

# TITLE: THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S POSITION ON MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

Message #4

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S THEME

- Equality, differences and unity.

THE TRINITY  
God the Father  
God the Son  
God the Holy  
Spirit

THE FAMILY  
The Husband  
The Wife  
The Children

THE CHURCH  
Christ  
The Shepherds  
The Sheep

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S THEOLOGY

- God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Each Person of the Trinity is equal in value and essence.
- Each Person of the Trinity has different roles.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW ON MAN AND WOMAN

- Husband and wife equal.
- Equal value.
- Each has different roles.
- There is to be no competition between their roles. Both are called upon to carry out the unified set of responsibilities God has given.
- Both should seek in a unified way to accomplish such responsibilities.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE

- Husband: loving, humble, servant-leadership
- Wife: intelligent, joyful submission to husband
- There will be a division of responsibilities in the home. The husband is primarily responsible to lead, to provide for, and to protect his family.
- The wife will be primarily helping her husband by managing the household and nurturing children the children.
- Both will be willing to help the other in his or her area of primary responsibility.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF CHILDREN

- Children are loved, cared for, valued.
- Children raised with discipline and love.
- Children will have respect for their parents and authorities.
- Children have equal value as parents because they are made in the image of God.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

- The husband is responsible to lead, provide for, protect.
- The wife is responsible to help husband by managing household and nurturing children.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF SEX

- Monogamous, equally fulfilling intercourse as deepest expression of a great “mystery.”
- Equality, differences and unity.
- **Malachi 2:15, And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.**

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF DESIRES

- Natural desires fulfilled.
- Men and women have deep sense of acting as God made them to act.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF CHURCH

- Some governing and teaching roles in church restricted to men.
- Women to exercise their spiritual gifts.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF AUTHORITY



- Authority exercised within boundaries.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF SPORTS

- Competition with fairness and rules.
- Winners honored.
- Losers respected.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF CRIME

- Punishment is speedy, fair aims at justice plus restoration of criminal.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF PROPERTY

- Law protects private property and care for poor; more work and skill earns more wealth; equal opportunity for all.

# THE COMPLEMENTARIAN'S VIEW OF EDUCATION

- Boys and girls both educated, but different preferences, abilities, and sense of calling respected.

# COMPLEMENTARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, BOOKS, ETC.

- The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW). Founded in 1987 ([www.cbmw.org](http://www.cbmw.org)). The Council had thirty board members (23 men, 7 women; one board member is Pat Robertson another is a teacher of New Testament at Oral Roberts University – Siegfried Schatzmann
- The Danvers Statement (page 471 of textbook) was prepared by several evangelical leaders at an early Council on Biblical manhood and womanhood in Danvers, Massachusetts in December 1987.
- D. A. Carson, Andreas J. Kostenberger, Thomas Scheiner, Robert Yarbrough, Douglas Moo, Dorothy Patterson, Mary Kassian
- Crossway Publishers

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- Audio and notes are available free of charge at [www.centralseminary.edu](http://www.centralseminary.edu)
- Dr. Kevin Bauder, Evangelical Feminism and the Redemptive Movement Hermeneutic: Should Women be Ordained?
- Dr. Jim Juvinal, Consequence Beyond Imagination: Yesterday's "Sorrow" – Today's Affliction