



## Big Orange Crush by [John T Polk II](#)

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

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness (**Ephesians 4:17-19**).

In Knoxville, Tennessee, The University of Tennessee's (UT) Pride Center Director, Donna Braquet, requested on their website:

... That [a] teacher, rather than calling roll, will instead ask each student to provide the name and pronoun he or she — or “ze”— wishes to be referred by. She says it relieves a burden for people expressing different genders or identities. (*The [Nashville] Tennessean*, “Tennessee students asked to use gender-neutral pronouns,” August 30, 2015).

Why would anyone send their children to be educated by people who don't even recognize basic pronouns? In English, a noun is “the name of a person, place, or thing,” and a pronoun takes the place of a noun. What noun are these manufactured pronouns replacing? Try paying UT with checks signed by “ze!”

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes (**Proverbs 26:5**).

Let's begin with the basics. In the Beginning,

God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (**Genesis 1:27**).

Jesus Christ endorsed this by saying:

“From the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female'” (**Mark 10:6**).

Simply put, since the Creation and from birth, all humans are either “male” or “female.” Gender-wise, all who try to be what they are not are violating God's Will and Design. In English, gender pronouns are “he, she, or it.” Anyone who is not a “he” or a “she” is an “it.” The University of Tennessee at Knoxville is confused to request so-called “neutral” pronouns. UT's Volunteer football will be hard to follow if all jerseys have “ze” instead of their names!

The University of Tennessee's Pride Center Director has requested a gender-neutral pronoun, "ze," be used instead of student names. What's next: neutral answers in Mathematics and Biology? God created the gender distinction of "male and female" (**Genesis 1:27**). He condemned confusion of clothes:

A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God (**Deuteronomy 22:5**).

God condemns confusion of sexual practice:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived... Neither... homosexuals, nor sodomites... will inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

For UT to use pronouns that blur the distinction means they have sided with the ungodly and unrighteous. According to the Bible,

Those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them (**Romans 1:32**).

Has the University of Tennessee become an ivory tower of Babel?

Are there homosexuals in the church of Christ? Absolutely! The church of Christ in Corinth had members who **once were**:

... Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

The church of Christ began with murderers of Jesus Christ who were told to:

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**).

When they obeyed,

The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (**Acts 2:47**).

The church of Christ is made up of all kinds of sinners – *who have repented*. Paul reminded the Corinthians:

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (**1 Corinthians 6:11**).

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