

**Sermon Notes of  
Senior Pastor Glen Weber's Sermon on March 6, 2016  
"Social Gender" – Part 2 of Spirituality and Sexuality Series**

**[Connecting with God and with Others Series]**

**[In today's sermon, "Social Gender", part eight of a series "Connecting with God and with Others", Senior Pastor Glen Weber shows God's intended differences in creating male and female.]**

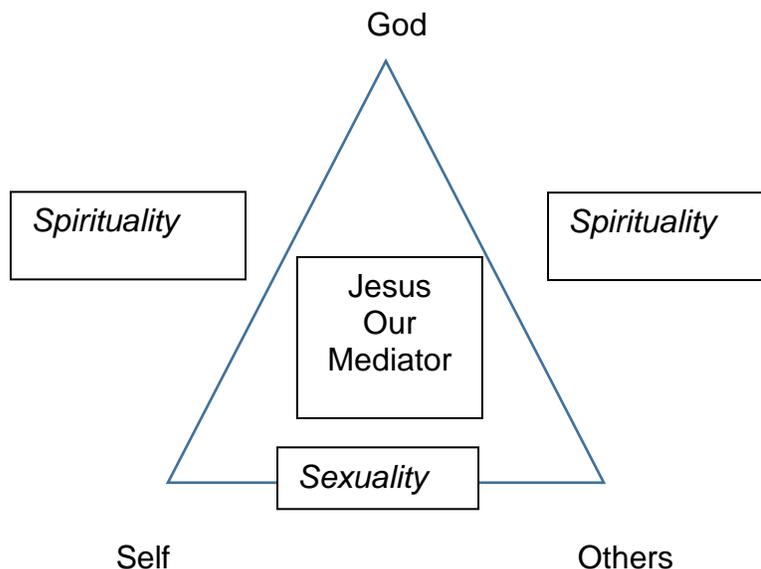
Notes:

Introduction:

- Were you stretched with last week's sermon?
- Remember our focus on "Connecting to God and others."
- We need to be able to connect with others in our physical life as well as in our spiritual life.

Review from last week:

- We are spirituality and sexuality united with Jesus as our Mediator and Redeemer...



Social sexuality vs genital sexuality:

- Men think in certain ways.
- Women think in different ways than men.
- Jesus loved John, who was called "the beloved".

- Jesus loved Mary Magdalene.
- Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

#### An Old Testament example:

- David and Jonathan had a very close personal relationship.
- This has been presented as a gay relationship in our culture today, because people can't separate social and genital.

#### Human characteristics:

- Typical male characteristics; male aggression, anger, etc. (Now called the Trump factor in today's politics.)
- Typical female characteristics: gentleness and meekness – often associated with the fruit of the Spirit. (Now called the Ben Carson factor in today's politics.)

#### Pink versus blue:

- 1920's (earlier?) to 1940's – the generally accepted rule is the pink color for the boys and the blue color for the girls.
- The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger color – derived from the strong color red, is more suitable for the boy.
- While blue, which is more delicate and dainty color, is prettier for the girl.
- Clothing manufacturers switched the colors in the 1940's; girls – pink; boys – blue.

#### Cultural shifts:

- In the 1800's boys were generally dressed in white or pink dresses with long curls at a young age.
- If pastor Glen had thought of it sooner, he would have shown you photos of his two grandfathers.
- Both of pastor Glen's grandfathers born in the 1890's were dressed in dresses and curls until age 5 to 6.

Here is a photo of Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he was a child.



### Made Male and Female:

- God made us male and female.

**Genesis 1:26, Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”**

- God's decided for both male and female – to be in His image.

**27) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

- God created humanity as gender beings.

**28) God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”**

- God wanted humanity to take care of our environment, not destroy it.

### Made Compatible:

**Genesis 2:18, The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”**

- Not good for a man to be alone.
- God created a companion perfectly suited to him.

**19-20a) Adam names the animals.**

**20b) But for Adam no suitable helper was found.**

- No suitable helper for Adam.

**21) So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.**

- Eve is made from Adam.

**22) Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.**

- God makes the woman from Adam.

**23) The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”**

- Eve is exactly like Adam.

**24) That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.**

- They are to be married and become one flesh and start a new family unit.

**25) Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.**

- Naked and not ashamed.

Male and female:

- However, what does it mean to be male and female?
- Various cultures take different views.
- What it means to be a male or a female is what we could call “social gender.”

Social gender:

- Girls – wide variation in their acceptable gender roles
- Pants, short hair, tomboy, outside the home work, etc.
- Boys – limited variation in their acceptable gender roles
- Today, long curls and skirts for boys is rejected.
- Pastor Glen’s grandson Andy, six years old was playing with a doll the other day when he and his wife Connie spoke on skype video with them.
- Andy was shaking the doll like crazy and hit himself in the face with the dolls head!
- That is how many boys play with dolls – totally different than girls!

The effects of our view of male and female:

Girls:

- They can be tomboys without considered being lesbian.
- They can have tattoos.
- They are sometimes questioned about being “too frilly”.

Boys:

- They are told to stuff their emotions.
- Especially, don’t cry when spanked or mistreated.

Cheryl Robinson’s example:

- Last week, Cheryl Robinson told me of a young male client – 10 years old – he had been through a very difficult family situation.
- He was broken-hearted and desperately need to cry.
- However, his father constantly told him to “be a man” and “men don’t cry.”

- This young boy was so emotionally torn-up inside that he experiences **encopresis** (involuntary defecation) when talking about his circumstances!!
- Once Cheryl told him it was okay to cry and held him, he broke down and cried uncontrollably, because he was in so much emotional pain.
- Have any of you ever heard this said to you == “men don’t cry”?
- Have any of you ever said that to a boy – your son, grandson, etc.?

#### Concluding comments:

- When the Beatles came on the scene in the 1960’s, many conservative Christians said they were corrupting society with their long hair as well as their type of music.
- Unfortunately too many paintings portray Jesus as effeminate or like a wimp.
- And the church wonders why it has such a problem connecting with males.
- Jesus came to show us how to love others in the right way.
- Jesus, in the flesh, loved women in a whole new way, without being sexual.
- Jesus was able to redeem us even in our physical side of our lives.
- Does this understanding help us connect with others more effectively?
- Especially children?
- We can’t put people in a box and expect to interact effectively with them.

#### **Communion:**

- Jesus came in the flesh to redeem us in the flesh.
- Anyone can come to the communion table as long as we believe in Jesus.
- Even though we still may be messing up our lives, we are forgiven.
- We receive healing as we partake of the elements of bread and the cup.

#### **Closing Prayer**