

UNIQUE IN GENDER

Complementarian – male and female are equal in value and distinct in roles

Egalitarian – male and female are equal in value and indistinct in roles

Why might some Christians believe in egalitarianism?

What are some problems with egalitarianism?

1. Loses the Bible's clearly-defined gender roles, especially:
 - in marriage
 - in church

	Marriage Roles	Church Roles
Men	<u>Lead</u> and <u>love</u> like Christ	Can be <u>pastors</u>
Women	<u>Respect</u> and <u>submit</u> as to Christ	Cannot teach <u>men</u>

2. Compromises integrity of Scripture
3. Initiates gender rebellion that leads to:
 - a. Transgenderism (against God's design in Genesis 1:27)
 - b. Homosexuality (against God's design in Genesis 2:24)
4. Understands headship as superior and submission as inferior
5. Seeks personal value in role instead of in God's image
6. Misses the beauty of the Trinity: equal in essence but distinct in role

How is our God-given gender a gift?

FOR PERSONAL STUDY:

Application

1. Meditate on the roles of each person of the Trinity. Should they be jealous of each other? How does the Trinity reflect a perfect unity and harmony that we can resemble?
2. Have you ever considered your gender a gift from God? How will you glorify God with your God-given gender roles?
3. Egalitarianism is partially a reaction from a perversion among complementarians to abuse authority. How can we beautifully live out the roles God has given us?

Memorization

1. Memorize and meditate on Genesis 1:27.
2. Review Psalm 139:14.
3. Challenge: Memorize all of Psalm 8 throughout this study. (Psalm 8:6 this week)

Preparation

1. What stereotypes do you have toward different people groups? Reflect on what God would think of that attitude.
2. How does God feel about different people groups? Look up Bible verses to ponder God's heart for the nations.