

Sex and Gender Identity

You Ask for It – Part 1

“...may (God) give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.” Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

Basic Truths

1) Our gender and sexuality reflect God’s image.

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”
Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

2) Sin has corrupted that image.

“...Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

3) My true identity is in Christ.

“There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

Cultural Myths

1) I am what I feel.

“All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger...”
Ephesians 2:3 (NLT)

2) My desires control my behaviors.

“...As a result, they became full of sexual sin, using their bodies wrongly with each other. They traded the truth of God for a lie...”
Romans 1:24-25 (NCV)

3) A romantic relationship is the key to happiness.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 (NIV)