"Spiritual Male Headship" (Part 2) Romans 5:12 & 18-19; Hebrews 13:4 & 7 & 17

"The Bible does not have multiple interpretations, it has one. The Bible is harmonious and never contradictory. The Bible must be read in context, not in preference. The Bible must be read honestly, not with an agenda. To read and interpret the Bible this way is not always simplistic, but is necessary to find its one true meaning."

(James White)

"Men and Women will excel in a culture where the distinctions of masculinity and femininity are lived out. When men are humble, strong, godly, and secure, women will feel safe and free to pursue godliness, partake in modesty, and joyfully submit to their husbands." (Voddie Baucham)

- Complementarianism vs Egalitarianism:
 - <u>Complementarianism</u>: Men and women are equal in personhood, that is, they have no difference in worth. Men and women have separate, distinct roles in marriage, parenting, and the church. Masculinity and femininity were created by God, beautifully compliment one another, and have distinctions that, when embraced, will lead to the best possible spiritual wellbeing for believers.
 - <u>Egalitarianism:</u> Men and women are equal in worth and are equal in role capabilities as well; there are no gender restrictions on what roles men and women can fulfill in the church, home, and society. This view holds that Jesus and the New Testament abolished gender-specific roles/distinctions.
- Biblical Manhood: "Act like godly men!"
 - On the interval of the submission to Christ). Be watchful (Be prepared and protect yourself and those around you from spiritual attack). Stand firm in the faith (Know, live, and support and encourage and teach others with the Word of God). Be strong (Your strength is found in God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and humble submission to Christ). Do all things in love (Loving God and loving people according to His Word is what you are known for).
 - 2 Timothy 2:2: Be faithful (Someone who has shown they are trustworthy to live out the Word and will faithfully teach it to others). 1 Timothy 4:12: One of the greatest gifts to the church are young people that love Jesus so much that the older people keep chasing Jesus and never become content so that there is always a greater visible godliness to be obtained.
 - 1 Timothy 3:1-7: The mountain top of masculinity (Faithful to his wife; he keeps a sound mind in difficulty, he is growing in the fruit of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-24]); his life is respected by those inside and outside of Christ; he uses his resources for the glory of God and is generous; he is not controlling, he doesn't throw a fit when he doesn't get his way, but is patient and kind; he is respected and honored for how he manages his household; he is not conceited but instead is humble).
- Biblical Womanhood: "Act like godly women!"
 - 1 Timothy 2:9-10: Be respectable and modest (The way that she presents herself points to what she wants to be known for; self control and godliness or outward beauty; Proverbs 31:29-30).
 - 1 Peter 3:3-6: Godly character (The fuel to encourage men to grow spiritually is found in a woman's godliness. She is patient, encouraging, and is confident in the Word of God. She submits to her husband for God's glory.)
 - <u>Titus 2:3-5:</u> The mountaintop of femininity (The are to be holy/reverent, they don't gossip, not given to drunkenness, they are to teach holiness, love their families by submitting to God's Word; she loves raising her children and taking care of the home; they have good judgment and are faithful to their husbands, they believe the Word of God is authoritative in their lives).

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• The results of this:

- The local church will be filled with strong, biblical examples of masculinity and femininity, and God-honoring marriages, giving glory to God and His design.
- Our children and culture will see that gender is not fluid but is absolute and will see the glory of God in biblical male and female relationships. Starting with biblical marriage (one man and one woman) and stretching into all of our relationships with one another done biblically and to the glory of God.
- The local church will be filled with strong theology, biblical songs, strong exegetical preaching, and awe and reverence for God and His Word because that is the source of biblical masculinity and femininity.

Announcements:

- *PRAYER on Thursdays at 6:20pm and Sundays at 4:30pm before the services!
- *Church Members Meeting: Sunday, October 4th, immediately following the service. This meeting will last approximately 45 minutes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on joining us for this.
- *After Church Fellowship: SUNDAYS ONLY! OUTDOOR lawn chair fellowship, after the Sunday services, at the Scarberry residence! Please bring a lawn chair with you, if you have one!
- *Communion: We will be partaking of communion together next Sunday, September 20th!
- *Legacy Community Chur**ch Volunteer Day:** Sunday, September 27th (in 2 weeks) from 10am-12:30pm at Together We Grow Gardens. Plan on meeting at 10am at 165 South 6th Street. Bring your gloves (these can be provided if you don't have any) and your boots (no sandals please) and be ready to work! See the flyer on your seat for more information! Please sign-up to volunteer with Vanessa Cross ASAP (740)334-8845!