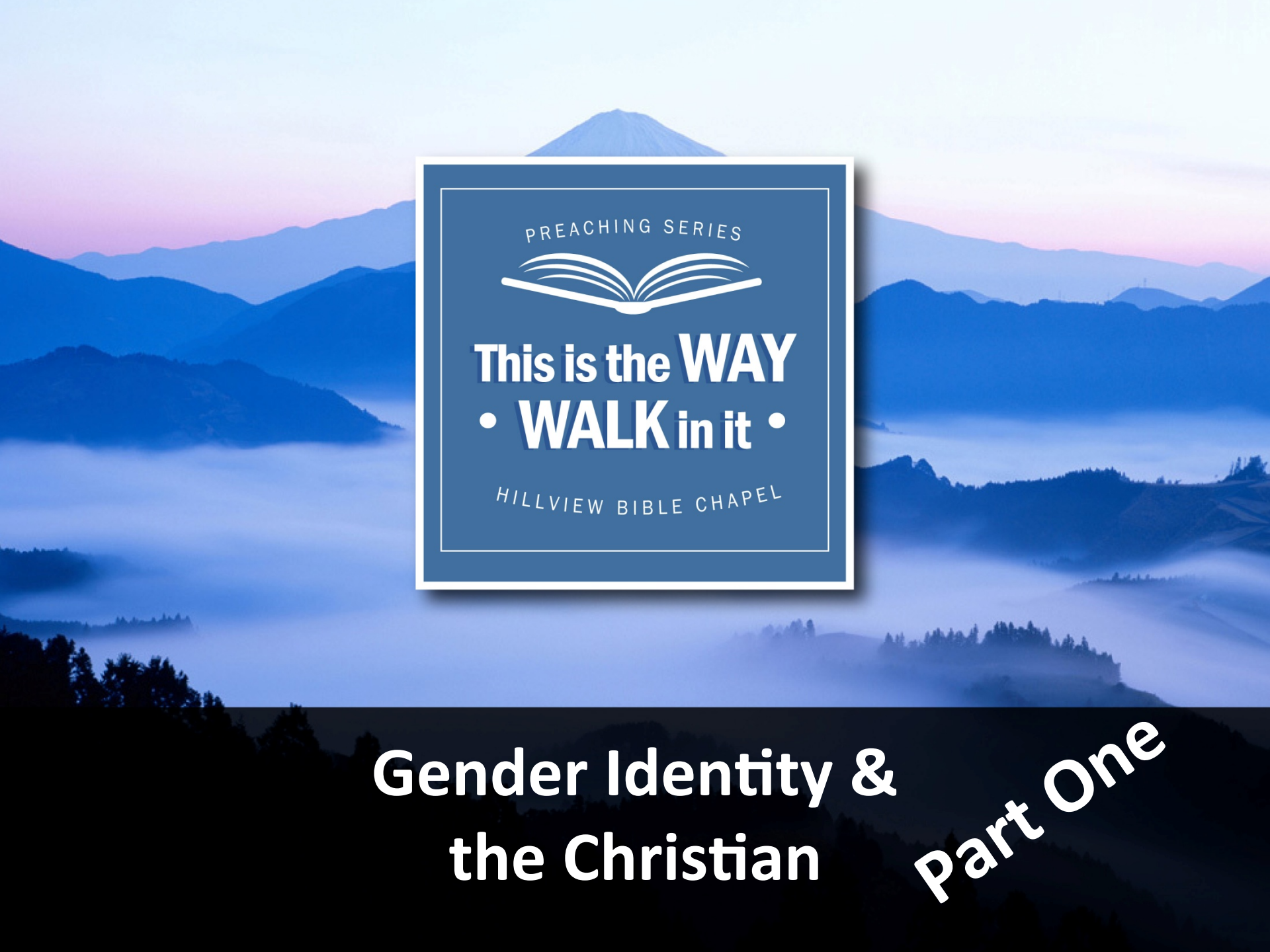

Gender Identity & the Christian

Part One

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- biological sex
- gender identity
- gender expression

Three areas dealing with sexuality



- (seks), **1.** The biologic character or quality that distinguishes male and female from one another as expressed by analysis of the person's gonadal, morphologic (internal and external), chromosomal, and hormonal characteristics.
  - – Farlex Partner Medical Dictionary © Farlex 2012

Biological Sex/Gender

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Biological Sex/Gender

- In the English language, the terms sex and gender are often used interchangeably in the vernacular. However, in a medical and technically scientific sense, these words are not synonymous. Increasingly, the term gender is being accepted to define psychophysiologic processes involved in identity and social role.
- http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/917990-overview



- A person's inner sense of being male or female, usually developed during early childhood as a result of parental rearing practices and societal influences and strengthened during puberty by hormonal changes.
  - Dictionary.com

Gender Identity



- Gender identity is defined as a personal conception of oneself as male or female (or rarely, both or neither). This concept is intimately related to the concept of gender role, which is defined as the outward manifestations of personality that reflect the gender identity. Mar 16, 2015

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Gender Role



And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

Male and Female is God's Design

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Male and Female is God's Design

1. Both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18).
2. Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart (Gen 2:18, 21-24; 1 Cor 11:7-9; 1 Tim 2:12-14).

http://cbmw.org/about/danvers-statement/



- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Romans 1:18

God's Design Corrupted



- 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

God's Design Corrupted



- 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.



- 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.



- The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women (Gen 3:1-7, 12, 16).

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God's Design Corrupted



- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven vs 18
- Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

It is sin



It results in strong bodily desires

- **Romans 1:26-27** For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, [27] and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.



- Matthew 19:12 12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it."

Corruption in both body …



- Romans 1: 28 “God gave them over to a depraved mind”

and Mind



Not justifiable but understandable

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.



- Redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse.

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Our Faith Response

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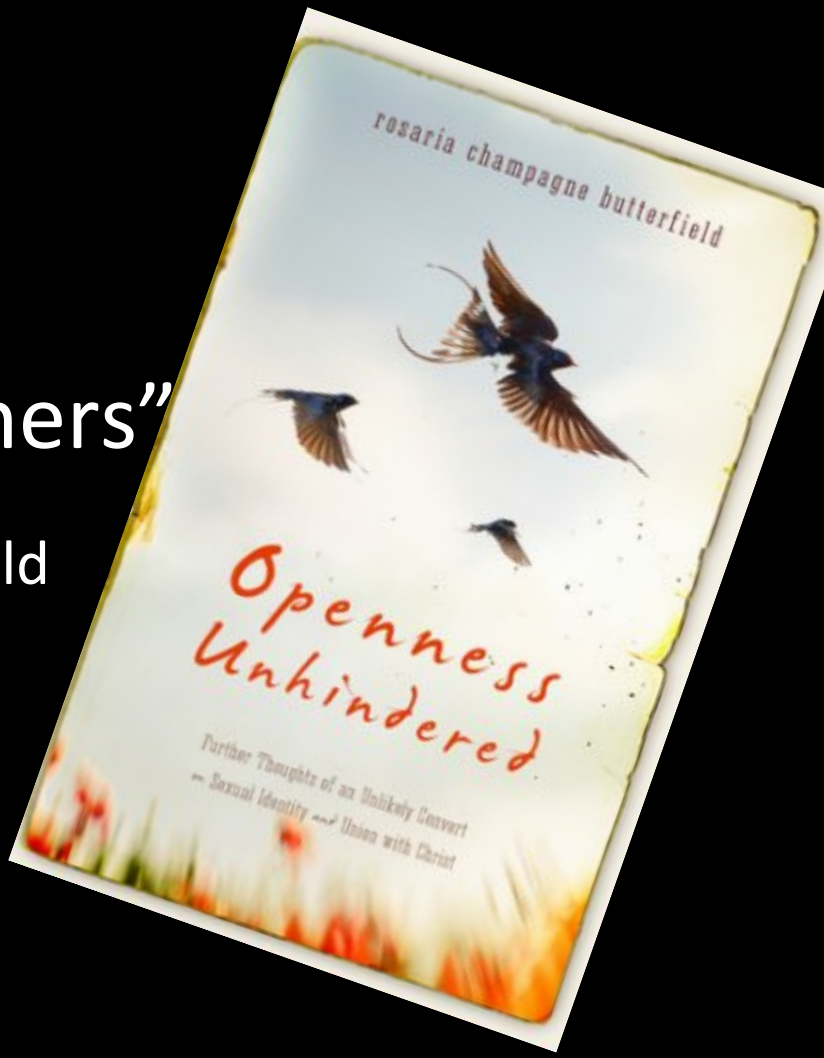
"We are all sexual sinners"

Rosario Butterfield



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In short: in God's world, we are who God says we are. We are not merely the sum total of our fallen sexual desires.

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