

D2: The Home-Biblical Womanhood

"Male and female He created them... And behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:27, 31

WELLSPRING PURPOSE AND DISCIPLINES:

INTRODUCTION:

Complementarian:

1. Spiritual equality before God and each other.
2. Role differentiation in our families and in the church.

Grace Bible Church, Biblical Conviction 7 - Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in our Church:

1. The Old Testament

a. Spiritual Equality:

Man and woman are equally created in the image of God.

- Genesis 1:26-27

Sin distorted their God-given differentiation. Sin did not introduce it.

- Genesis 3:1-6, 16-19

b. Role Differentiation:

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:9

2. Jesus

a. Spiritual Equality:

- Matthew 13:33; 24:41; Luke 15:8-10
- John 4:25-26
- Luke 10:38-42
- Luke 8:43-48; Luke 13:10ff
- Luke 8:1-3
- John 20:1-18

b. Role Differentiation:

3. The Rest of the New Testament

a. Spiritual Equality:

- Gal. 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Acts 18:26 (Priscilla and Aquila)
- Phil. 4:2-3 (Euodia and Syntyche)
- 1 Peter 3:1-7

b. Role differentiation:

Church:

- 1 Cor. 11:1-16
- 1 Cor. 14:34-36
- 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 2:3-5; 2:12

Marriage:

- Eph. 5:22-33
- Col 3:18-21
- 1 Pt. 3:1-7

“As sinful genders who have come to taste God’s glory and life transforming work through the cross of Jesus, we see something beautiful and exalted in our biblical manhood and womanhood. We do not tolerate a “patriarchal”, out-dated view of the genders because that is what our tradition dictates. We embrace the spiritual equality AND the role differentiation given us from our sovereign God. Why? God has something to reveal about Himself through BOTH our spiritual equality AND our role differentiation. For instance, man and woman (2) gives to us a simpler picture of who our Triune (3 in 1) God is. There is spiritual equality within the Godhead but role differentiation between Members as well (1 Cor. 11:3).

We are eager that God be seen within our church family and our nuclear families as we rejoice in our spiritual equality at the cross as well as obediently embrace these distinct roles He has given us.”

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