

Rejoicing in God & His Design

Today is the final Sunday in our series on the Trinity and Gender. While I love to learn new things, and I have heard many positive comments regarding this series (morning and evening), I'll be transparent and say that I very much prefer preaching through books and chapters of the Bible. So, I can't wait to get started in 1 Corinthians next week! What a glorious book where the apostle Paul helps a young church in Corinth grow in repentance and faith in Jesus.

But we're not at next week yet! We have this one final week, and the title of this sermon is "Rejoicing in Our Triune God & His Design." I wanted to end this series on the joy of knowing God and also the joy in how he has designed humanity as male and female. So often we can tend to be drawn into the mindset that thinks negatively about God and/or even the topic of gender. In this series, there's been a LOT of information. Some sermons I've preached and walked away thinking, "That was way too much and I didn't explain well." And, maybe some of you would affirm that. So, where do we go from here? Some of you say, "Um, nothing. We're moving on to 1 Corinthians and I'm not really going to think about the Trinity or Gender." Please don't do that. These issues are actually issues that are being attacked within the church – and actually are issues that are essential for the health of believers.

Let me give an illustration before we go further. A few months ago, I was invited over to Jason Steele's house to shoot guns on his property in his homemade shooting range. There were a good number of guys from the church who showed up. I also brought my three sons. Jason went through the rules of shooting and then let my sons pick out some guns. My boys shot for a little while and then one of my sons walked away and sat on the side. I asked him if he wanted to shoot and he said "no." I tried to get him to engage, but he sat to the side for about an hour. Then, he got up and came back and decided to shoot again – and he loved it. I later asked him why he didn't shoot. In essence, he felt nervous about what could happen. When shooting the gun, it could come back on him and cut his skin. If there's a mistake, it's very serious.

Some of you may be able to relate to that kind of fear. Others of you may be like me with guns and you just feel a little overwhelmed in general with guns. You don't know much about them. You'd like to learn more, but you feel a little incompetent. What's interesting to me, though, is that I could go to that shooting time with other men in the church and all of them were essentially encouraging me and my boys to shoot and even to learn how to shoot. If I were to say to some guy, "No, thanks. I'm good." They'd say, "Come here! Just try." I guarantee that Jason wouldn't take "no" for an answer from me. Why? Because he loves the experience and thinks others can learn and benefit from it as well.

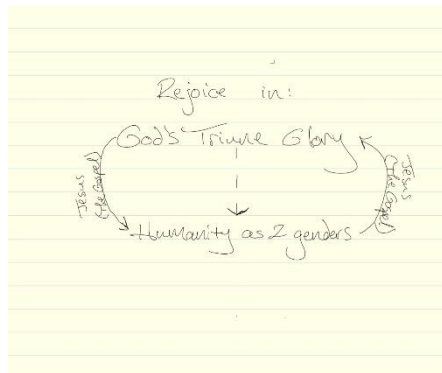
Let's take this idea with God and his design of maleness and femaleness. Some of you could feel in over your head with this. You could think, "I don't know enough and I'm just not going to try to understand." Let me be like Jason Steele, but with doctrine: Don't let your fears overwhelm or overcome you. Don't let your inability keep you from trying and learning and studying. The big idea of this sermon is that we would **By the power of the gospel, rejoice in our Triune God and in humanity as two genders.**

Rejoice?! But it's just so much. It's too "head-y" and confusing, right? This past week, I was talking with someone else about some things they're learning in the Word and they said that they're really struggling because they don't understand everything they're reading. Then I said, "Instead of trying to figure everything out all at ones, maybe instead ask, 'What's the encouragement here?'" So, that's my challenge today. We're not saying, "How do we make sense of everything?" Instead, we're asking, "**How are we to be encouraged by the truths about the Trinity and Gender?**" If we understand the joy found in knowing our Triune God and his design, maybe we'll decide to get off of our seats and engage with the Word more and

more to learn how God's Triune nature affects us as male and female. Instead of saying that it's scary or over-my-head or boring or fill-in-the-blank, we'll want to pursue because there's joy to be had in God.

With this understanding, let's pray and we'll see the response the Bible calls us to regarding the Trinity and Gender. [Lorraine Palmer; Churches who participated in BUILD; Gerth's financial support.]

How are we to be encouraged by the truths about the Trinity and Gender? The Scriptures call us to rejoice! Rejoice in God and rejoice in God's design. If you just got little snippets each Sunday, let those be appetizers in your continued growth in feasting in God and his design for genders. And, I pray this sermon would encourage you to continue on in the meal throughout this life. So, as I said earlier, the big idea of this sermon is By the power of the gospel, rejoice in our Triune God and his good design of two genders. For those who like drawings, I made one that encapsulates this big idea. If you don't like drawings, then ignore this, but I'm going to use this handwritten drawing for the main points on the slides today! So, here's the drawing:



By the power of the gospel, rejoice in God's Triune glory and humanity as two genders. I'll explain the arrows a little later. But let me just say that if we take every sermon in this series, they lead to this reality: Rejoice in God and his ways by the power of the gospel!

As I said earlier, though, many of us can have a more negative outlook on God's glory and God's design. I think of the Romans series we went through in 2018/19. When we were in Romans 1, we were reminded that we humans are born wanting to suppress the truth about God. In verses 21-23, we read, **"²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."**¹ All humanity gains knowledge in all sorts of things, but they don't honor God as God. Instead, human beings fall in love with the things God has created – as though the created things are better than the Creator of those things. Humanity is bent on downplaying the gloriousness of the glory of God. Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever been talking about something you love and then someone changes the subject to talk about God and what they're learning and you think internally, "Why'd you change the subject? I was enjoying this other thing?" That's the sinful bent of the flesh. To think your created thing is more enjoyable is to be missing out on the greatness of God. (By the way, this doesn't mean that we can't delight in created things, but we must ask our hearts if we love the created above the Creator.)

Paul goes on in Romans 1 to say that because people suppress the truth about God, then sin abounds in our lives. We distort how we are to live in various ways. And, what should be notable to everyone who reads Romans 1 is the next couple sentences in Romans 1: **"²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."**² Why does rejection of the glory of God and the suppression of his glory lead to the dishonoring of our bodies? Isn't it interesting that Paul then talks about how the denial of God will inevitably lead to homosexual activity within our cultures? Now, I want to emphasize that Paul does not say that homosexuality is the worst sin in the world. Is homosexuality worse than the murder of infants? Is it worse than polyamory? We could list other sins that can be "worse" so-to-speak. In addition, Paul goes on with a

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 1:21–23.

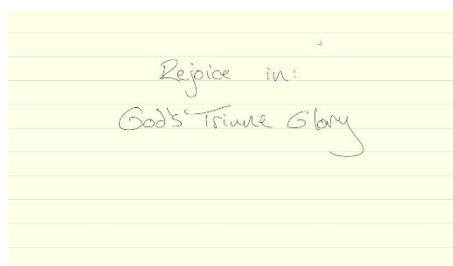
² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 1:24–25.

sin list after talking about homosexuality – stating that all of these sins reveal our rejection of God. But Paul has a point in bringing up homosexuality. When we look at the world, we ought to see clearly that there is a God. To reject the obvious is clear suppression of the truth. In the same way, to look at human beings and to say there's no gender or that gender doesn't matter is a clear suppression of the Truth. So, take all that we've talked about in this series. The essential point is that our Triune God made humanity as two genders. To suppress the glory of God will lead to the suppression of the goodness of gender.

And, isn't this where we find ourselves in our world today? Paul's words in Romans are just as applicable today. The whole world has sinned against God. We've run into all types of sins, and in the end of Romans 1, Paul says that humanity not only sins individually, but gives hearty approval of those who do the same types of sins with them. By the end of Romans 1, we admit that humanity is a mess. Then we turn into chapter 2 and see more of how even the "religious" Jews were a mess, too. When we enter Romans 3, Paul reveals our only hope. Our only hope for restoration with God is Jesus, and specifically Jesus' work on behalf of sinners. We will only ever begin to rejoice in God's glory and his good design through the gospel. In Romans 3, Paul says, **"²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith."**³

In the context of these words, Paul is talking about all who will turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sinful suppression of God and their sinful rejection of his ways. All who believe have sinned and fall short of God's glory. That doesn't sound very hopeful, does it? But Paul goes on and says that those who believe on Jesus are justified – meaning that they're declared righteous in God's sight. How in the world can sinners be declared right in God's sight? Because of what Jesus did on the cross. He took the curse and punishment that sinners deserved. The word "propitiation" means "wrath-appeaser." He appeased the just anger of God. Instead of you receiving the wrath, Jesus received it in the place of all who turn to him.

After this section in Romans, Paul moves to show how the glorious life and sacrifice of Jesus then changes us completely and impels us to glory in God and also to love one another – even as male and female! No longer will we who believe on Jesus be bound by the undiscerning mind of Romans 1, but God has given us a discerning mind to know and do his will. Therefore, by the gospel, we will rejoice in our Triune God and in his design.



This is a brief explanation of this graph. Now, let's erase most of it and take it piece by piece:

Having been set free by Jesus, let us rejoice in God's Triune Glory! But what does that even look like to rejoice in his Triune Glory?

Recognize God's Triune nature in your Bible reading. In many sermons in this series, we've shown how the Father, Son and Spirit are One. But, I still wonder how many of us tend to read the entirety of the Bible thinking that unless explicitly stated, the term "God" or "Lord" in the Old Testament refers solely to the Father. So, you think that Jesus and the Spirit don't really show up much in the Old Testament. But, that's simply not the case. Then, in reading in the New Testament, you tend to separate the members of the Trinity so much that you divide the Father, Son and the Spirit from one another. While we must recognize the distinct roles they fulfill in Creation and New Creation, we also cannot separate the Triune God from himself.

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 3:23–25.

When you read in the Bible about God speaking to Moses, who was speaking to Moses? The Bible says it was the LORD and it was the angel of the Lord. So, who was speaking? Was God speaking or just the angel speaking? I would say, The Father through the Son. Or, let me use another illustration. Who raised Jesus from the dead? The Bible says the Father and the Spirit. But Jesus also says in John 2:21 that he will raise himself up! This doesn't mean that they each had the same role. We've learned that within the Godhead; the Father, Son and Spirit take different roles. But they each are always One.

I only give these illustrations to say this basic point: when reading about God in the Bible, always think the Trinity. When you read God in the Old Testament – think the Trinity.

Pray to the Father, through the Son by the Spirit. The Bible says to pray in the Spirit. And, we are to pray in Jesus' name. And we are to pray to the Father. Our prayers are enveloped by the Triune God. And, our prayers are to be done in such a way that we reverence our God. Pray that you would worship him more, rejoice in him more and that you would find him completely enthralling and worthy of your affection and obedience. Psalm 86:11 is a prayer that God would teach us his ways and that he would unite our hearts to the teaching. We can *know* that God is glorious, but our hearts don't sing. If you don't find God glorious, and if you don't find his Triune nature something that wells up praise to him, this is a problem.

The Bible calls us *not* glorifying him the essence of sin. If you don't find God amazingly worthy of your adoration, then you are in an eternally perilous position. Hell is for those who don't find him gloriously worthy of worship. Heaven is filled with those who will worship and adore him forever – and who will forever find him of worth.

I don't say this to shame you, but instead to seek to awaken within you a desire to know God more and better. And to also recognize that all of us, left to ourselves, won't find him glorious. Therefore, we must be dependent on him in prayer. Pray to the Triune God. Pray that you would love him and find him enthralling. As you continually ponder how our Triune God is involved in our prayers and answering our prayers, you will find yourself more amazed by this relationship he has given to you with himself. You won't diminish the members of the Trinity. You'll grow.

Through the Word and prayer, may we then

Sharpen your understanding of the Trinity. Don't ever assume you've understood everything or that it's not worth knowing more about. If you have a hobby, you usually don't think, "Well, now I've got everything. I'll move to a different thing now." If you love it, you don't stop. How much more with God. For all eternity, we'll be knowing and growing in him. So, read books on it. And, if you don't like to read, find good, solid teaching on the Trinity. If you don't know where to look – as me. I'll point you in some directions.

Or, join a men or women's discipleship group in the church. The Trinity will come up. And, if you have a difficult time with reading, you'll grow in conversing with people!

Respond to God with rejoicing. Psalm 37:4 says, "**Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**"⁴ If I want new desires, it's going to come as I delight myself in God.

If we know how glorious our God is within himself, then we should respond by choosing to praise him! When I say "praise," that doesn't only mean singing, but it means to preach to your heart the worthiness and glory

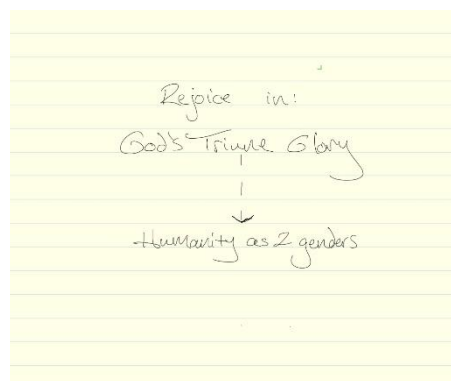
⁴ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ps 37:4.

of God. Start talking more about God. Make it an aim to recall to yourself how worthy he is of your praise. Writes notes of reminders. Talk to people who will encourage you to rejoice in the Lord and his Triune glory.

Now, in saying we should praise him, this does include singing, too! This past weekend, my two youngest girls stayed at my sister's house. And, you know what I heard on Friday? Instead of weariness at waking up, they were looking forward to the evening. And then one of my daughters made up a song about going to Aunt Kendra's house! I took a video and sent it to her. Is that silly? No! It's joy.

Psalm 96 says, **"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"**⁵ Is this psalm encouraging us to sing a song only to the Father or Son or Spirit? No. To the LORD – who is Yahweh. The psalmist goes on to describe the works of God as Creator and Savior. These are the two characteristics throughout the Scriptures that describe our Triune God.

The psalmist says to sing to the Lord a new song and to declare his glory! We ought to respond to God's glory with songs of praise. I truly believe that one of the ways we can let our heart grow cold is by ceasing to sing. One of the great weapons God has given us to fight for righteousness is to sing. Colossians says that being filled with the Spirit is revealed in singing congregationally! How important is singing? Well, the largest book of the Bible is a song book. God made humans to be affected by singing. This week, find songs that focus your attention on God's glory. Think through songs that might even get your mind on the Trinity. Listen to them. Memorize them. Sing them! And, if you don't have any songs you know of, make some up. Just start singing in your drive. And, you know what? God doesn't find that silly at all. Instead, what an act of love. Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing of his glory as the Triune God who creates and saves!



Rejoice in God's glory. Don't suppress it. Don't embrace lies. Rejoice in the glory of God. But not only that, we should walk away from this series **rejoicing in God's design of humans being two genders**. The dotted line in the picture reveals that God has decided to reveal himself in a greater way through the creation of mankind as male and female. The line coming down on the side reflects that the gospel is what empowers us to be set free to rejoice in God and his design.

When you go back to Genesis 2 and God says it's not good that man should be alone, God creates a helper fit for him. The only thing "not good" in the sinless creation was man without woman. Then God creates woman. In Genesis 2, we read Adam's response: **This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**⁶ I don't know Hebrew, but I've heard from one who does that you can read within this poem a level of excitement from Adam in the woman. There is joy and delight in God's design. There's appreciation and valuing.

This is how we ought to be towards one another as male and female. The sermons over the past several weeks have emphasized how men and women are created of equal value as image-bearers of God. If we truly rejoiced in God's Triune glory, then we would rejoice in his plan to image forth his glory in both men and women! I'm drawn back to Romans, and how at the end of chapter 11, Paul worships God for who he is and how he's drawn people to himself in a glorious plan! Then, in 12:2, Paul says, ²Do not be conformed

⁵ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ps 96:1–3.

⁶ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ge 2:23.

to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”⁷ The word “discern” is the exact opposite word from Romans 1, which is the undiscerning or reprobate mind of those who do not trust the Lord.

Then, based on this statement, Paul launches into how we are to relate to each other within the church and within society. Finally, we get to chapter 16. That was one chapter in particular that I was looking forward to preaching. The names were fascinating. Men and women coming together under God’s saving rule in their lives – living for his glory as male and female united in mission and also distinct in roles. Paul names names of people (male and female) and how appreciative he is for them, and also how we should view them. Knowing God’s will, being discerning, worshipping the Lord in our lives affects us positively with how we relate to humanity.

So, what are ways we can rejoice in God’s design of two genders?

Recognize gender in the Scriptures. Some people tend to think that gender doesn’t matter whatsoever. Does it matter that Adam was male or Abraham was male or David? Actually, yes! But does that diminish Eve or Abigail or Mary? No! Gender, as we’ve talked about over the weeks, revealed the glorious unity and diversity within the Godhead. And, as I said regarding not separating the Godhead from himself, so with humanity. The stories of the Bible often include both men and women – and as they work together for God’s glory, they reveal a fuller picture of his image.

As we read about God’s design for maleness and femaleness in the Scripture, we will see a more compelling and beautiful way of living. The Scriptures will show us how we ought to live and respond. The Scriptures will correct our sinful thinking and conform us more to the image of Christ. As we read of genders in Scripture, we’ll see why men ought to live as men and women as women. We’ll see how confusing the genders ultimately suppresses reality and distorts our vision of the Creator. All sexual sin distorts the picture of God and is a distortion of his image-bearers. Therefore,

Pray for love for both genders. I imagine everyone battles sins related to genders. Maybe you view men as foolish individuals who you can’t trust. Or, you view women just a little less than equal in value. Or, maybe you worship men or women. Maybe you have sexual temptations that blur your vision of God’s good design of maleness and femaleness.

We are transformed by the renewing of our minds to know God’s will in relating to humanity. But, in our desire to obey, we must always be dependent. That’s why I say to pray. The will of God is to pray without ceasing. Prayer is our expression of dependence on our Triune God for help and strength to actually obey. What do we pray for? Ultimately, love. Colossians says that love is the binding agent for our unity in Christ. If we had genuine love for people – male and female – we would not use or abuse. If we truly believed their value, we would lift each other up. We would not think too highly of ourselves, but think highly of others – respecting them and seeking to glory in God with them.

Sharpen your understanding of gender. Maybe pinpoint an area where you feel weak in understanding gender and grow in your understanding. Many in our culture are bombarded with sexual immorality and pornography. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4 that God’s will is your sanctification (i.e. – growth in holiness). Therefore, abstain from sexual immorality. Interesting statement of Paul. God’s will is to flee from sexual immorality and to be holy. We will only flee through knowing our God more and praying to delight in him and his ways. How are you going to delight in his ways if you don’t really understand the point?

⁷ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ro 12:2.

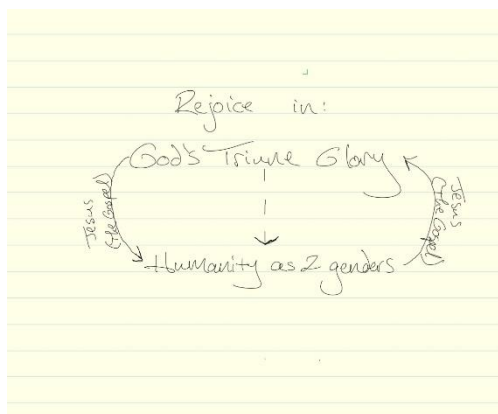
Sharpen your understanding of gender. Maybe you need to take the time to get to know women and/or men as human beings. It's sad to me that within certain churches, sometimes men or women are viewed as either the sexual objects to be afraid of or the predators. Now, I don't discount that there are predators and that there ought to be wisdom in male/female relationships. But if you have a mindset that you can't talk to women and befriend them as sisters in Christ because you might be sexually tempted, then you're letting fear of sin control you *not* fear of God. Go back to prayer, asking the Lord to increase your love for women. Also, women may not feel comfortable talking to a man because of fears of men and how they can speak or act. Within the church, we must seek to exhibit God's glory in the two genders working together for his glory. How are we going to do this if we don't grow in appreciating and valuing each gender. So, maybe read books on this. Read about your own gender. Read about the other gender. And, if you don't like reading, just get together with humans of both gender and seek to learn and point them to the Triune God!

Respond to God with rejoicing. Psalm 104:31 states, **“May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works. . .”**⁸ Does the Lord rejoice in his works? Yes! And, in the creation account, God rejoiced in his creation of humans above all other. Adam rejoiced in Eve. The Scriptures emphasize the value of both genders. Therefore, respond to God with rejoicing.

This means we ought to express our gratitude to God for the people in our lives – both men and women. And, this also means that we ought to express gratitude for the roles God has given to us as male and female. Honestly, I could be tempted to *not* like the responsibility God has given me as a man. Sometimes women can talk about wanting to be able to do all the exact same things as a man does. So, maybe some will say that they should be able to be a pastor because men can be pastors. But, it's frightening in some ways to think about the responsibility I have as a pastor. I incur a stricter judgment. I incur a stricter judgment as the husband and father in my family.

Now, I could just let Tracy take over, but that's not what I'm called to do. Instead, I should trust the Lord and praise him for the gift. Similarly with women. Don't begrudge your gender. Praise the Lord for it. Pray to him for wisdom in knowing how to live it out. Respond to God with gratitude

And, express that gratitude to one another. Like Paul did in Romans, and in his other letters, he expressed his gratitude for both men and women and for God's work through all of them! Rejoice!



So, by the gospel, rejoice in our triune God and his design. But, the picture hasn't been completed. We are to **rejoice by the gospel**. The picture has an arrow coming down and an arrow going up – which is to signify that the only way we broken humans could ever glory in God's Triune glory is through Jesus. In 1 Timothy 2:5, we read that there's only One Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. We need One who can bring us to God. So, as Paul says in Romans 10, instead of us trying to work our way up to God, God has given us Jesus to embrace and confess.

God sent Jesus, the very image of God to live perfectly on our behalf and to bring us to the Lord. By the gospel, we can rejoice in our Triune God and in humanity as 2 genders. So, why the arrow upwards? In this series, I heard the question, **“If the Trinity is reflected in God**

⁸ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ps 104:31.

creating genders, why didn't he made three genders?" That's a great question. And the Bible reveals the answer. First, the three-ness of God is not what's communicated through gender. Genesis 1 shows us that two genders are to reveal God's unity and diversity. But, when I make that statement, some can say, "Well then, it doesn't matter how many genders there are!" Yes, it does. Ben made the comment last week that two genders in marriage point to Christ and the Church. And, we've seen in the Sunday evening sermons the last couple weeks that two genders in the local church show the mediatorial work of Christ and the obedience of the church. Gender matters – and it also matters what gender does because what we do show more of the picture of the gospel. If women cease to be "helpers" as we've seen defined in Scripture, it distorts God's intentions. If men cease to lead, as Scriptures define, it distorts. If women are elders, there's distortion. If men don't lead in prayer in the church, there are distortions. If there are two men in marriage or two women, or one man and many women or many men and many women, there's distortions. And, we should not rejoice in these distortions. We should rejoice in God and his design to image forth his glory through a unity and diversity!

So, again, why only two genders and not three? Because **two genders point us to the gospel that reconciles us to our Triune God**. Through the gospel, we see the great unity and diversity within our Triune God. And, as we meditate on our Triune God and his gloriousness, we're changed more in his image as male and female. But we realize that we cannot change ourselves to be the men and women he's called us to be. So, we're reminded of the gospel again. And, the message of Jesus, by the power of the Spirit, meets us in our need, and we grow. As we are more conformed to the image of God as image-bearers, we are led to seek our God on the basis of Jesus. And, as we savor Jesus more, we behold our Triune God, and as we behold our Triune God, we are compelled again to become more like him. And, we are reminded of the Savior who we need, who changes us by the Spirit. And, as we are changed, we seek God's glory in Christ. And the cycles continues. This is one reason why I believe sexual immorality is so heightened in punishments in the New Testament (not that there weren't punishments in the Old Testament). But when you read Paul consistently emphasize sexual immorality, fornication, homosexuality as sin lists where he says, "those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom," you realize that God's salvation of human beings means a restoration of his image bearers. Those who don't care about being restored in his image. Those who aren't concerned about living out his glory as male and female, have not been saved by Jesus. This doesn't mean we don't have temptations and battles in various ways, but if we're rescued by Jesus, we will grow in our understanding and we will seek to fight against sexual sin and also sins that tear down the image of God in men and women. So, God has given gender to show unity and diversity. He's given two genders to represent the gospel. And, through the gospel, we can know our God who empowers us to live out his image.

By the power of the gospel, we rejoice more in our Triune God and in humanity as two genders. To put it another way, as we pursue Jesus together, we (as male and female) will exalt our Triune God together, and we (as male and female) will edify one another together, and we (as male and female) will evangelize the world together as humans created in God's image, being conformed to Christ.

For those of us know Jesus and the gospel, don't ever tire of rehearsing it and meditating on Christ. If you haven't trusted in the Lord, I pray you'd look to him for forgiveness and reconciliation with God. If you're confused and have more questions, there will be people up at the platform at the end of the service to answer questions and/or pray for you. But right now, I want to do what Ben asked last week. Take a few minutes to write down what repentance looks like for you. What does it mean to live in the gospel in such a way that you would rejoice in our Triune God and his design of humanity as two genders?