

God's Design: Male And Female

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Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Men and Women rejoice because you are the very unique image of God! We are God's design! We have total equal standing together with Christ!

Galatians 3:28 (ESV)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Examining God's design, we look at the details of our unique creation as the image of God:

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

From the dust of the ground God created the physical being. From God's very breath, God created the spiritual being! Man is created just as God intended, but what is missing from the totality of the image of God? **Woman!**

Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

“A helper fit for him” literally means, “like opposite him” or “according to his opposite.” **The woman would be a corresponding counterpart. As a counterpart she would share in his nature. **As Gen.1:27 says, “Male and female were created in the image of God.”** And as his matching opposite, she would supply what was lacking in him. So, God declared that woman was “one” who would be both like and unlike the man—one whose corresponding differences would make man complete for what God intended him to do. **The woman would make it possible for man to do what he could never do alone.****

Genesis 2:21 (ESV)

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The physical man was made from dust of the earth then God’s life was breathed into him. **The physical woman was made from the physical man then God’s life was breathed into her.**

Genesis 2:22 (ESV)

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

The woman was stunning. She was the prototype of all women fresh from the well of creation. Every aspect of her was perfect. She was perfect in body and perfect in soul. She was sinless. **And as she stood on the arm (so to speak) of her Father God, and she was brought for Adam to see.**

Now we have the first recorded words of man:

Genesis 2:23 (ESV)

Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh!”

The English translation does not capture the ecstatic response of Adam. The Hebrew gives the rhythmic form of an explosive surprise! To capture the essence in English would be, “WOW!**”**

This is God’s great creation; HIS IMAGE; HIS DESIGN; God’s magnificent masterpiece; Male and Female!

What if one gender declares they are another gender? Any such declaration is of one’s mind. Feelings maybe sighted, or traumatic events may have occurred, but a decision of the mind is necessary to proceed against God’s design. It is very important to remember the issue has to do with behavior! **As Christians, we know that it is only Jesus who gives forgiveness, brings behavior change, and gives eternal life!**

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same **image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the **Spirit**.

As Christians we are being transformed into “Christ’s image” so that we will “behave” according to God’s intended design.

We are literally transformed by the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:13 (ESV)

If by the **Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Therefore, for people to fulfill their God given design through the power of the Holy Spirit they need to be introduced to Jesus. Remember people do not go to heaven if they change their behavior. They only go to heaven if they trust Jesus.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

To introduced people to Jesus we need to have the right attitude to cooperate with God being an avenue for God and let God work! Therefore, we need to show mercy, love, and grace introducing people to the love of Christ so they receive Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Jude 22–23 (ESV)

²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.