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God's Design: "Male and female He created them"

#3, "Complementarianism and Egalitarianism!"

Genesis 1:1, 26-28 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Introduction

We are living in a dangerous time

A time in which God's created order and firmly established design and order for the home and the church is being challenged

These issues not only have an influence on society but have a tremendous impact on the marriage, family and the local church

Culture is surely confused on these issues and is causing the church to become more and more confused

So let me introduce to you two terms that are at the forefront in the culture and coming to the forefront in the church!

Complementarianism-this idea rooted in Scripture that God created men and women as image bearers and equal in value and personhood but that have specific characteristics, distinct roles, responsibilities and boundaries that are visible in creation and redemption and are manifested in society and in the local church for God's glory

Egalitarianism-the belief that there are no separate gender roles in marriage and that the husband and wife will share equally in leading the family.

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We found out last week men and women are equal in dignity and worth and in God's eyes

But men and women are not the same

Regardless of what society and egalitarians might say; men and women have different roles to play in the home, church and society

Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV) 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."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Lord has made us for His pleasure
He has the right and He has given us
unique form and calling
God's plan for men and women was not an accident,
boring or of little importance
It is a important part of our Christian faith
The humanistic and secular culture is trying to
convince us that manhood and womanhood is not
important yet, "**male and female he created them**"

Many today, are pursuing androgyny, that we are
part male and part female
The ultimate sin today is to be a man's man or
woman's woman
Men are passive, effeminate and lacking confidence
Women have grown more and more loud, aggressive
and confused about their future

In 2015 we really lost our course
Try asking most men what their manhood is all about
What is your purpose as a man?
Ask a young college woman about her womanhood
Most would look at us like we had just landed on the planet
There is no structure nor rules for sex
No, "you will be oppressed like never before because you're ignoring of God's Biblical order"
Proverbs 14:12 (ESV) There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Do you know that we, followers of Christ, the church, the gospel has something better to offer
Proverbs 10:29 (ESV) The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but destruction to evildoers.

We have a totally different vision for how people flourish

The Bible talks about really flourishing as we thrive as "male and female he created them"

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Psalms 103:17-18 (ESV) But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Next week we will expand of what is not only go on in culture but also the local church and the SBC!