

## **God's good plan for men and women (2): Equality and complementarity at home and in the church**

Genesis 1.26-31; Genesis 2.15-25; Ephesians 5.22-33; 1 Timothy 2.8-3.7;  
3.14-15; Titus 2.1-8; *1 Corinthians 11-13*

Review of the series and follow-up.

Excellent free resources on tonight's subject:

- (1) Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW)  
<https://cbmw.org/>
- (2) Wayne Grudem and John Piper, *Fifty Crucial Questions about Manhood and Womanhood*  
<https://www.desiringgod.org/books/50-crucial-questions-about-manhood-and-womanhood>

### **A word about failure and grace**

- (1) An important subject for everyone in the church family**
- (2) Only as Christians can we fully embrace the Bible's teaching on men and women**
- (3) The biblical foundations for men and women in Genesis 1 & 2**  
Equality

Complementarity:

Differences between men and women are complementary

Male headship and female submission are complementary

**(4) What equality and complementarity look like in the household (at home)** (Ephesians 5:22-33)

**(5) What equality and complementarity look like in the household of God (in the church)**

(1 Timothy 2:8-3:7; Titus 2:1-8; *1 Corinthians 11-13*)

**(6) Why do we find this so hard?**

**(7) Equality and complementarity in the Trinity**

**A word about failure and grace**

Three areas for prayer:

- (i) Pray we would understand, accept and embrace what the Bible teaches about equality and complementarity (difference and male headship / female submission).
- (ii) Pray this would be reflected in the individual households in the church and in the church (the household of God) as a whole.
- (iii) Pray that as we study this in 1 Timothy next year, it will help and liberate us as a church in many different ways.