

“UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES” Part 3: ‘The Inequality Equality Act’ Pastor Mark Johnson

INTRO: God wants us to understand the times, know what to do, and do it (1Chron. 12:32)! The Equality Act is a bill that passed in the House and is now in the Senate.

I. WHAT IS THE EQUALITY ACT [H.R.5]?

- A. A bill that basically claims to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- B. It promotes the transgender ideology and agenda in every part of society (schools, businesses, churches, homes, stadiums, etc.).

II. WHAT DOES TRANSGENDER MEAN?

- A. **Transgender** - the belief that one’s gender can be chosen rather than is determined at conception or birth.
 - 1. Identify determines gender rather than biology.
 - 2. You can choose your gender regardless of biology.
- B. **Transition** - the process by which a person makes an effort to be recognized as the opposite gender.

III. HOW SHOULD FOLLOWERS OF JESUS RESPOND TO PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE TRANSGENDER?

- A. Love (Mk. 12:30-31; 1Jn. 4:7-8, 20-21)!!!
- B. The Golden Rule – *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you* (Luke 6:31).
- C. Full of Grace & Truth (John 1:14, 16-17).
 - 1. First grace, then truth!
 - 2. Most people don’t want to hear our truth until they first experience our grace!
- D. Compassion, Understanding & Commitment.
- E. Let’s treat all people this way at Jubilee!
 - 1. Many people struggling have been traumatized.
 - 2. How loved to sinners feel around you?

IV. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT TRANSGENDER?

- A. God only created two genders, male & female (Gen. 1:27-28).
- B. One may struggle with gender identity, but its not possible to change genders.
- C. God hasn’t given mankind the right to redefine or reassign gender!
 - 1. God created the male & female with the natural capacity to reproduce offspring.
- D. God instituted marriage between a male & female (Gen. 2:22, 24).
- E. All sex outside of marriage is sexual immorality (1Cor. 6:18; 10:8; 1Thess. 4:3; Rom. 1:28-32; etc.).
 - 1. This includes fornication and adultery, and also applies to same-sex relationships.
- F. What does the Bible say about homosexuality and gay marriage (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27; 1Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 1:7)?
 - 1. There are no examples of gay marriage in the Bible.
 - 2. Remember, sin is in the action, not the attraction!
- G. What about Science and Reason?
 - 1. Gender is determined by biology, not identity.
 - 2. Science hasn’t discovered transgender or gay genes.
 - 3. Feelings don’t determine reality.
 - 4. Believing something not true doesn’t make it true.
 - 5. Why isn’t government telling us to “*Follow the Science*” on transgender issues?

V. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EQUALITY ACT?

- A. These additional rights can only be given by removing existing rights from others.
- B. Opposing this ideology and agenda will be considered as discrimination and may be punished by law.
- C. This bill promotes Inequality for females, parents, teachers, health care professionals and Christians!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT ALL THIS?

- A. Fast and Pray and Obey!
- B. Share this information with others but do so respectfully.
- C. Encourage your U.S. Senators to vote “NO” on this bill.
- D. Know and exercise your rights as a parent.
- E. Know and inform your students of their rights.

CONCLUSION: Let’s walk in love. Let’s go to war and win!