



# Gender, Sexuality, Masculinity & Femininity

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# Introduction

Let me begin with a bold claim: *There is a God, and He designed everything on purpose—including our bodies, our relationships, our roles as men and women.*

Romans 1 is a vital place in Scripture because here, the Apostle Paul lays out a basic Christian philosophy that stands against the cynicism and confusion of his time—and ours.

# 1. The Foundation of Christian Philosophy

Romans 1:19-20 says:

“What can be known about God is plain... because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes... have been clearly perceived... in the things that have been made.”

- ▶ Creation – God created everything with purpose.
- ▶ Fall – Humanity exchanged truth for lies.
- ▶ Redemption – Christ restores what was broken.

## 2. God's Design: Male, Female, Marriage

Genesis 1:27-28 says:

“Male and female He created them... Be fruitful and multiply.”

- ▶ Two biological sexes.
- ▶ Marriage as a covenant between a man and woman.
- ▶ Masculinity and femininity reflect God’s image.

### 3. The Fall: Exchange and Suppression

Romans 1:21-27 - Suppressing truth, dishonorable passions.

- ▶ Exchanging natural for unnatural relationships.
- ▶ Cultural consequences of rejecting God's design.

Masculinity and femininity aren't accidental—they are woven into God's design.

# Gender Studies are Philosophy Studies

Romans 1:21-25 explains what happens when humans reject God:

- They suppress the truth.
- They exchange God's glory for images.
- They exchange natural relations for unnatural ones.

“For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions... women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature... men likewise gave up natural relations with women...” (Romans 1:26-27)

# A Philosophic Disagreement

Paul doesn't say this to shame people—he says it to explain what happens when cultures drift from God's design.

This isn't just about individual sin; it's about **what happens to entire societies** when they no longer believe in:

- A Creator
- A design
- A grand story

## 4. Competing Philosophies

**Modernism:** Believes in truth without God – Sees Gender issues as deviations.

**Postmodernism:** Rejects truth, design, and grand narratives. See Gender and Attractions Issues as complete individual constructs.

**In postmodern thought:**

- **Gender is not biological—it's personal.**
- **Marriage is not sacred—it's oppressive.**
- **Truth is not discovered—it's created or constructed by humans**

**Christianity** offers a clear Philosophy contrast.



## 5. Leadership Implications

### **Leadership Implication: Speaking Truth with Compassion**

- ▶ As Christian leaders, we must:
  - Affirm God's design with courage.
  - Resist cultural confusion with clarity.
  - Minister to real people with compassion.
- ▶ We live in a world where identity is fragile and people are hurting.

**We're not called to win debates—we're called to lead people back to the truth, with love.**

## 6. The Hope of Redemption

**The story doesn't end in Romans 1.**

Romans continues to Romans 3:

“All have sinned... and are justified freely by his grace.”

We're all broken by sin. We all need redemption.

Jesus came not to shame us, but to save us, to restore the image of God in us—including our identity as men and women.

# Christian Leaders Thinking and Cultural Brand

Romans 1 reminds us: There is a God, a design, and hope.

Leaders must understand the philosophies shaping culture.

Offer the truth of God, revealed in creation and fulfilled in Christ.

# Ministry Application: Philosophy Not Judgment

**Frame it as a philosophical disagreement.**

- ▶ Ask deep questions: Is there a God? A design?  
A grand story?
- ▶ Contrast: Christian Philosophy vs Modernism  
vs Postmodernism.

# Ministry Application: Let the Holy Spirit Convict

**Romans 2:4 - God's kindness leads to repentance.**

- ▶ We speak truth in love, God changes hearts.
- ▶ Be clear, consistent, and Spirit-led.

# Ministry Application: Live the Grand Narrative

**Model God's design in our lives and relationships.**

- ▶ Creation: Honor God's design.
- ▶ Fall: Confess sin honestly.
- ▶ Redemption: Walk in Christ's grace and power.