

THE DOCTRINE OF MAN: MALE AND FEMALE

Genesis 1:26–28 says, "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.'" ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And 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."

Genesis 5:1–2 says, "When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created."

How does the image of God relate to male and female? Or how does the creation of male and female show God's image and likeness?

I. GOD'S IMAGE IN PERSONAL

John 17:5, 24 says, "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed." "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world."

Genesis 2:24 says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Ephesians 5:25–28 says, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies."

II. GOD'S IMAGE IN EQUALITY OF PERSON AND

Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

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

1 Peter 3:7 says, "Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life"

1 Corinthians 12:7 says, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Galatians 3:28–29 says, "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. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

III. GOD'S IMAGE SEEN IN DIFFERENCE IN _____ AND _____

1 Corinthians 11:3 says, "But 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."

Roles and Authority a Product of the _____?

Gilbert Bilezikian says, "Because it resulted from the Fall, the rule of Adam over Eve is viewed as satanic in origin, no less than is death itself."

This statement is not correct. What we see is that differences in role between Adam and Eve existed before there was sin in the world.

A. Adam Was _____ First, Then Eve

Genesis 2:7 says, "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, 21–22 says, "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'"²¹So 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. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man."

1 Timothy 2:12–13 says, "I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve"

B. Eve Was Created as a _____ for Adam

Genesis 2:18 says, "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 11:7–10 says, "For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head"

C. God Names the Human Race " _____," Not " _____"

Genesis 5:2 says, "Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created."

D. God Spoke to _____ First After the Fall

Genesis 3:8–9 says, "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'"

E. Adam, Not Eve, Nor Together, Represented the _____

1 Corinthians 15:21–22 says, "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Romans 5:12, 15 says, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man" "But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many."

F. The Curse Brought a _____ of Previous Roles, Not the Introduction of New Roles

Genesis 3:16 says, "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.""

Genesis 4:6–7 says, "The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.""

G. Redemption in Christ _____ the Creation Order

1 John 3:8 says, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

Colossians 3:18–19 says, "Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them."

Ephesians 5:22–23 says, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior."

What we see from all these reasons is that difference in roles and authority are not because of the fall, but rather are beautifully designed before it and are a reflection of who God is.

Our differences in roles while maintaining equality in person and importance flows from our being made in the image of God.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

This study heavily depended on the chapter "Man As Male and Female" in Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*.

See also:

- *50 Crucial Questions About Manhood and Womanhood* by John Piper and Wayne Grudem
This book is available for free in PDF at:
<http://www.desiringgod.org/books/50-crucial-questions-about-manhood-and-womanhood>
- www.cbmw.org
- *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (ed. Wayne Grudem and John Piper)
- *Evangelical Feminism & Biblical Truth: An Analysis of More Than One Hundred Disputed Questions* by Wayne Grudem