

God Made Them - Male and Female

Watching the news these days can be despairing or disheartening at best. This past week one of the main focuses of the news cycle revolved around a new member elect of the United States House of Representatives and the use of male and female bathrooms. Sarah McBride (D), born Tim McBride, won Delaware's only House seat making him the first openly transgender person elected to Congress. Almost immediately, the question came up: Which bathroom will she/he use? The ensuing debate had those from both sides of the political isle at odds. Ending the debate and creating a new round of turmoil on Capitol Hill, House Speaker Mike Johnson declared that lawmakers and staff would have to use the restroom corresponding with their biological sex. More simply stated, the House Speaker said that all would use the bathroom according to the sex that God determined they were at birth.

Jesus, quoting Genesis 1:27, proclaims, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female" (Matthew 19:4). That a man may think himself to be a woman, or a woman think herself to be a man does not change the fact of that which God created. Every human every born has been born either a male or a female.

Men who attempt to make the claim that they are actually female on the inside but were forced by the culture to assume a male role or vice versa makes no common sense. However, our society seems to have abandoned common sense just as societies have before. Writing to the Christians in Ephesus Paul states, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). John writes, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19). The days have long been evil. The sway of the devil leads to the destruction of human moral decency and sadly the destruction of souls who follow down such ill guided pathways (Proverbs 14:12).

Today, we are told that we must be accepting of the LGBTQIA+ ideology. The "LGBTQIA+" (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, plus) meaning of the letters represents different facets of chosen lifestyles. Each one stands for a gender or sexual identity, with the "+" at the end standing in for the many gender identities that are not included in this version of the acronym (www.sfgmc.org/blog/lgbtqia-meaning). God forbid! Paul warned the Christians in Rome

of what occurs when one accepts and/or approves of living in this manner. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... professing to be wise, they became fools... Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves... God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting... who knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them" (Romans 1:18-32).

We will not be able to blame society for our actions/thoughts when we stand before God at judgment (Revelation 2:20). Let us each purpose to stand in the Truth, stand against sin as God defines it, and help all those we can understand the difference between the two.