



Gender clarity:

Why the Full Gospel Church of God Must Reaffirm the Biblical Truth That God Created Male and Female:

The Full Gospel Church of God stands upon the authority of Scripture as the final and unchanging standard for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

This commitment requires us, especially in seasons of cultural pressure, to clearly reaffirm truths that are foundational to biblical anthropology and Christian theology.

One such truth is the clear biblical declaration that God created humanity as male and female.

This is not a secondary issue.

It is rooted in creation, affirmed by Christ, upheld by the apostles, and essential to a coherent biblical worldview.

Genesis 1:27 states plainly, “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.”

This verse establishes three inseparable realities.

1. Humanity is created by God.
2. Humanity bears God’s image.
3. Humanity exists in two distinct and complementary sexes.

Gender is not described as a spectrum, a social construct, or a personal discovery.

It is presented as a divine act.

God did not assign gender later, nor did He leave it open to interpretation or self-determination.

Gender is given, not chosen.

Genesis 2 further deepens this truth by grounding male and female identity in purpose and relationship.

Adam is created first, Eve is formed from him, and together they reflect relational completeness.

Their difference is not incidental.

It is intentional, meaningful, and good.

Scripture repeatedly affirms that God's design is neither random nor flawed.

To suggest that one's biological sex is a mistake to be corrected is, at its core, to imply imperfection in God's creative will.

Jesus Himself reaffirms this creation order.

In Matthew 19:4, He says, "Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female."

Christ does not reinterpret Genesis through cultural sensitivity or evolving norms.

He appeals to the beginning.

He anchors truth in God's original design.

For the Church to claim allegiance to Christ while rejecting His clear affirmation of male and female is a theological contradiction.

The apostolic witness is consistent.

Paul teaches that the created order reflects God's intent and glory, and that rejecting this order leads to confusion and disorder in both identity and morality.

Romans 1 does not merely address behaviour but highlights what happens when humanity exchanges the truth of God for alternative narratives.

When creation order is rejected, distortion follows.

This is not condemnation.

It is diagnosis.

In response, the modern retort is often that the Church is insensitive, outdated, or unloving.

Yet biblical love is never defined as affirmation of every self perception.

Love in Scripture is rooted in truth.

Ephesians 4:15 instructs believers to speak the truth in love, not to replace truth with sentiment.

Sensitivity divorced from truth becomes deception.

Compassion that refuses to name reality is not pastoral care.
It is abandonment.

The Church must also reject the idea that personal identity is self constructed.

Scripture teaches that identity is received from God, not authored by the individual.

Psalms 139 declares that God forms us intentionally and intimately.

Jeremiah 1 affirms divine purpose prior to birth. To assert that one may later redefine or reject the sex God assigned at creation is to elevate personal autonomy above divine authority.

Furthermore, language matters.

Pronouns are not neutral tools when they are used to enforce a worldview that contradicts Scripture.

When language is redefined, reality soon follows.

The Full Gospel Church of God must be careful not to comply linguistically with frameworks that undermine biblical truth. This is not about hostility toward people. It is about faithfulness to God.

It must be stated clearly and without cruelty that every person is worthy of dignity, respect, and love.

The Church does not reject people.
It rejects falsehood.

Christ welcomed sinners without affirming sin.

He showed mercy without surrendering truth.

The Church must do the same.

We are called to shepherd, not to surrender doctrine under pressure.

The Full Gospel Church of God therefore cannot affirm gender identities beyond male and female, cannot recognize gender as fluid or chosen, and cannot adopt pronoun practices that deny biblical reality.

To do so would be to compromise Scripture, confuse doctrine, and misrepresent God's design for humanity.

This stance is not cultural resistance for its own sake.

It is covenant faithfulness.

The Church is not called to mirror the spirit of the age but to bear witness to eternal truth.

When culture shifts, Scripture remains.

When definitions change, God's Word stands.

When pressure increases, conviction must deepen.

In reaffirming that God created male and female, the Church is not moving backward. It is standing firm.

It is guarding truth for future generations.

It is declaring that God's design is wise, purposeful, and good.

Faithfulness has always required courage.

In this generation, courage means refusing to exchange biblical clarity for cultural approval.

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