

## **Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline**

Week 1: Introduction: Egalitarianism and Complementarianism

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Week 11: BM&W in the World

Week 12: Answering Objections to Complementarianism

Week 13: Panel Discussion & Q&A

*For further study:*

Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelicalism Feminism, Edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Crossway, 1991)

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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## ***Core Seminars—Biblical Manhood & Womanhood*** **Class 1: Introduction: Egalitarianism & Complementarianism**

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### ***Introduction: Egalitarianism and Complementarianism***

#### **I. Introduction**

- What does it mean to be a man? A woman?
- Past stereotypes and present changes

#### **II. Preliminaries**

- Relying on the sufficiency of scripture – 2 Tim 3:16-17: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- Approaching scripture with openness and willingness
- A class for everyone: Biblical manhood and womanhood applies at every stage of life

### III. Egalitarianism and Complementarianism

#### A. Creation

##### Gen 1:26-27:

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion....”

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

- Egalitarianism: Equality in *essence* and in *role*
- Complementarianism: Equality in *essence*, difference in *role*
- The **image of God**:
  - Structural
  - Functional
  - Relational

##### Gen 2:15-23:

(v. 18) “...It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

- Differences in role/purpose for man and woman in Gen 2

#### B. Fall

##### Gen 3:16:

To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

- Egalitarianism: Sin introduces role conflict
- Complementarianism: The fall brings about the **distortion** of previous roles, not the introduction of new roles.

#### C. Redemption in Christ

- Christ the true image of God (Col 1:15, Eph 4:24)

##### Gal 3:28:

There is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus

- Egalitarianism: No distinction between male and female in Christ, so mutual submission is the rule
- Complementarianism: Christ’s work doesn’t obliterate roles, it **redeems** them (Eph 5, 1 Tim 2)

#### Conclusion: Praise God for his Word!

- Psalm 19:7-8; 119:130, 135, 162