

Marriage Equality, Differences, & Authority

Exod 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Covenant Metaphors — Parenting & Marriage

- As image-bearers, imitate God our Father

Eph 5:1–2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- General, mutual submission between Christians

Eph 5:21 ..., submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- Relationship between husbands & wives

Eph 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...

Perspectives on Male-Female Relationships

Feminist | Egalitarianism | Complementarianism | Patriarchy | Authoritarianism



Men & Women: Equal in Human Value & Dignity

- Both Male and Female were created with dignity (Gen 1:27)

- The animosity of the sexes (Gen 3:9-12, 16)

Different Roles In Marriage

- Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood issued the “Danvers Statement” in 1987
- Southern Baptist Convention — Baptist Faith and Message
- EFCA “Affirmations and Denials”

“We are not egalitarian in our understanding of the roles and functions of men and women in the church, but we do believe that the gifts and ministries of women are essential to the health and fruitfulness of churches and ought to be sought out and multiplied in ways that arise from and are consistent with our complementarian convictions, as reflected in our EFCA ordination policy.”

- Christians for Biblical Equality issued “Men, Women, and Biblical Equality”

Male Headship *Before* the Fall

1. The order: Adam was created _____, then Eve
2. The representation: Adam, not Eve, was the _____ head of all mankind
3. The naming of woman: Adam named the _____ and then he named the _____

4. The Naming of the Human Race: Our species is named “_____”

5. The Primary Accountability: In _____, God spoke to Adam, not Eve

6. The Purpose: God created Eve to be a _____

7. The Conflict: The curse distorted _____ _____ roles

8. The Restoration: Redemption in Christ _____ the conflict of the curse

9. The Mystery Revealed: The relationship between _____ and the _____

Our Historical Moment

- Two truths: (1) Male & Female are equal. (2) Male and female are different.
- Which truth gets the most cultural emphasis? The most emphasis in the church? Which errors gain the most attention?

- The historical moment: the culture and church are grappling with issues of _____

Male & Female Differences: Function or Nature?

- Are the differences between men and women assigned as **functional roles**? Or are the functional roles that men and women are assigned by God a result of **nature**?

	Narrow Complementarians	Broad Complementarians
Manhood and Womanhood		
Marriage		
Church		
Society		
Theological		