SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:24-31; 5:1,2; 6:13-22 SERMON: Jesus Saves Gender! 24 February 2019

INTRODUCTION

- **A. CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE** (Eph.4:11-16; 6:10-20)
- **B.** CHRISTIAN ETHICS ARE ROOTED IN CREATION (Mt.19:4,8; see Ex.20:1-17 & Gen.1,2; Rom.1:20f; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10; i.e., self-evident truths)
- C. REJECT ONE TRUE CREATOR, CREATE MANY FALSE DEITIES (idolatry; Gen.1:1f; Rom.1:18f/Ex.20:3f)
- **D. REJECT ONE TRUE CREATOR, CREATE MANY FALSE HUMANITIES** (*immorality*; Gen.1:26f; Rom.1:18f,24,26f; see Ex.20:12-17; *e.g.*, *adultery*, *fornication*, *homosexuality*, *transgender*, *bestiality*, *etc.*)
- E. RETURN TRUE CREATOR, RESTORED TRUE HUMANITY (worship&life(gender); 2C5:17; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10)
- F. HUMAN GENDER IN ITS FOURFOLD STATE (see Eph.2:1-10; 4:24)
- I. <u>HUMAN GENDER IN CREATION</u> (Gen.1,2; see Rom.1:25-27; *Creator–created* nature; i.e., creational)
 - A. MAN: MALE & FEMALE IN DOMINION (Gen.1:26f; see male & female servants; Eccl.2:7)
 - B. MARRIAGE: MALE & FEMALE IN COVENANT (Gen.2:18f,22f; see Mk.10:6)
 - C. PROVISION OF GOOD (Gen.1:31; 2:22f)

II. <u>HUMAN GENDER IN THE FALL</u> (Gen.3,etc!; *fallen* nature)

- A. CREATION WAS BROKEN (Gen.3:14f, Rom.8:20f)
- **B. GENDER WAS BROKEN**
 - 1. intimate disaffection between God and man (Gen.3:24; Rom.1:23-27; see Jdgs.3:7)
 - 2. gender disaffection between spirit and body (Gen.2:7,17; 3:19,24; Ps.146:4; Eccl.12:7; see Eph.2:1,5; see Rom.7:22,23; 8:10,13)
- C. PROSCRIPTIVE OF EVIL (Dt.22:5; see Ex.20:14; Lev.18:22; 20:13; Rom.1:23f)

III. <u>HUMAN GENDER IN REDEMPTION</u> (Ex.20:1f; Col.1:13,etc.; redeemed nature)

- **A. CREATION BEING RESTORED** (Rom.6:4; 8:23; 2Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15; Rev.21:5; see Col.2:12; 3:9,10)
- **B. GENDER BEING RESTORED** (see 1C.6:9-11; 7:1f /Eph.5:22f; Col.3:10,18f; 1Tm3:2; Tt1:6 /Jn4:17f; 8:11; Lk7:37f)
 - 1. miraculously (see Eph.2:1f,5f; 22f; Col.2:12; 3:9f; Secret Thoughts Unlikely Convert, Butterfield)
 - 2. progressively (Eph.4:12f; 25f; Col.3:5f; Phil.1:9; 1Th.4:1f,10f; 1Pt.2:2)
 - 3. militantly (Rom.7:14f,24; 8:1f,13f; Col.3:5f; Mk.9:43f)
 - 4. Spirit through means of grace (Acts 2:37,38; 42; 1Pt.2:2; see Rom.8:13)
- C. PROVISION FOR GOOD (Eph.2:1f,10; 4:22f; 5:22f; see Mt.5:17; Phil.2:8; Heb.7:26; Jn.8:27)

IV. <u>HUMAN GENDER IN GLORY</u> (glorified nature)

- **A. RESURRECTION OF THE BODY** (1Cor.15:35f)
- B. OLD THINGS GONE (2Cor.5:17a; Mt.22:28f)
- **C. NEW THINGS HERE** (2Cor.5:17b; Eph.5:21f; Rev.19:9f; see Song of Songs; see Mt.22:1f; 25:1f; *contra* Rom.:23f)

V. SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS FOR FAITH AND LIFE

- A. CREATION: HUMANITY AS MALE & FEMALE (Gen.1,2; gender identity & sexual orientation)
- B. FALL: MAY BE GENDER DYSPHORIC (Eph.2:1f; 1Cor.6:9f /Ps.51:5; brokenness)
- C. REDEMPTION: GENDER RESTORATION BEGUN (2Cor.5:17; 1Cor.6:9-11; see Eph.4:28,17f)
- D. GLORIFICATION: GENDER RESTORATION PERFECTED (Rom.8:23; Eph.4:16; 1Jn.3:2; Rv.21:4/1C.15:35f)
- E. SUMMARY: ANOTHER ASPECT OF DEATH IN SIN & LIFE IN CHRIST (Eph.2:1-10; 1C.6:9-11)

VI. <u>LESSONS FOR LOVING GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF</u> (Mt.22:37f)

- A. AVOID UNBIBLICAL GENDER STEREOTYPES (Gen.25:27-29; 27:11; 1Chr.22:8f; 1Kngs.4:29f)
- B. CONFESS YOUR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE INCREASING SEXUAL IMMORALITY OF OUR CULTURE BEFORE OFFERING EVEN A HUMBLE CRITIQUE (Rm.1:18f; Mt.5:27f; 7:1f; 1C6:9f)
- **C. CONFESS THE GIFT OF GOD & FULFILL THE CALLING OF GOD** (Rom.8:28; 11:29; Eph.4:1; 1Th.4:7; all with Gen.1:27; Mt.19:3f)
- **D. CONFESS YOUR DUTY TO FULFILL YOUR GENDER FOR MULTIPLICATION & DOMINION** (Gen.1:27&28; see Ps.128; Prov.31:10f; 1Tm.2:8f; 5:14f; Jdgs.5:7; 2Sam.20:16)
- E. CONFESS YOUR GENDER BROKENNESS AND SEEK GENDER WHOLENESS IN CHRIST (Eph.2:1-10; 1Cor.6:9-11)
- **F. FIND YOUR GENDER IDENTITY IN CHRIST** (Eph.1:3f; 2:10; 4:22f,24,30; 6:10; 2C.5:17; Mt.19:3f /Lk.2:21)
- G. FIND YOUR GENDER COMMUNITY IN HIS CHURCH (Eph.2:1f,10; 13f; 4:1f; 15,16 /Lk.9:23f; 18:29f)
- H. BE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST NOT TRANSITIONED IN BROKENNESS (Rm12:1f; Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f)
- I. BRING THIS GOOD NEWS TO ALL WHO ARE BROKEN IN THEIR GENDER AND WELCOME THEM INTO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY (Eph.2:1-10; Rom.12:1f; Acts 2:37,38; 42)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)