

TITLE: THE FATHER'S HEADSHIP
OVER CHRIST AND CHRIST'S
HEADSHIP OVER THE MAN IS
THE BASIS FOR THE MAN'S
HEADSHIP IN THE HOME

Message #3

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

DEFINITIONS

- The Effeminate Left – There are **NO** differences between male and female. “All is one.” This is the extreme left.
- Egalitarianism – The removal or denial of many differences, roles between men and women. This is the link between the Bible’s position and the extreme left. Is an overemphasis on equality to the denial of some of the differences between male and female.
- Complementarianism – There is equality and differences between the male and the female which results in unity.
 - ▣ 2-POINT – Different roles in the home and church
 - ▣ 1-POINT – Different roles in the home – not in church
- The Dominant-Male-Position – Is the overemphasis on the differences between the male and the female with various degrees of denying equality.
- The Violent Right – There is **NO** equality between male and female, “might makes right.”

EQUALITY – DIFFERENCES – UNITY



**THE EQUALITY BETWEEN
MEN AND WOMEN
REFLECTS THE EQUALITY
IN THE TRINITY**

EQUALITY – DIFFERENCES - UNITY



**THE DIFFERENT ROLES
BETWEEN MEN AND
WOMEN REFLECT THE
DIFFERENT ROLES SEEN
IN THE TRINITY**

THE DOCTRINE OF HEADSHIP IN THE TRINITY

- **1 Corinthians 11:3, But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**
- Jesus Christ joyfully submits to the headship of God the Father. Submission to headship is a beautiful practice and a divine practice.

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST'S HEADSHIP OVER THE MAN

- **1 Corinthians 11:3, But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**
- **Ephesians 5:23, For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

THE DOCTRINE OF MAN'S HEADSHIP IN THE HOME

- **1 Corinthians 11:3, But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.**

THE HEADSHIP HIERARCHY



GOD THE FATHER IS THE HEAD OF CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE MAN

THE MAN IS THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN

MALE HEADSHIP IS SEEN IN MARRIAGE BEFORE THE FALL

- 1. The order of creation. Adam was created first, then Eve (Genesis 2:7, 8-23; I Timothy 2:12-13).
- 2. The representation. Adam, not Eve, had a special role in representing the human race. “In Adam,” not “In Eve” all die (I Corinthians 15:22).
- 3. The naming of Eve. When God made the first woman and brought her to the man he called her “woman.”
- 4. The naming of the human race – “mankind.”
- 5. The primary accountability is seen with man when God spoke to Adam first after the Fall.

MALE HEADSHIP BEFORE THE FALL

- 6. The purpose of Eve's creation was to be a helper suited for Adam. She was fit to his needs.
- 7. The curse and sin brought a distortion of previous roles, not the introduction of new roles. She would now have an inward urging and impulsion to oppose his headship and man will have an impulse to misuse his authority.
- 8. The restoration process in salvation is seen restoring the proper order and attitudes in the home (Colossians 3:18-19).
- 9. The mystery from the beginning of creation that marriage was a picture of the relationship of Christ and the church. They were created to represent that relationship (Ephesians 5:23).
- 10. The parallels to the Trinity: the equality, differences and unity between the Persons of the Trinity should be reflected in His creation of male and female.

PITFALLS OF HUSBANDS/WIVES AS IT RELATES TO HEADSHIP/SUBMISSION

	ERRORS OF PASSIVITY	BIBLICAL MODEL	ERRORS OF AGGRESSIVENESS
HUSBAND	The Wimpy Male Mr. Milk Toast Egalitarian home by default. The man following the woman.	Headship The loving, humble leader	The Tyrant, harsh, Unloving, cruel Dominant Male Violent Right
WIFE	The Doormat “He walks all over me” Dominant Male Violent Right	Submission Intelligent, humble Follower	The Usurper “She wears the pants in the home” Egalitarian by domineering wife. The wife leading the man.

THE EGALITARIAN OBJECTIONS TO MALE HEADSHIP

- **Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**
- **ARGUMENT #1 – The Egalitarian teaches that Galatians 3:28 abolishes the role distinctions in marriage and in the church.**

INTERPRETING GALATIANS 3:28

- The Egalitarian claims that there is “neither male nor female,” and that all are “one in Christ.” They apply this equality to the distinct roles of male and female. That such gender distinctions in the role are now abolished.
- The verse is teaching our spiritual unity in Christ as a result of salvation. There was to be no sense of pride and superiority between the genders, races, classes. All are apart of one body. Paul is emphasizing our position in Christ, not our function or roles in the body.
- Romans 14:4-5 states that all the members in the body do not function the same. Different roles are spelled out in I Corinthians 3:8.
- The text does not abolish the roles of men and women in the home or in the church.

THE EGALITARIAN OBJECTIONS TO MALE HEADSHIP

- **Ephesians 5:21, Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**
- **ARGUMENT #2 –** The Egalitarian interprets this verse to mean that wives are to submit to their husbands and husbands are to submit to their wives. This implies that there is not a head of the home, nor an authority structure. The husband and wife are seen mutually submitting to each other removing the need of headship.

INTERPRETING EPHESIANS 5:21

- The Egalitarian states that this text requires the husband to submit to his wife. He owes this to her. They also teach that the man has no unique authority over his wife.
- If mutual submission means being considerate, thoughtful, in tune, seeking input, caring for the other person, then the Biblicist could agree with this practice, but is that the context?
- Paul routinely states a general practice/principle in his epistles and then proceeds to illustrate ways to obey that general principle. This is true in Ephesians 5.
- The word “subject” always has in mind submission to an authority. The context teaches that believers are to be subject to others who hold a position of authority (i.e. husbands, parents, masters, government officials). These roles are never reversed!
- We are to submit to whatever authorities that are over us.

WORD STUDY ON “SUBMITTING”

- Submission is not a “dirty” word. It is a beautiful word and practice. Christ submits to His Father.
- The meaning of the word to “to submit” or “to be subject to” is always found in the context of submission to an authority. This subjection is always one directional, not mutual.
- In Wayne Gruden’s book *Evangelical Feminism and Biblical Truth*, he gives examples of all 82 references to the use of “to submit, to subject.”

EXAMPLES OF ONE-DIRECTIONAL SUBMISSION IN THE BIBLE

- Jesus was subject to His parents (Luke 2:51).
- Demons were subject to the disciples (Luke 10:17).
- Citizens are to be subject to the government (Romans 13:1, 5; Titus 3:1; I Peter 2:13).
- The universe is “in subjection” to Christ (I Corinthians 15:27).
- Angels are subject to Christ (I Peter 3:22).
- Christ is subject to the Father (I Corinthians 15:28).
- Church members are to be subject to their spiritual leaders in the church (I Peter 5:5).
- Wives are to be subject to their own husbands (Ephesians 5:22, 24; Colossians 3:18; Titus 2:5; I Peter 3:5).
- The Church is subject to Christ (Ephesians 5:24).
- Servants are to be subject to their masters (Titus 2:9; I Peter 3:18).

THE EGALITARIAN OBJECTIONS TO MALE HEADSHIP

- **Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**
- **ARGUMENT #3 – The Egalitarian teaches that the word “head” does not mean a person in a position of authority. They erase that meaning from the use of the word and redefine the word to mean “source” or something other than a “person in authority.”**

INTERPRETING THE WORD “HEAD”

- The Egalitarian wants to apply this verse and say that the man was the source of the woman in creation, just as Christ is the source of salvation for the new creation – the church.
- The fact is that the Greek word in the Greek literature outside the use of the Bible always used the word to describe a person in a position of authority.
- The Egalitarian gives the word a sense, a definition that it never had in its Greek usage.

HEADSHIP IN THE TRINITY – HEADSHIP IN THE HOME

- HEADSHIP IN THE HOME REFLECTS ON THE HEADSHIP THAT IS SEEN IN THE PERSONS OF THE TRINITY AND CHRIST'S HEADSHIP OVER THE MAN AND THE CHURCH
- We are made in the image and likeness of God, “male and female.” This is seen within marriage by our equality, our differences in our roles, and by the headship/submission pattern. When these truths are appreciated and realized in marriage there will be unity and there will be seen the right view of the nature of God.