

QA: Does the Bible Say Anything About "Self Identifying"? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Does the Bible say anything about "self- identifying"?

ANSWER: Yes, and it doesn't have a good ending.

1. Human Judgment Is Not Factual. Solomon said,

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. (**Proverbs 21:2**)

Jesus said,

"You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

Paul wrote,

For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. (1 Corinthians 4:4)

Solomon asked:

Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"? (Proverbs 20:9)

Only God can objectively judge human behavior.

2. Only God Can Factually Judge His Creation. Jesus said,

"He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?"" (Matthew 19:4-5)

God's Creation fact is still true, no matter what people may do. **Some** "self-identify" as being married, without being married; **or** fight for dominance and not being "one flesh;" **or** claim to "marry" the same sex; **or** claim to be "transgender." But God's Creation fact is forever established. Whatever, or whoever, attempts to change or circumvent God's heterosexual principle will end in abject failure!

3. Many "self-identify" as Christian, but Jesus said,

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher." (**Luke 6:40**)

"John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." (Mark 1:4)

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (Mark 1:9)

Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

God's public Word of endorsement came after Jesus was baptized in the water of the Jordan River. Likewise, it was only after people repented and were "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), that "the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends. (2 Corinthians 10:18)

"Self-identification" does not replace Bible and cannot pass the Judgment Day!

—— jtpll, August 20, 2023