**What Does The Bible Say About**

**Transgender Issues?**

1. **What does science say about gender dysphoria?**
	1. **Transsexuals commit suicide at an astounding rate.**
		1. *One study claims the transsexual suicide rate is 25 times greater than the general population. (*[*http://www.nbcnews.com/id/40279043/ns/health-health\_care/*](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/40279043/ns/health-health_care/)*)*
		2. *Another web site dedicated to the transgender lifestyle claims the transgender mortality rate is between 60 to 70 percent. (*[*http://www.lauras-playground.com/transgender\_mortality.htm*](http://www.lauras-playground.com/transgender_mortality.htm)*)*
		3. *31 percent of those that commit suicide are transgender. (*[*http://www.tglynnsplace.com/suicide.htm*](http://www.tglynnsplace.com/suicide.htm)*)*
		4. *Between 30 to 50 percent of transgender patients commit suicide either before or in the year after their sex change surgery. (Meyer, Walt (2011-06-21). Paper Genders (Kindle Locations 271-272). Make Waves Publishing. Kindle Edition.)*
		5. *Up to 90 percent of those that undergo sex reassignment surgery can not be found for follow up. They either commit suicide, are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, return to their birth gender or do not want to be found. (Randi Ettner, Stan Monstrey, A. Evan Eyler, editors, Principles of transgender medicine and surgery, (The Haworth Press, 2007), Chapter 5: Surgery: general principles by Stan Monstrey, Griet De Cuypere, Randi Ettner, 96)*
		6. *Transsexuals are not bullied into suicide. They consistently harm themselves by cutting and self-mutilation, which is a sign of an underlying psychological condition. (*[*http://www.tglynnsplace.com/suicide.htm*](http://www.tglynnsplace.com/suicide.htm)*)*
	2. **Transsexuals are not born that way.**
		1. *The hormone wash theory is just that, a theory.*
		2. *The Humane Genome projected identified all human DNA and found no homosexual or transgender genes. (*[*https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/homosexuality-is-not-hardwired-concludes-head-of-the-human-genome-project*](https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/homosexuality-is-not-hardwired-concludes-head-of-the-human-genome-project)*)*
	3. **Most transsexuals struggle with an underlying psychiatric disorder.** (Joost à Campo, M.D., Henk Nijman, Ph.D., H. Merckelbach, Ph.D., and Catharine Evers, M.Sc., “Psychiatric Comorbidity of Gender Identity Disorders: A Survey Among Dutch Psychiatrists,” Am J Psychiatry 160:1332-1336, July 2003)
		1. *25 percent of transsexuals are schizophrenic.*
		2. *75 percent of transsexuals are diagnosed with psychiatric illnesses, personality disorders or mood dissociative disorders.*
		3. *Psychologists are prohibited by law from discouraging gender reassignment surgery even if they feel there is an underlying psychological disorder. (Heyer, Walt (2011-06-21). Paper Genders (Kindle Locations 414-415). Make Waves Publishing. Kindle Edition.)*
		4. *Dr. Cotton (1876-1933) — Physical surgery can not solve a psychological problem.*
2. **What does the Bible say about gender dysphoria?**
	1. **Gender is God-given, not self-constructed.**

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

* 1. **God prohibits gender switching.**

*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, 1 Corinthians 6:9 (NASB95)*

* *Arsenokoitai — men who take men to bed.*
* *Malakoi — The soft or effeminate one. Men who sexually function in a feminine way.*

*Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. 1 Corinthians 11:4–7 (ESV)*

* *Men should look like men and women should look like women.*

*“A woman shall not wear a man’s garment, nor shall a man put on a woman’s cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 22:5 (ESV)*

* 1. **Transgender desires are rooted in sin.**

*For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about 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 up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. Romans 1:21–28 (ESV)*

*John Hopkins 10 year post sex transition surgery follow up. (Jon K. Meyer, MD and Donna J. Reter , “Sex reassignment. Follow-up” Archives of General Psychiatry, 1979;36(9):1010-1015)*

*All 50 patients were:*

* *Guilt-ridden homosexuals men looking to become more effeminate in their homosexual relationships.*
* *Older cross-dressing men eager to advance their cross-dressing fantasies to a surgical level.*

*NO patients experienced better work, relational or emotional engagement after their surgery than before.*

*My personal feeling is that surgery is not a proper treatment for a psychiatric disorder, and it’s clear to me that these patients had severe psychological problems that don’t go away following surgery. —Dr. Meyer, head of the sex reassignment surgery department of John Hopkins University. (*[*http://baltimorestyle.com/3347/fe\_sexchange\_jf07/*](http://baltimorestyle.com/3347/fe_sexchange_jf07/)*)*

1. **How should the church love the sexually confused?**
	1. **How do we respond to the unchurched?**
	2. **How do we respond to the struggling?**
	3. **How do we handle the rebellious?**
2. **Laura’s Story** ([www.sexchangeregrets.com](http://www.sexchangeregrets.com))