

CHURCHES IN THE SHAPE OF SCRIPTURE



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The Role of Women in the Church



Equal Value, Different Roles

- Equal in nature (Gen. 1:27)
- Equal in salvation (Gal. 3:26-27; cf. 1 Peter 3:7)
- Equal relationally (1 Cor. 7:4; Song of Songs 6:3)

Equal Value, Different Roles

- The order in which God created Adam and Eve (1 Tim. 2:12-13; 1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9)
- God created Eve for the specific purpose of being Adam's helper (Gen. 2:7, 18)

Biblical Headship & Submission



1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.



Ephesians 5:22-24

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Titus 2:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴ Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

1 Peter 3:1

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

Biblical Headship & Submission

- Some have been guilty of hijacking and perverting these Biblical concepts



Biblical Headship & Submission

- Biblical headship: Christ-like leadership (Eph. 5:23, 25-29)
 - Jesus is the model of headship
 - No arrogance, dominance
 - Not second-class, voiceless

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- Biblical submission: Christ-like followership (1 Cor. 11:3)
 - Jesus submitted to the Father's will (Matt. 26:19; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38)
 - Despite the fact that Jesus shares the same Divine nature as the Father (John 1:1, 14; 17:5; Phil. 2:5-6; Col. 2:9)

Summary

Biblical headship and submission simply means women will acknowledge that God has commissioned Christian men to be the primarily leaders in the home and church, and they will willingly allow godly men to fulfil that role.

Reflecting God's Plan in the Church

**We believe God has called men to
lead in the worship assembly to
serve as a visual expression of His
will for male spiritual leadership
in the church**

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