

GENDER SEXUALITY & THE CHURCH

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What the Gospel has to say about Gender Identity and Human Sexuality

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At the heart of the debate is the thorny question of who gets to determine a person's gender and sexual identity – is it something we choose or is it something God assigns?

Where we go for answers

We have to decide whether or not the Scriptures are more than sacred text we reverence or good advice we consider. Are they actually authoritative truth for the shaping of our lives and do we accept them as such?

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Don't turn away from His people—Talk to a fellow believer you trust and who you believe can help you or at least walk with you in this struggle.



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