

Genderless Toy Sections and American Tolerance

“Right now, our teams are working [to] phase out gender-based signage. . . In the Toys aisles, we’ll also remove reference to gender, including the use of pink, blue, yellow or green paper” <https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/08/gender-based-signs-corporate>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Prov. 1:7)—even in gender! You thought it was obvious, but as you can see, even this knowledge is being rejected (evidenced by other news stories about “genderless bathrooms”). Paul identifies how such basic knowledge is lost in Ephesians 4:18--darkness is the result of ignorance which is the result of blindness (a mind that ignores known truth, Matt. 13:15; Rom. 1:28).

Do differences matter? Of course they do, but have you noticed our society ignoring many differences in pursuit of toleration over truth? American tolerance means you ignore differences and avoid believing that someone is right and someone is wrong. Have you seen this same mindset in “American religion”?

A “pastor” said this in *Christianity Today* (June 2010, p38-40; a magazine started by Billy Graham) about diverse teachings on divorce, eternal salvation security, second baptism of the Holy Spirit, and worship, “We accept the differences as a richness. It would be very boring if all the churches were the same. Imagine if God made just one flower; that would be boring.” Do differences matter? Did Jesus and His apostles praise different ideas and teachings? They taught so that all people would be of the *same mind and the same judgment* (1 Cor. 1:10; 4:17), but people today thank God for many kinds of churches (which exist because of contradictory teachings). Churches today, like our society, pride themselves on how tolerant they are. The mindset that ignores differences is a part of the problem that has aided the process of our society having toy departments and bathrooms that are “genderless.”

Before it is too late, pursue truth and do not tolerate sin.