

## "Diversity" -- the next word to fall

Over time, many Christian words, ideas, and symbols have been hijacked and their meanings have been corrupted and lost. The rainbow might be one of the most recognizable and contemporary examples of corruption. Once upon a time, it was the signature of God placed on the promise of mercy. Now it symbolizes acceptance of lifestyle choices that are not Divinely ordered. The word "marriage"

has expanded beyond Biblical boundaries; so have "man" and "woman." The term "gender," while not Biblical per se but certainly rooted in male and female, has been extrapolated exponentially from two to as many as seventy-two-ish. There is good evidence that the Zodiac was once a Divinely appointed message that is now very lost. Our Concordia Universities are all caught up in the Woke culture of "Diversity." The definition of the word "diversity" is shifting to take on a meaning different than in the past.

From a Biblical perspective, Christians have always been able to respect and celebrate diversity. On page one of the Bible, God clearly made endless diversity in the entire animal kingdom, the entire plant kingdom, as well as the stars. In 1 Cor 15:39ff, Paul makes this point as well, "Not all flesh is the same flesh; there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is different from that of the earthly ones. 41 There is a splendor of the sun, another of the moon, and another of the stars; in fact, one star differs from another star in splendor." The Psalmist writes that WE are all uniquely wrought by God's very hand – Ps 139:13-16 – and His plan for each of us was laid down prior to the dawn of Creation. Diversity was enhanced in the distribution of people into groups at the time of the Tower of Babel. (Genetic information only reinforces this truth.)

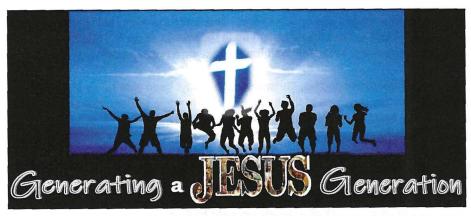
Diversity has always been a reason to celebrate the creative and artistic mind of God, our Creator. Now "Diversity" is evolving to be evil. While on the surface it sounds appropriate, it really means the acceptance and celebration of lifestyles that are contrary to God's divine appointments. AND, this definitional agenda is in all our schools. It is taught to the youngest of students. It is subtle and, superficially, it sounds good, but it is not about the need for forgiveness and repentance. It is about acceptance of behaviors that "do not need forgiveness," hence lead to hell. It is heart wrenching!

If we cannot teach the need for forgiveness, in fact if we move toward accepting these "diverse" behaviors as legitimate and as "healthy," we undermine all of Scripture. We ALL sin and we ALL need forgiveness. There is no room for disrespect or discrimination in this conversation. Disrespect and discrimination are the results of arrogance and pride. Christians should understand this better than any other worldview. We need to have a heart of mercy as God does and as He still reminds us by His signature in the sky—the rainbow!

This is a very real war that is happening right before our eyes with our children being the primary targets. We cannot be passive or apathetic, or we are lost and so are our children. Our churches and our schools NEED to stay the course and teach the Truth of Scripture in the face of cultural corruption. Stay the course – Heb 12:1-2. Stand your ground – Eph 6:10-20. Help us do the same.

Come Lord Jesus, Amen!

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The following was written by a Sophomore student for their Krause Scholarship application. This clearly illustrates how a Christian high school education impacts the lives of teens. "As said in Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' I feel like God gifted me with the ability to share God's Word when His plan led me to attend Martin Luther High School. I think this allows me to share His word because this school teaches me a lot about the Bible. It goes more in depth so I can tell my public-school friends and teach them more about the Bible. I know that I have to tell them because when I talk to them about this kind of stuff, they are close to clueless. It hurts to know how little they know about God's Word. Vocation can mean a lot of things, but to me, it means not to be ashamed of what God gave me and to use it to the best of my ability."