

10-25-21 - Two Simple Questions

As a pastor my goal every week was to attempt to make the complex simple. As a simple guy myself I felt that I had a better grasp of Bible doctrine if I found ways to put it into simple terms. I know, many pastors pride themselves on being able to wax eloquent every week, but that was just not my style.

Recently I decided to see if we could do the same thing when looking at the subject of biblical naturism and here is what I came up with. It really boils down to two simple questions. The first question we must ask is how does God view the naked body...what is His view on the subject? By the way, that should be the basis for discovery on any doctrine. What is God's view on grace? What is God's view on forgiveness? What is God's view on the Law? As far as I am concerned, the best place to find out what God's view on a given subject is the Word of God...the Bible.

So, what is God's view of the naked body or the body in general?

Psalm 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 1:31

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

I Corinthians 12:23

And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

In a nutshell, God's view of us and our naked bodies is that they are:

1. wonderful
2. formed by His hand
3. made in His image
4. nothing to be ashamed of
5. very good
6. that no part of the body is less beautiful than any other part

Now, we get to the second question...does your view of the naked body match God's view? Does your pastor's view of the naked body match God's view? Does my church's view of the naked body match God's view?

If it doesn't, one of the views need to change so that they match. I am going to recommend that you not demand that God change His view, I am going to recommend that you get in line with God and His view.

I hope that this little exercise also helps with any discussion opportunities that may arise in the future. It's the perfect question to ask...does your view of the body match God's view?