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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Gender Identification

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Who controls your life? Is it you, or is it God? Based upon your answer, your gender identification will be limited and simple; or it will be limitless and complicated.

When God made man in His own spiritual image, He created two genders: male and female (*Genesis 1:27*). The first man and woman then beget offspring of two genders: sons (males) and daughters (female) (*Genesis 1:20, 5:4*). The earth became populated through the sexual begetting process with more sons and daughters, even after the flood (*Genesis 11:10-24*). Look around you and notice the babies being born today. You will have no problem in placing them in one of two categories. Either they are a baby boy (male), or they are a baby girl (female). Gender identification is not complicated when we honor God as our Creator.

Gender identification becomes complicated when man ceases to honor God as Creator, and inserts himself as worthy of worship. Paul takes us on the downward spiral of man's moral corruption. Commencing with refusing to “glorify” God “as God,” men “...became vain in

their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:21). This heart, so foolishly separating itself from God, worships self by letting the lusts of the heart rule the body. Paul declares the consequences of such downward corruption... “*Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves...*” (*Romans 1:24*). Vile passions led to the dishonor of bodies when “*women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due*” (*Romans 1:26-27*).

When man ceases to allow the unseen God to rule in his inward heart, the way becomes complicated. Are we not seeing this in gender identification today? Multiple gender identifications have been amalgamated in the collective of “LGBT...”.

“L” stands for “lesbian,” and “G” is for those claiming to be “gay.” “B” is for those who profess to be “Bi-sexual.” The composite gender identification is

still composed of the two gender realities, male and female. But the affirmation of gender is the female gender professing sexual attraction to females (lesbian), and the male gender professing sexual attraction to males (gay). The “bisexual” adherent professes sexual allurements to both genders.

Sexual attraction merges with sex identification when we come to the T,” which stands for “transgender.” Males and females determine they were born with the wrong sex and seek to change their bodies to match the desire of their own heart.

Desiring to make the “transgender” feel accepted, sexologists have introduced the term “Cisgender.” The prefix, “cis,” meaning “on the same side,” is connected with “gender” to identify those who are happy with, “or on the same side” of their sexual identification at birth. If this is you, you are not “normal”, but “cisgender.” You are not even “CIS gendered,” indicating your essence preceded your experience. You, like the LGBT+ collective, merely profess your sexual identification. Being “cis” instead of “male” or female,” you make foolish hearts feel comfortable in refusing to advocate “God’s normal” – male and female!