## The Issue of Transgender and Homosexuality

"27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27 KJV)

God created man in His own image, in the image of God man was created, male and female were created. Man when he is born is either male or female. There are no other possibilities that God had placed in His Word. We as Church of God need to abide by what God had described in His Word.

There may be certain newborns with ambiguous gender and with the abnormal external appearance of the genital organs due to mutations in the genes, or due to hormonal or radiation effects. In such cases, the genetics of the person will be determined by the doctors and investigation, and the person needs to be treated as his chromosomal analysis read. If he is male should be treated and cared for as male, and if she is female should be treated and cared of as female.

God had placed clear orders; for a male to live and to act like a male, and for the female to live and act like a female. For marriage, God had ordered that man marry a woman, and inside the family there is order. The husband is the head of the wife, and the wife is the body of the man. "3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (I Corinthians 11:3 KJV) "23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." (Ephesians 5:23, 28 KJV) Children are under the subjection of the parents. "1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3 KJV)

Now a day, we come across the issue of changing gender by choosing the gender that a person wants. We might see a man who had become a woman and married a man. As well as we might see a woman who became a man and had married a woman. This is violating the ordinances of God and taking the place of the Creator in doing things that should not be done. That is what is called today a transgender and transsexual. Transgender people have a gender identity or a gender expression that differs from their sex that was assigned by God at birth. Some transgender people who desire medical assistance for the transition from one sex to another identified and are called transsexual.

Transgender in addition to including people whose gender identity is the opposite of their assigned sex at birth (trans men and trans women), may include people who are not exclusively masculine or feminine (people who are bigender, pangender, genderfluid, or agender). Other definitions of transgender also include people who belong to a third gender, or else conceptualize transgender people as a third gender.

Being transgender is independent of sexual orientation: transgender people may identify as heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, asexual, or may decline to label their sexual orientation.

The term transgender is also distinguished from intersex, a term that describes people who born with physical sex characteristics that do not fit typical notions of male or female bodies.

The opposite of transgender is cisgender, which describes persons whose gender identity or expression matches their assigned sex.

The degree to which individuals of transgender feel genuine, authentic, and comfortable within their external appearance and accept their genuine identity has been called transgender congruence. But many transgender people experience gender dysphoria, and some seek medical treatments such as with hormone replacement therapy, sex reassignment surgery, or psychotherapy. Not all transgender people desire these treatments, and some cannot undergo them for financial or medical reasons.

Many transgender people face discrimination in the workplace and in accessing public accommodations and healthcare. In many places, they are not legally protected from discrimination. That is usually because transgender is against God's will and against what human came to know about God.

Some say that every person has his own decision and his own will to decide for himself what he wants to be. That is correct when such issues are dealt with within the world, but when it comes to the church and God's Kingdom we need to go back to the Word of God. God's Word does not allow us to take the place of God and change the gender or the sex of the person or to approve to change the gender and the sex of the person.

Today, we found man become flaccid or inert and take the rule of the woman, and also we found a woman who becomes bold to take the rule of man and ruling her husband. With the advance of medicine and surgery (fixing their external and internal sexual organs), it becomes possible for men to be women and women to be men and for transgender marriage to be possible. But this is against what the Scripture says, and we need to be sure to oppose such wickedness.

We need to accept and adopt that the fear of man should not drive us to break the Word of God. Man is called to stand against such perversion, and such opposition of the truth and the key for that is to fear God and obey His Word, and not to fear man, "25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25 KJV)

True, that we cannot force people to follow what God's Word says, but in the same way we cannot go along with them and do what they want. We cannot keep in our congregations' people who want and insist on changing their gender or their sex. What we need to do is to explain to them God's Word and God's will, and we will use Scriptures to help them to understand how their lives God wants them to be. We need to pray and have faith that God can do it; we need to trust God that He can and He will change them.

Now, how about those who had already changed their gender, what we need to do with them? We need to receive them and start to evangelize to them and tell them the truth about Jesus and the Word of God. Every case has its own merit, and the Lord shall teach us what we need to do with each one of them. Those who got married, their marriages are unlawful marriages

and they need to be separated. Their true repentance and willingness to suffer for Christ is a key for them to come out of such marriages to be able to follow Christ.

This serious issue is the most advance threat to the churches at the present moment. And as we explained in different occasion that this took place after the church had allowed lot of deviations by allowing different days and feasts from the world to enter the church and after allowing various immoralities to be inside the church. Therefore when the church is in compromising with all such matters then the church cannot say to the sin of homosexuality and the transgender to go away outside the church.

*My dear and beloved:* Based on all that my instructions to all the members and the workers of the church are the following:

- Not to tolerate and accept feasts offered to idols and days observed in the world to be inside the church.
- *Not to allow nor tolerate immoralities to be inside the church,*
- In such you will be strong and can stand strong against the sin of the homosexuality and the transgender to not enter inside the church.

Let us pray ....

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word that teaches me how to face the issue of transgender and homosexuality and how to deal with them.

Lord I commit myself to the teaching that I received in this message and to stand with you to deal with the issue of the transgender and homosexuality. Lord I commit myself to serve you and your purpose and plan in my life and in the life of my family and children. Lord I humble myself before you and be willing to set good example to others to follow. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and humbled themselves before you and were willing to go through the mission that you are sending them to accomplish to stand with you against the transgender and homoseuality. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and lead them step by step to accomplish that mission. Devil I rebuke you in the name of Jesus, go away from their life and don't disturb them anymore in the name of Jesus. Lord protect them, remove obstacles from before them and make them fruitful in serving you.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to teach and stand firm against the transgender and the homosexuality. Lord I pray for more Godly marriages and Godly families to be formed. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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