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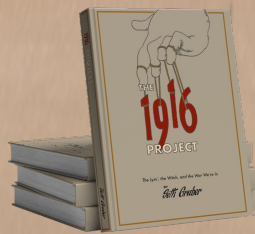
THESE TWO PASSAGES ARE THE LINCHPINS
OF THE ENTIRE GENDER ROLE DEBATE.

*WHY DID GOD CREATE TWO GENDERS
IF WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST?*

RECAP OF GENDER ROLES SERMONS FROM 2024

GENDER ROLES IN GENESIS 1-3 (2 PARTS)

LIFE – ARE WE NUTS? (4 PARTS)



Gender Roles in Genesis 1-3

Broken stereotypes of aggressive v. passive, male v. female

Exegesis of “you”: masculine v. feminine, singular v. plural

Husband is the head of the wife before the fall

God held Adam accountable for the sin of the couple

Woman is elevated as the pinnacle of creation, glory of the glory, natural beauty, gift of childbearing, vessel of the Messiah

Life – Are we nuts?

Every living thing God created multiplies

We live in a fallen world

Satan opposes life – 250 years of feminism, sexual revolution, birth control, lawlessness

We are to push back against the culture of death with life, love, and truth

Seth Gruber 1916 Project

THERE ARE TWO GENDERS, NOT ONE

← I TIMOTHY 2:8-15

I TIMOTHY 5:1-16

GENDER ROLES IN THE CHURCH
PART I



Today I am beginning a series on one of the most-contested verses in the Bible. I volunteered for this. Why? Because this is a passage I have personally wrestled with and finally came to understand.

<read title and subtitle>

We are continuing our series on the book of 1st Timothy. I needed to step away for 2 months to care for my mom, so we had to bump this portion of the series to later. We are now going to drop back to chapter two and pick up eight verses there.

When I came to this church in 2012 and started meeting leadership of our sister churches, I wondered, "Why are they so hung up on this one verse?" I quietly resisted for years... until I finally took time to do my own homework. I actually came away with the same conclusion. Multiple other scholars I have read said the same thing, "I started this journey wanting women to be permitted to do everything men do in the church, but after studying scripture thoroughly the case is simply not there. The 'plain reading of scripture' is accurate."

For years I thought to myself, “Why are they so hung up on this one verse? What is wrong with women teaching a man in church?”

I chose the side of feminism over God. We must strip away cultural demands of God and understand and obey what Scripture says here specifically.

This passage is in good company among many other prohibitions in scripture that culture rejects. We could simply start with the 10 Commandments. In saying this, however, I want to be careful in comparison not to elevate this as a salvation issue.

Volumes have been written in trying to both overturn this passage and to defend this passage. Two hundred years of feminism has a pry bar wedged under it and leaning in with full weight. Their aim is to dismantle what God created and defined as good. If you peel away 200 years of western feminism, you will find that this passage simply says what it says. And, it has been viewed that way for centuries without contest.

Do you bristle at the thought of scripture restricting your behavior? Scripture limiting women? That is certainly our culture’s spin. I hope by the time we are done with this series to help you lower your shields and trust God on this one. Please trust me as we unveil the beauty in God’s design over the next several weeks.

Your bulletin insert has a place to take notes as we go along and some resources to consider.

By the way, my laptop and PowerPoint were struggling last night. You might see a mix of upper case and lower case fonts in these slides. Those are random glitches from the computer and not intended as emphasis on any particular point.

My name is Ashley McGlone, and I am one of the elders here at New Song. We are glad you are with us today.

I TIMOTHY 2:8-15 (ESV)

[8] I DESIRE THEN THAT IN EVERY PLACE THE MEN SHOULD PRAY, LIFTING HOLY HANDS WITHOUT ANGER OR QUARRELING; [9] LIKEWISE ALSO THAT WOMEN SHOULD ADORN THEMSELVES IN RESPECTABLE APPAREL, WITH MODESTY AND SELF-CONTROL, NOT WITH BRAIDED HAIR AND GOLD OR PEARLS OR COSTLY ATTIRE, [10] BUT WITH WHAT IS PROPER FOR WOMEN WHO PROFESS GODLINESS—WITH GOOD WORKS.

Let's begin by reading the full eight verses that we are going to cover over the next several weeks.

I TIMOTHY 2:8-15 (ESV)

[11] LET A WOMAN LEARN QUIETLY WITH ALL
SUBMISSIVENESS. [12] I DO NOT PERMIT A
WOMAN TO TEACH OR TO EXERCISE
AUTHORITY OVER A MAN; RATHER, SHE IS TO
REMAIN QUIET.

I TIMOTHY 2:8-15 (ESV)

[13] FOR ADAM WAS FORMED FIRST, THEN EVE; [14] AND ADAM WAS NOT DECEIVED, BUT THE WOMAN WAS DECEIVED AND BECAME A TRANSGRESSOR. [15] YET SHE WILL BE SAVED THROUGH CHILDBEARING—IF THEY CONTINUE IN FAITH AND LOVE AND HOLINESS, WITH SELF-CONTROL.

GENDER ROLES IN THE CHURCH -- I TIMOTHY 2 & 5

- { TWO VIEWS
- “DIFFICULT” PASSAGES
- CONTEXT - EPHESUS & I TIMOTHY
- GENDER DIFFERENCES - VV.8-10
- PERMISSIONS OF WOMEN - VV.11-12
- SUPPORT FROM GENESIS - VV.13-15
- { MEN’S LEADERSHIP ROLES - ELDERS & DEACONS - I TIMOTHY 3 }
- WOMEN’S ROLES - I TIMOTHY 5:1-16

WHY?

CULTURE IS LOST



Secularization, deconstruction, humanism, Darwinism, relativism, postmodernism, _____ism, etc. These have all led us down into a grey existence where no one has unique value, or even has any basis upon which that value can rest.

That formless void is a pit of sin, darkness, and anxiety. This is our “culture”.

If you are different from me, you are my enemy. (male/female, young/old, rich/poor, etc.) This is the enmity of the world.

Our souls ache for love, significance, and security. (June Hunt)

God speaks into that formless void to say you are made in His image, with purpose, and so valuable that he gave the life of His own Son for you.

And that is what we call “excavating souls from the ruins of the Fall”.

WHY? I TIMOTHY 3-4

14 I HOPE TO COME TO YOU SOON, BUT I AM WRITING THESE THINGS TO YOU SO THAT, 15 IF I DELAY, YOU MAY KNOW HOW ONE OUGHT TO BEHAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, A PILLAR AND BUTTRESS OF THE TRUTH. ...

I NOW THE SPIRIT EXPRESSLY SAYS THAT IN LATER TIMES SOME WILL DEPART FROM THE FAITH BY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO DECEITFUL SPIRITS AND TEACHINGS OF DEMONS, 2 THROUGH THE INSINCERITY OF LIARS WHOSE CONSCIENCES ARE SEARED, 3 WHO FORBID MARRIAGE AND REQUIRE ABSTINENCE FROM FOODS THAT GOD CREATED TO BE RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH. 4 FOR EVERYTHING CREATED BY GOD IS GOOD, AND NOTHING IS TO BE REJECTED IF IT IS RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING, 5 FOR IT IS MADE HOLY BY THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER.

God's design is true and good

Satan's scheme is to deceive and destroy

Paul is telling Timothy to command the good and guard against the bad.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Forbid marriage. Today much of culture simply ignores marriage. Our society is so broken by Marxism and postmodernism that every institution has been torn down, including the family.

Truth vs Lies

Demonic deceiving liars with no conscience, those are the ones who say to reject marriage and God's design for men and women

Seth Gruber's book The 1916 Project documents this thoroughly

INSIDE THE CHURCH

If the church doesn't stand for the truth, who will?

We, the church, stand for the truth of God's word and design.

Nothing good that God made is to be rejected.

However, the American Evangelical church has been giving up ground to culture for 100 years.

Doing more to look like culture than to look like God. (style of dress, music, etc.)
Now, in this weakened condition, the church is struggling to respond to the pressure of culture. Culture wants to move the line, and evangelicals have moved the line willingly for years. At what point does the line stop moving?
Either we take God at his word or we do not.
Satan will leverage the very goodness of God within our created image to lure us away from obedience to God... toxic empathy.

This is exactly what Paul charged Timothy to do: teaching and defending the truth against false doctrine that would emerge from within.

A Failure of Nerve (Edwin Freidman)

TWO VIEWS ON GENDER ROLES

COMPLEMENTARIAN

- 1987 DANVERS STATEMENT, 2017 NASHVILLE STATEMENT
- EQUAL IN VALUE AND DIGNITY, ASSIGNED DIFFERENT ROLES BY GOD
- MEN AS THE LEADERS IN THE HOME AND CHURCH
- WOMEN AS SUPPORTING AND NURTURING ROLES
- HARMONY AND BALANCE ACHIEVED WHEN BOTH SEXES FULFILL THEIR GOD-GIVEN ROLES

EGALITARIAN

- 1970S-80S "BIBLICAL FEMINISM" MOVEMENT
- EQUAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE, INCLUDING MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY
- ANY DIFFERENCES ARE CULTURAL RATHER THAN DIVINE MANDATES
- MUTUAL SUBMISSION AND SHARED LEADERSHIP, A PARTNERSHIP MODEL TRANSCENDING HISTORICAL PATRIARCHAL NORMS
- ALL SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND CALLINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER



[HTTPS://CHURCHLEADERS.COM/PASTORS/471354-COMPLEMENTARIANISM-EGALITARIANISM.HTML](https://churchleaders.com/pastors/471354-complementarianism-egalitarianism.html)

These are not Biblical terms. You will not find them in your Bible. These are terms originating in the 1980s to represent the two majority views of men's and women's roles.

It simplifies conversations on the topic when you need to identify a position. So these are terms of convenience, not doctrine.

These are interpretations of scripture. They are not scripture.

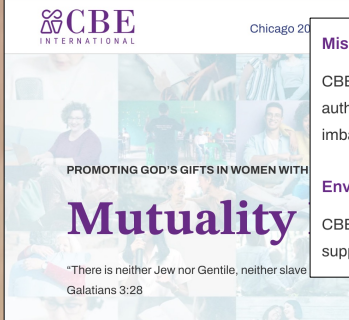
This is not a salvation issue. Yet it does play out in how a church operates, as we read here in 1 Timothy.

And we show Christ's love to people who do not hold the same view.

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Core Values

- Scripture is our authoritative guide for faith, life, and practice.
- Patriarchy (male dominance) is not a biblical ideal but a result of sin that manifests itself personally, relationally, and structurally.
- Patriarchy is an abuse of power, taking from women and girls what God has given them: their dignity, freedom, and leadership, and often their very lives.

Mission Statement

CBE exists to promote the biblical message that God calls women and men of all cultures, races, and classes to share authority equally in service and leadership in the home, church, and world. CBE's mission is to eliminate the power imbalance between men and women resulting from theological patriarchy.

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CBE envisions a future where all believers are freed to exercise their gifts for God's glory and purposes, with the full support of their Christian communities.

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“Biblical feminism” movement started in the 1970s

Let's read the mission and values of this organization

Notice Galatians 3:28 on the front of the web site. That's the verse we read earlier, “no male or female”.

This is emotional toxic empathy. “You don't women to be abused do you?” Of course not.

1987 THE COUNCIL ON BIBLICAL MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

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Danvers Statement – Biblical manhood and womanhood
Nashville Statement – LGBTQ

See cbmw.org for the full statement. It is a quick read.

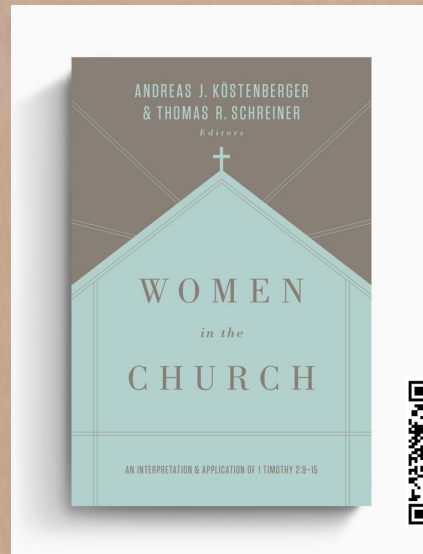
**WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:
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I have great respect for the authors of this book. It was very helpful to me in preparing for this series, and I recommend it to you for reading. I have two loaner copies here that I would be glad to share with you.

humble, thorough, careful, scholarly, accessible

First released in 2005.

Second edition 2015.

Third edition 2025.

Each edition improves significantly over the former.

My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Ecclesiastes 12:12

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When I first began studying this issue in earnest, I wanted to believe that Scripture places no limitations on women in ministry and that every ministry position is open to them. As a student, I read many articles on the question, hoping that I could be convinced exegetically that all ministry offices should be opened to women. Upon reading the articles, though, I remained unconvinced intellectually and exegetically that the new interpretations of the controversial passages were plausible. Indeed, reading the egalitarian interpretations persuaded me that the complementarian view was true, since the former involved unlikely interpretations of the so-called problem passages. I remember saying to a friend who is a New Testament scholar, “I would like to believe the position you hold. But it seems as if you have to leap over the evidence of the text to espouse such a position.” He replied, “Tom, you are right. Take that leap. Take that leap.” Leaping over the evidence is precisely what I am unwilling to do. Thus, I remain unconvinced intellectually and exegetically that the egalitarian position is tenable. The complementarian position seems unloving and discriminatory to many, and the general atmosphere of our society encourages people to liberate themselves from traditional views. American culture often lauds those who discard conventional positions and brands those who advocate new positions as courageous, creative, and thoughtful. On the other hand, those who hold the

complementarian view may be thought of as contentious, narrow, and perhaps even psychologically hampered... The truth or falsity of both views must be established by an intensive exegesis of the biblical text.

OTHERS SAID THE SAME

MIKE WINGER

- A YEAR OF RESEARCH AND 40 HOURS OF VIDEOS LATER

ASHLEY MCGLONE

*- WORKING OUT MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE*

You and I don't have time to read stacks of books on a given topic. These men have. I have come to trust their research and their heart on multiple topics. I commend them to you.

They both arrived at the same conclusion after months of extensive research.

HONEST CRITIQUE OF EGALITARIANISM



Rosaria Butterfield

If we use a hermeneutic that declares that we will obey God unless he asks us to do things that do not correspond with our cultural wisdom, our personal experience, or our heartfelt desire, we are not honoring God. When we do this, we fail to recognize that original sin has distorted us at the level of our hearts and minds, leaving us in a posture of grave discontentment.

Trillia Newbell

The winds and changes of culture don't inform our view of Scripture; Scripture informs our view of culture.

I can see how that would be difficult if one equates different with unequal, which we do not. Paul continually shares the beauty of God's design in creating us all so different. We have varying gifts, and they are to be used to encourage and serve the body. This is a good thing.

A largely emotional argument requiring significant, creative reinterpretation of scripture.

Dismiss key passages as no longer relevant and limited to the culture of the context.

What is God's purpose in two genders? Was God wrong? Is scripture wrong?

Forced equality suppresses unique purpose

The oppression language of the egalitarian position rings of critical theory which does not have its origins in scripture (think DEI)

Edwin Freidman – “herd mentality”, no one can be special, everyone gets a trophy

COMPLEMENTARIAN POSITIVES



Recognizes uniqueness of genders as created by God and labeled “very good” by God

Elevates the role of motherhood rather than following 250 years of feminist rebellion against God’s design

Defends the dignity of women

Condemns abuse of women by aggressive men (labeled “patriarchy” by the egalitarians)

It is not about ability, rather obedience, for both men and women

Champions on the gospel for all souls

Rooted in timeless plain reading of scripture

“PLAIN READING OF SCRIPTURE”

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCH BOOK
“IT SAYS WHAT IT SAYS.”



MALE AND FEMALE

SAME

- IMAGE OF GOD
- SALVATION IN CHRIST
- VALUE BEFORE GOD
- DIGNITY BEFORE OTHERS
- CREATION MANDATE: BE FRUITFUL,
MULTIPLY, SUBDUE, DOMINION
OVER CREATION

DIFFERENT

- BIOLOGY, NATURES
- ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- IN HOME AND CHURCH

Genesis is the foundation
Everything created by God is good
All of this is under attack

HOW DO WE APPROACH “DIFFICULT” PASSAGES?

*EXPOSITORY PREACHING THE “FULL
COUNCIL OF GOD” DOES NOT ALLOW US TO
DODGE CHALLENGING VERSES.*



AUTHORITY VS LAWLESSNESS

- AUTHORITY OF GOD
- AUTHORITY OF GOD'S DESIGN
- AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD
- AUTHORITY STRUCTURE THAT GOD PUT IN PLACE
- ALL OF THIS AUTHORITY IS CHALLENGED FOR ALL OF TIME BY SATAN
- LAWLESSNESS IN CULTURE HAS A BROKEN VIEW OF AUTHORITY

DIFFICULT? ME OR GOD?

- SIN AND SELF
- SLIPPERY SLOPE
- SUPREMACY OF SCRIPTURE
- STUDY TO UNDERSTAND
- SUBMIT AND SURRENDER

Sin and self obscure our view of scripture. That is the culture. Slippery slope of tearing down or bending scripture to allow for our disobedience. Did God really say?

Supremacy of Scripture.

Acknowledge that scripture is over us. We are not over scripture.

This is the Word of God. God is good. God's word is good. Would you instruct God? (1 Cor 2:16; 1 Cor 3:1-3; Romans 11:33-36; Job 41:11; Isaiah 40:12-14)

Study to understand.

Text, Context, History, Author, Audience

Submit. Surrender my view to match God's, not the other way around.

And we must have the proper attitude, not a rebellious one of "oh well, we have to do what it says" but "this is God's loving

design for our lives”. Recognize where rebellious attitudes
landed ancient Israel.

Obey.

WHAT WAS PAUL'S INTENT?

LOVE, PURE, GOOD, SINCERE, TRUE

[5] THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE THAT ISSUES FROM A PURE HEART AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE AND A SINCERE FAITH. [6] CERTAIN PERSONS, BY SWERVING FROM THESE, HAVE WANDERED AWAY INTO VAIN DISCUSSION, [7] DESIRING TO BE TEACHERS OF THE LAW, WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING EITHER WHAT THEY ARE SAYING OR THE THINGS ABOUT WHICH THEY MAKE CONFIDENT ASSERTIONS.

I TIMOTHY 1:5-7

*"THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK,
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- PAUL ON THE GOSPEL

GALATIANS 3:26 FOR IN CHRIST JESUS YOU ARE ALL SONS OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH.

Galatians 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians is all about not wandering away from the true gospel.

1 Timothy is about how the household of God operates.

With regard to male and female, these are two different and compatible topics in scripture.

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- PAUL ON CHURCH ORDER

SUMMARY STATEMENT



You can find this full statement in the sermon notes on the website.

Men and women have equal value before God, and God has given them unique natures, roles, and responsibilities within the home and church. Leadership roles are reserved for men, as demonstrated in both OT & NT patterns and teaching. All believing women and men are charged with a wide range of good works outlined in scripture and suited to God's design for gender strengths. This structure is prescribed for the household of God. While these gender role differences are anecdotally observed in secular contexts, scriptural gender roles are not enforced there. Scripture opposes any view that undermines the dignity of either men or women.

LET'S TALK



As with any sermon series, we only have so much time. You may have questions about what we discussed today.

The elders are always open to questions and discussing what we present on Sunday mornings.

Please feel free to reach out. This is a community church where we enjoy Bible discussions.

Remember if have two loaner copies of this book I will gladly share with you.

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IT IS GOOD.**

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I TIMOTHY 4:4



And next week... (next slide)

GODLINESS INSIDE AND OUT

I TIMOTHY 2:8-10
ANGRY MEN AND FANCY WOMEN



BENEDICTION

REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE PRAYER DOWN FRONT AFTER SERVICE.

LET US STAND FOR THE BENEDICTION:

I TIMOTHY 4:4

FOR EVERYTHING CREATED BY GOD IS GOOD,
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THIS WEEK LET US GIVE THANKS FOR EVERY GOOD THING GOD HAS GIVEN US.
YOU ARE DISMISSED.