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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

REALLY? HAS IT COME TO THIS?

Our society is constantly being bombarded by the so-called LGBTQ+ community to accept their agenda which is that all of the rest of society accept the alternate lifestyles they have chosen as normal. Evidently a part of this agenda is to instruct our children in our public schools, even from as early as kindergarten, that one's gender is a personal choice which may be changed if one chooses to do so. A male may choose to be a female, or a female choose to be a male or, one may choose to be neither sex. One can only imagine the confusion that such teaching will have upon these impressionable children and upon future generations should the God of heaven allow this world to continue.

Those of us who believe that God exists, and that the Bible is His inspired word to man understand that God created two sexes and no more. Genesis 1:27 reads, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them." Jesus refers back to this in His teaching about marriage saying, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them **male and female**, and said, 'For this reason a **man** shall leave his father and mother and be joined to **his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh?'" (Matthew 19:4-5). Each person born into this world is born either male or female. This is determined by one's chromosomes, not by personal choice. Whether a male chooses to live as a female or a female as a male does not change the reality of his or her gender.

God gave parents, not public schools, the responsibility to teach their children and to bring them up in the "training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Every parent must take this responsibility seriously. Teach your children that their gender is God given. Teach them to rejoice in it, embrace it and live it in their lives.

As Christians, we should not allow ourselves to be intimidated by or silenced the views of modern society that contradict the Word of God. God, through the laws of nature which He set in motion, determines gender identity. As the Bible teaches, "Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words. And may overcome when You are judged" (Romans 3:4).

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