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I HAVE BEEN THERE

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Galatians 6:1

Restoration can only apply to something or someone that once was, but is now not. What I mean to say is that to restore someone back into a family, they must first have been a member; to restore someone back into the family of God they must first have been "born again" into the body of Christ. Family members caught up in the "gender bender" parade must be made aware that, by their choice, they stand outside of God's will which should also be the families will.

As Christ followers we cannot accept their choice lest we also be tempted into sin. Even so, with gentleness, meekness, and sharing the truth in love, **restoration is possible through repentance, should those we love turn from sin; having a change in heart.** "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man (or a woman), but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12.

Who am I to write such words? I was once transgender; I have been there: I know the pain, I walked in the rain, and now, through Christ, my flesh has been slain.

David