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### **2SLGBTQIA+**

2SLGBTQIA+ is an acronym for Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and the plus reflects the countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify.

### What has changed - 1970s to 2023

1969  $\longleftrightarrow$  1989

- 1. 1969 Stonewall riots
- 2. 1973 homosexuality not a mental disorder
- 3. 1978 The rainbow logo

1990



- 1. 1990 WHO removed from classification of disease (unethical for a psychiatrist to provide therapy for any homosexual who genuinely wants to change.)
- 2. 2013, 'gender identity disorder' and replaced with gender dysphoria.
- 3. 2019, WHO removed 'gender identity disorder', aka gender dysphoria, from list of mental disorders.
- 4. 2020+, the standard for psychotherapy in the western world is 2SLGBTQIA+ affirmative psychotherapy, to accept their gender identity and sexual orientation

# God's Stand

# God's Design

Man and Woman United as One (Gen 2:24; Mark 10:6-9;

Ephesians 5:31)

Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

### God's Law

Man and Woman unite according to His Design (Lev 18: 22; Lev 20: 13; Romans 1: 22-28; 1 Cor 6: 9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11)

Leviticus 18:22(ESV)

<sup>22</sup> You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

Leviticus 20:13(ESV)

<sup>13</sup> If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

# God's Judgement

- 1. Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19)
- 2. Kingdom inheritance (1 Cor 6: 9-11)
- 3. Forgotten by God (Romans 1: 26-27)

# Bible is concise, accurate and clear about sexual sin.

Why the conflict?

# Individuality

Doctrine of the world is:

- 1.Defining who am 1?
- 2. Defining how I feel about myself?
- 3. My individual right above everything else.....



# Individuality – The Hidden Agenda

- 1. Deceived from the truth?
- 2. Deceived with an answer?
- 3. Deceived from God's design?
- 4. Deceived from true meaning of love?
- 5. Schemed/Deceived by the devil (1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12; John 8: 44; 2 Cor 11: 13-14; 2 Cor 11: 3; Gen 3: 1; Matt 4: 3; 1 John 5: 19)

The Erosion of our true identity

### Who we are?

- 1. I am a child of God. (John 1:12; 1 John 3:2, Romans 8:14)
- 2. I am without fear. (Roman 8: 15)
- 3. I am consecrated. for God (Romans 8: 29; Jeremiah 1:4-5, Eph 2: 10)
- 4. I am His Steward. (1 Peter 4: 10; Colossians 3: 23; 1 Corinthians 4: 1)
- 5. I am His ambassador. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- 6. I am anointed with His gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

An identity surrendered to God

### How do we make a difference?

#### 1. Ministry of Love

- 1. Jesus forgave our sins, did not hold back anything!
- 2. Jesus stooped down for a prostitute. (John 8: 1-11)
- 3. Jesus washed the feet of His betrayer too. (John 13: 1-17)
- 4. Jesus lifted Peter and Paul when they fell
- 5. Jesus showed us true love for His Father and us!

### 2. Prayer Warrior (James 5 : 13-18)

- 1. Prayer is our weapon of war
- 2. Pray in the Word
- 3. Pray for acceptance of truth and, truth remains with our children
- 4. Pray for reconciliation