

DOCTRINE MATTERS: ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Message 11: Anthropology, pt. 2: "Man" as Male and Female

Genesis 5:1-2 (ESV)

¹ *This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.*

² **Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.**

In God's image, we were made (male *and* female) for ...

- 1) Harmonious relationships
- 2) Equality in person hood and importance
- 3) Different roles and authority

Harmonious Relationships

The fullest expression of the God-designed harmonious relationship is ...

Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

²⁴ *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

This unity is not only _____, it is _____ and _____.

Matthew 19:6 (ESV)

⁶ *So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.*

Thus, to have sexual union with someone besides your spouse is an especially offensive type of _____:

1 Corinthians 6:16-20 (ESV)

¹⁶ *Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh."¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body.*

Different how?

Quantitatively ...

Qualitatively ...

Within marriage, husbands and wives no longer have exclusive control of their bodies, but _____ them with their spouse.

1 Corinthians 7:2-5 (ESV)

² *But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.*

³ *The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

The union of marriage is not temporary, but _____.

Malachi 2:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ ... the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So, guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So, guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

Romans 7:2 (ESV)

² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

This union is designed by God to represent and instruct us about our collective relationship with _____.

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and **I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.** ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Equality

Because men and women are both created in God's image, we have equal worth and importance to God.

We both reflect God's _____.

Without the other, we would not have as full a picture of God's attributes.

We both _____ on each other:

1 Corinthians 11:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; ¹² for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.

In the New Covenant, both are gifted to _____:

Acts 2:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Both are given _____ for the benefit of the church:

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

As a sign of the New Covenant, both are commanded to be _____.

Galatians 3:27 (ESV)

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Why this is significant ...

We are also equal in _____.

Galatians 3:27-28 (ESV)

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Different Roles

Just like in the Trinity ...

1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

³ I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

Before The Fall ...

Adam was created _____, then Eve.

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

⁷ ... then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 2:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Eve was created as Adam's _____.

Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

1 Corinthians 11:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

Adam _____ Eve.

_____ named the entire human race "Adam", not "Eve".

God _____ to Adam first after the Fall.

Genesis 3:9 (ESV)

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Adam, not Eve represented the entire _____.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)

²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Romans 5:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whereas the curse of sin distorts previously established roles ...

Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

(Compare to Genesis 4:7)

The promise of the Gospel restores God's design in male/female roles:

Colossians 3:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

And within the Church ...

Egalitarian v. Complementarian

It seems to me and others (many who are younger than myself) that this issue of egalitarianism and complementarianism is increasingly acting as the watershed distinguishing those who will accommodate Scripture to culture, and those who will attempt to shape culture by Scripture. You may disagree, but this is our honest concern before God. It is no lack of charity, nor honesty. It is no desire for power or tradition for tradition's sake. It is our sober conclusion from observing the last 50 years...

Of course, there are issues more central to the gospel than gender issues. However, there may be no way the authority of Scripture is being undermined more quickly or more thoroughly in our day than through the hermeneutics of egalitarian readings of the Bible. And when the authority of Scripture is undermined, the gospel will not long be acknowledged. Therefore, love for God, the gospel, and future generations, demands the careful presentation and pressing of the complementarian position.

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NEXT WEEK:
God's Providence