**#9 – What’s Wrong with LGBTQ+?**

**The Big Questions People Ask:**

1. If two people love each other, why would people want to stand in their way for happiness?
2. Can a man become a woman? Can a woman become a man?
3. How and when should children be confronted with the debates about gender?
4. What are we to do with children who are a member of one biological sex but feel as though they were born in the wrong body?
5. What do we say to someone experiencing these feelings and desires?
6. How do we love and help those who are deeply hurting?

2-6 from *God and the Transgender Debate* by Andrew T. Walker

**The Bible on Homosexuality:**

* Genesis 1:27-28a “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them, God blessed them:…”
* Romans 1:25-27 “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. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.”
* 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 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 in the Spirit of God.”
* Also see: 1 Timothy 9:10-11; Genesis 19:4-7 (term sodomy comes from here); Jude 7; 2 Peter 2:6-7

**Where is the battleground over transgender issues?**

* The church, pastors, and Christian schools?
* The schools at all levels?
* Employment—keeping and applying for a job?
* Healthcare professionals?
* Federal, state, and local government?
* Libraries?
* Men’s and women’s sports?
* Bathrooms?
* Professional services, e.g., ABA proposed rule for lawyers?
* Bakers, photographers, and other services?

**Gender Identity Disorder/ Gender Dysphoria:**

* Before 2012 ”A sever and persistent discomfort in one’s biological sex.”
  + Occurred in about 1 in 10,000.
  + Historically almost all boys.
  + Begins usually between ages 2 to 4.
  + 70% resolved themselves.
* Since 2012 almost all girls!
  + 1,000 % increase in U.S.
  + 4,000 % increase in UK
  + Girls are 70% of sex reassignment surgeries and 75% of all gender affirming treatments.

**What is Causing the Trans Contagion?**

**The Trans Influencer’s Mantra/Recruitment?**

**Transgender Ideology:**

* Gender is perceived—not determined biologically.
* Gender is derived from emotional and psychological cues.
* Gender is waiting to be discovered even at a kindergarten level.
* Transitioning to another gender is unrelated to psychological issues.
* Self-awareness is more important than their physical bodies.
* Sexual expression at any age supports their gender ideology.
* People who criticize transgender views is harmful to their identity.
* If we can “cancel” those who speak against transgenderism, then we will be truly accepted [and accept ourselves.]

**Indicators to Watch for to Tell if a Child May be at Risk**

**So What Can Be Done—Abigail Shrier’s List?**

**So What Can Be Done—My List?**

**Impact of Transgenderism**

**Social Psychologist Paul Sullins Study\* on Children of Same Sex Parents.**

* Link: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2016/b2015_16/committees/ctte_spc_2015_special_committee_on_foster_care_adequ_1/documents/testimony/20151117_21.pdf>

**New Family Structures Study (NFSS), a comparative social science project led by Dr. Mark Regnerus of the Population Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin.**

* Link: <http://www.familystructurestudies.com/outcomes/>

**Gallup Study: Link:** <https://news.gallup.com/poll/470708/lgbt-identification-steady.aspx>

**Resources**

* Book: *God and the Transgender Debate (Expanded and Updated)* by Andrew T. Walker
* Book: *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert, Expanded Edition: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith* by Rosario Butterfield
* Book: *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters* by Abigail Shrier
* Book: *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask* by Mark Mittelberg
* Book: *Gender Ideology: What Do Christians Need to Know?* By Sharon James
* Website: **New Family Structures Study (NFSS), a comparative social science project led by Dr. Mark Regnerus of the Population Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin.** Link: <http://www.familystructurestudies.com/outcomes/>
* YouTube Video: Patrick Henry College | Rosaria Butterfield | Newsmakers Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQ_YI6INTQU>