

Sermon Series – “Embracing Identity”

Part 6 – “Are You Trans_____?”

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Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:1&2*

As we studied in our last message, our bodies are the _____ of the Holy Spirit and are not to be _____ with, but cared for as prized _____ over which we are stewards. But in the identity crusade that has been _____ to redefine how we understand ourselves, there is a dangerous _____ that seeks to change who we are from the inside out. Many people, young and old, feeling _____ in the wrong body seek drastic measures to accomplish a _____ from one gender to another, often realizing after the damage is done, that they have made a _____ mistake. Some choose not to alter their bodies, but to live in way in which they identify as _____. What message of hope does Scripture offer, not just for our brothers and sisters with this struggle, but for all of us, as we seek to embrace the fullness of the _____ identity that God has for us? How does the _____ love of Christ help us to overcome and grow into all he has called us to be. May our hearts be drawn closer to our Lord as we study today.

The Bible on “Trans” Ideology

1. What is Paul’s inspired message to believers on being _____? *Rom. 12:1&2*
2. What does the Bible say about the possibility of _____? *Jer 13:15-18;23*
3. How does Christ _____ to us His character as we grow like him? *Eph 4:20-23*
4. What _____ has made this change possible? *Heb. 2:14-18; 1 Pet. 2:24-25*
5. How fast and when is the bodily change before our heavenly _____? *Multiple*

Many are quieting a troubled conscience with the thought that they can change a course of evil when they choose; that they can trifle with the invitations of mercy, and yet be again and again impressed. They think that after doing despite to the Spirit of grace, after casting their influence on the side of Satan, in a moment of terrible extremity they can change their course. But this is not so easily done. The experience, the education, of a lifetime, has so thoroughly molded the character that few then desire to receive the image of Jesus... ¶If you see your sinfulness, do not wait to make yourself better. How many there are who think they are not good enough to come to Christ. Do you expect to become better through your own efforts? “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” Jeremiah 13:23. There is help for us only in God. We must not wait for stronger persuasions, for better opportunities, or for holier tempers. We can do nothing of ourselves. We must come to Christ just as we are.

Steps to Christ, pp. 33, 31

Will you pledge today by God’s grace, to Glorify Him in your body and mind?