

## Reclaiming the Biblical Woman, Part 4

I Timothy 2

The battle of the sexes started in the Garden of Eden and is still going on today.

Tonight we will see God's chain of command.

We deal this evening with a very interesting subject and one that is very much in the news today.

Male/female issues

Women pastors

Feminist Movement

Feminism

Equality of the sexes

Male chauvinism

I Timothy 2:11-13

Now turn to I Corinthians 11, where we have a clear teaching on the order of authority.

I've entitled this series, "Reclaiming the Biblical Woman, Part 4"

I Corinthians 11:2

Please rise for the reading of God's Word.

I Corinthians 11:2-3

Let us pray.

## Reclaiming the Biblical Woman

“God’s chain of command”

For the last fifty years – there has been a drive in our culture to redefine the traditional view of women.

In Galatians 3:28 the Bible teaches the equality of the male and female, Vs. 28, equal footing at the Cross.

God teaches us that there are no second class citizens or second rate people.

We all stand equal before Him.

Christ died for all sins of all the people of the world.

There is only one human race – we are all made in the image of God. There are no inferior people.

The problem that has arisen from the truth of God (**Gal.**) about equality of persons is this: “Equality of persons has led many to assume that equality allows interchangeability of roles.”

This has led to the belief that there are no distinctions between the roles and functions of the male and female.

The Bible feminists of today quote Galatians 3:28 but discredit I Corinthians.

The feminist movement calls into question Paul’s apostleship.

He wrote 2/3 of the New Testament.

Paul defended his apostleship in the first century and 1900 years later we still have to defend his apostleship.

They say Paul is not one of the 12.

Therefore he is not an apostle.

Therefore he wrote good opinions.

Therefore we don’t have to listen to him.

Christians who accept what they want to accept and reject what they want to reject.

They are people I call “Sirloin Stockade” Christians: they pick and choose.

The Bible is the Word of God. We take it for what it says, even if we don’t like it.

There are Christians and then there are Biblical Christians.

I am a Biblical Christian – I hope you are.

Is Paul a male chauvinist?

Is Paul anti-women?

If you were to take a historical view of Christianity –

Christianity has always elevated the woman, given her dignity, given her respect.

When Christianity visits a place in this world, a side benefit is its elevation of the female.

Now, let me take you to a primitive culture:

Women – bear children, cook, are a piece of property

No doubt, men have taken advantage of their superior strength.

Men are physically stronger, which has led men to dominate and rule over  
women often times abusing the female.

In the Roman Empire, believe it or not, there was a feminist movement.

There were women who were throwing off their customary veil, shaving their heads,  
dressing like men.

They threw off their feminine characteristics, despising motherhood—sound familiar?

A movement in the culture often times affects the church negatively.

Now it shouldn’t but it does.

Women pastors (let not the woman usurp authority over the man), homosexual pastors  
(abomination to God), media-driven worship.

Culture infiltrates the Church.

The Corinthian church for the most part followed Biblical positions and followed those things that Paul taught them.

Paul praised them for this in verse 2.

However, the Corinthians' problems arose in the area of practicing these Biblical traditions and teachings.

They practiced Communion – To get drunk at the Communion table.

The personal habits, living – practical areas

That was a disaster zone:

They were suing one another

They used liberty to extreme

They allowed an incestuous relationship to remain – Paul said to do what with that fellow? Throw him out.

In verse two, the Greek word for “keep” means to hold down firmly.

They kept Paul's instructions. They held to them firmly.

You are following good Biblical teaching – “I praise you for it,” Paul stated.

Vs. 3 – This verse is the key to understanding the rest of this passage, because Paul gives us the social order: God's chain of command.

First of all, if you would follow the verses you would see the order as this:

God – Christ – Man – Woman

Right.

That is the order in this verse.

The understanding of this verse is crucial to your understanding of the man's and woman's role.

Look how verse three starts.

Vs. 3 – I want you to know.

I want you to understand completely.

I want you to fully comprehend.

Please follow – this is the key.

This is the Biblical principle – “God’s Chain of Command”

We are not talking about equality, but a line of authority

Vs. 3 – Head of every man is Christ

Head – Anatomy

Head – Origin

Head and Ruler – Master

Christ is the head of every man – authority of every man.

The word “man” here is not the word for mankind – not anthropos = mankind generally

The Greek word is ANER – male species – that is what is used.

Head of the male man, all male men

Christ is the Head.

Christ is the Head of the Church

Colossians 1:18a, *“And He is the head of the body, the church.”*

Ruler – Master – Authority

Ephesians 5:23, *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church.”*

It means He is the Ruler of His Church. He is in charge.

This church belongs to Jesus Christ.

He is in charge here.

Christ is not only the head of the Church, He is the Head of all men.

Matthew 28:18, *“All authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”*

All power – that is Jesus speaking!

Philippians 2:10-11, *“That every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Lord = Master > Owner

The male species (gender) as a majority does not recognize Jesus as their head, as the ruler.

But one day they will.

**The basic people that recognize Jesus as Head, are believers but not all believers practically, have Him as Ruler of their life.**

It is too much to assume that every man here recognizes Jesus Christ as his ruler.

Do you recognize that Jesus should—

Does He plan your calendar?

Does He rule your checkbook?

Does He have a major part in your decision-making process?

Does He have pre-imminence in your day?

God’s chain of command – Christ is the head of all males.

I Corinthians 11:3, *“And the head of the woman is the man.”*

Role reversals of today – women rule the roost – husbands abdicate their role

Here is where the feminists' neck hairs stand up.

The head of every “günay” – woman – gynecologist

is an “anair” – man/male

I didn't write it. There it is—black and white

Remember, understanding verse three is the key to understanding the entire passage  
or God's chain of command.

### Part 3

I Corinthians 11:3 – The head of Christ is God.

What does that mean?

God and Jesus Christ are equal, right?

The Trinity – the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit

God (the Father) is all of God

Jesus is all of God

The Holy Spirit is all of God

Co-equal – different as to personalities.

One, however, in essence—different as to function

The Father did not die on the cross. The Son did.

And the Holy Spirit is the One who indwells every born again believer in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Author of Scripture.

The Trinity – Co-Equal

Philippians 2—to be equal with God.

Satan tried to be equal. Isaiah 14:13, *“I will ascend, I will exalt my throne.”*

God cast him down.

Herod, Agrippa I (Acts 12) took the glory of being God and God smote him.

Worms ate him and he died

Herod took the credit and gave not God the glory.

And God ended his life.

Did God deliver a message! Herod ain't no God.

Jesus said I'm equal with God. I and my Father are one.

Christ, the I AM, could do the will of His Father.

The point is—Christ is equal to the Father, but as to function and role, He submitted Himself to the Father.

Listen carefully.

To say the woman is inferior to man is to say that Christ is inferior to God.

That is ridiculous.

Even though Christ is equal with God, Christ submitted.

Even though women are equal with men, women are to submit.

Submission comes in the function or roles.

It does not mean second rate, second class.

For the Trinity to work –

For the human race to work –

For a marriage to be functional –

God has established a chain of command.

For a business to be functional there is a chain of command.

An employee may be more skilled than an employer, right?

He may know more, but does it change the role?



Sign: "I may not be right, but I am the boss."

Do you understand that?

I must submit to the will of God whether He made me male or female.

I'll close with these two statements.

You are never more like the devil than when you have a rebellious spirit.

You are never more like Jesus that when you have a submissive spirit.

Let us stand for closing invitation.

Pastor – today I understand more clearly God's chain of command.

The order God has established for us to follow.

The chain of command in the world

The chain of command in the Church

The chain of command in the home

And we ought to fall in line with it.

Are you having a hard time submitting to authorities?

1. Those at work?
2. Your husband?
3. Christ as your ruler?

Don't rebel, obey God.

Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

<moment to meditate>

Let us pray.

Hymn #349 – Trust and Obey