



1st Service (8:30 AM)
115 spots Hope spots + ramp

2nd Service (10:30 AM)
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Ways to help



Go to 1st Service



Come early



Carpool



Use alternative
transportation

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Identity, Gender, Sex

T R I G G E R
WARNING
EXPLICIT CONTENT



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RESOURCES

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God's Authority is Good News

1. Why should we care about authority?
2. How does God exercise authority?
3. Why is God's authority good news for us?

100% true
100% compassionate
100% beautiful
100% wise
100% faithful
100% consistent
100% understanding
100% peaceable
100% life-giving
100% perfect
100% patient
100% good
100% kind
100% loving

Sex and Gender from a biblical perspective – God's biblical creation as good



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3. Undivided Devotion & Sexual Integrity as Illustration

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“Will we be kind?”
~ Sam Johnson, 15 years old



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On Identity

Isaiah 43:6–7

⁶“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — ⁷**everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.**”

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On Identity

John 10:10

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
**I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.**

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On Dignity

Genesis 1:26–28

²⁶Then God said, “**Let us make humankind in our image,** according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

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2. The creation of people: Identity, Dignity, & Biology

On Biology

Genesis 1:27–28

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female he created them.**

²⁸**God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”**

2. The creation of people: Identity, Dignity, & Biology

God is both unity and diversity

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, Holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

Gender is not something a person *has* but something a person *does*. It is “reiterated” rather than “received,” “performed” rather than “possessed.” For this reason, any notion of gender norms necessarily “operates as a preemptive and violent circumscription of reality” (*Gender Trouble* xxiv). In fact, she even puts forward the idea that biological sex “is as culturally constructed as gender” (9–10).

Rob Smith

Australian Theologian

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/responding-to-the-transgender-revolution/>

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Biblical examples which illustrate this

1. One humanity as male & female
2. One church body comprised of many parts
3. One people, two ethnic/religious identities —
Jew & Gentile
4. One person comprised of body & soul

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Psalm 86:11

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

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Relationship status:

☐

Single

☐

Taken

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**Still waiting for
fictional characters
to become real**

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1 Corinthians 7:32–35

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; ³³but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman and the virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and undivided devotion to the Lord.

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As you exit

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, taken from a high vantage point. The image is bathed in a warm, golden-orange light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The city's dense collection of skyscrapers and buildings is visible, with a river or body of water in the foreground. A large, white QR code is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text "As you exit" is at the top, and "Carpool Sundays at Hope this fall" is in large, bold, white letters in the lower-left quadrant. Below this, the dates and website are listed in a smaller white font.

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