

TITLE: THE DIFFERENT
ROLES OF THE TRINITY
ARE THE BASIS FOR THE
DIFFERENT ROLES OF
MEN AND WOMEN

Message #2

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

EQUALITY – DIFFERENCES –
UNITY



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

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.”

THE ROLES OF GOD THE FATHER

- His very title “Father” and His label of “the first person of the Trinity” suggest that His function is that of Headship – Leadership.
- He is seen as the Source
- The Architect, the Planner
 - ▣ His Role in Creation
 - ▣ His Role in Salvation
- The Director, Leader, Initiator, Sender
- The Father sends the Son to do His will and work
- The Role of Headship over the Son

THE ROLE OF GOD THE FATHER IN SALVATION

- **1 Peter 1:2**, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
- **John 3:16**, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE ROLES OF GOD THE SON

- He is seen as the Means, the Sent One, the Achiever of salvation
- The Carpenter
 - His Role in Creation – He created it.
 - His Role in Salvation – He accomplished it.
- The Son is eternally “begotten/generated” from the Father. Eternal Sonship implies eternal subordination. The Father is never said to be “begotten” from anyone.
- The Son is subject to the Father not only for time but for eternity (I Corinthians 15:24, 28).
- The Son sits at the right hand of God the Father. The Father does not sit at the right hand of the Son (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3, 13; I Peter 3:22).

JESUS CHRIST'S ROLE IN CREATION

- **John 1:3**, All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- **Colossians 1:16**, For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

JESUS CHRIST'S ROLE IN SALVATION

- **1 Peter 3:18**, For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
- **1 John 2:2**, And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

JESUS CHRIST DID HIS FATHER'S WILL

- **John 5:30**, I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- **Luke 22:42**, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
- **Galatians 1:4**, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

JESUS CHRIST DID HIS FATHER'S WORK

- **John 4:34**, Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- **John 9:4**, I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- **John 17:4**, I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- **John 19:30**, When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

THE ROLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The Effector and Applicator
 - ▣ His Role in Creation
 - ▣ His Role in Salvation – He applies salvation.
- The Applier, The Connector, The Enabler
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father (John 15:26). The Father sends the Spirit. The Spirit never is seen sending the Father. There is a functional subordination of the Holy Spirit to the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is subject both to the Father and the Son.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN CREATION

- **Genesis 1:2**, And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- **Job 33:4**, The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN SALVATION

- **John 3:5**, Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- **Titus 3:5**, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN THE TRINITY

- ROLES
- AUTHORITY/SUBMISSION
 - The headship of the Father (Parallels the role of the husband)
 - The voluntary, willing, joyful submission to that authority by the Son to the Father (Parallels the role of the wife)
 - The voluntary, willing, joyful submission to the authority of both the Father and Son by the Holy Spirit (Parallels the role of the children). The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

In marriage the husband is the head, the authority. He is to be the loving leader. The wife is to submit willingly, intelligently and joyfully to his leadership. Children are to submit to both their father and their mother.

HEADSHIP AND SUBMISSION IN THE HOME – Seven Key NT Passages

- **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.
- **1 Corinthians 14:34**, Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
- **Ephesians 5:22-24**, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (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. (5:24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
- **Colossians 3:18**, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
- **1 Timothy 2:12**, But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- **Titus 2:5**, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- **1 Peter 3:1**, Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

HEADSHIP AND SUBMISSION

- The relationship of authority and submission between equals, with mutual giving of honor, is the most fundamental and most glorious interpersonal relationship in the universe. It is a manifestation of love.
- To tamper with these truths is to tamper with the very nature of God. The egalitarian in their practice reshapes the Trinity and distorts our view of God.
- When did the idea of headship and submission begin? It never began! It has always existed in the eternal nature of God Himself (i.e. eternal Sonship; eternal procession of the Holy Spirit).

EQUALITY – DIFFERENCES - UNITY



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

MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL BUT HAVE DIFFERING ROLES

- Both Adam and Eve were created in the image of God, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood.
- Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order.
- Egalitarians do not affirm created differences.
- The Dominant Male in his practice does not affirm the equality of male and female.

THE CREATED ORDER OF MALE AND FEMALE WAS “VERY GOOD”

- **Genesis 1:31, And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**

- 1. This created order is fair!
- 2. This created order is a mystery!
- 3. This created order is beautiful!
- 4. Every thing about this created order is “very good.”

THE DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S MANNER OF CREATING ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 2:7, And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- Man was made fully in an unmediated fashion.
- God formed him from the dust of the earth.
- Adam was created first.

Genesis 2:22, And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

- Woman was created in a mediated fashion.
- He would create woman from the side/rib of man and make her in the image of God.
- Her constitution, her nature, was rooted in and derived life from the life, constitution, and nature of the man. In her creation, there was a God-chosen dependence on the man.
- She was created from his side to come alongside of the man to be his helper.

DEFINITIONS OF MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY

- The Definition of Masculinity: “At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationship.” (Page 35 of *Vision of Biblical Complementarity: Manhood and Womanhood Defined according to the Bible*)
- The Definition of Femininity: “At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships.” (Page 36)

THE ROLE OF THE MALE

- To Lovingly Lead – “servant leadership”
- To Provide
- To Protect

THE CURSE EFFECTED HIS ABILITY TO PROVIDE (Genesis 3:17-19)

THE CURSE EFFECTED HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HIS WIFE (Genesis 3:16).

THE ROLE OF THE FEMALE

- To be a companion and a helpmate
- To have the capacity to reproduce
- To be the keeper of the house – manager
- To nurture the children
- To intelligently, joyfully submit to her husband

THE CURSE EFFECTED HER CHILD-BEARING.
THE CURSE EFFECTED HER RELATIONSHIP TO
HER HUSBAND (Genesis 3:16)

NORMAL MEN & WOMEN APPRECIATE THE PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES

1. The one-flesh relationship is designed by God to show equality, and difference and unity.
2. In fact from our sexual unity/union comes the most amazing event – the creation of a new human being in the image of God.
3. As a husband and a wife we are attracted to the parts of each other that are most different.
4. Our most intimate physical unity comes at the point where we are the most different.

MEN & WOMEN NEED TO APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENCES IN THE ROLES

- By equal obedience to the Word of God
- By equal devotion to the other
- By equal appreciation, gratitude for the other
- By equal honor for the other

THE THEOLOGICAL BATTLE

- The two extremes in this theological battle include:
 - 1) The denial of the equality of male and female. This is ultimately a denial of the equality between the Persons of the Trinity (i.e. Arianism, Islam)
 - 2) The denial that there are differences between male and female. If there is a denial of the differences, there will be a denial of headship in the home and in the church.
 - 3) This denial is an authority problem and a practical denial of the differences within the roles of the Persons of the Trinity (i.e. Modalism, Monarchianism). It illustrates a disdain for God and His nature.

DEFINITIONS

- MODALISM – Is called Sabellianism after its founder, Sabellius (AD 217 to c220). Modalism holds that God is only one Person who appears in different modes or roles at different times in the divine economy.
- PATRIPASSIONISM – Means the “Father suffers.” It arose in the 3rd century in the form of monarchianism. It was taught that God the Father suffered on the cross as well as Jesus Christ.
- MONARCHIANISM – This 2nd/3rd century heresy stressed the unity (monarchy) of God to the neglect of Christ’s deity.

CONCLUSION:

- Do we acknowledge the equality of the Persons of the Trinity? Do we acknowledge the equality between men and women?
- Do we acknowledge the differences in the Roles of the Persons of the Trinity? Do we acknowledge the differences in the roles between men and women?

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