

***The Biblical Woman: Roles and Gifting***  
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- 1) The two main viewpoints:
  - A. Complementarian (or traditional) view — *God created men and women as equals with different gender-defined roles.*
  - B. Egalitarian — *Since both men and women equally share the image of God and thus are equal in essence, no functional distinctions should be made between men and women.*
  
- 2) Position generally held by GCAC pastors:
  - A. We believe that men and women are equal in their value and standing, in Christ and in God's church.
  - B. We believe that women have countless serving and teaching opportunities in the church within God's ordained authority structure and that it is God's desire that women be equipped and empowered in ministry according to their maximum potential.
  - C. We believe that God created men and women differently so that together they reflect the nature of God. God has created men to be masculine and women to be feminine. We celebrate the diversity that God has created between men and women and believe that it is God's desire that this diversity be reflected in all relationships between men and women — in the home, in the church, in ministry, and in society.
  - D. We believe that God has ordained only men to be elders. In this regard, we believe that it is not God's desire that women be placed in positions of authoritative teaching or leadership over men in the church.
  - E. We believe that each local church in GCAC must follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in holding true to these values and beliefs in specific ministry situations.
  
- 3) Three key passages of Scripture united by a common thread:
  - A. 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
  - B. Ephesians 5:21-33
  - C. 1 Timothy 2:8-15

The common thread is \_\_\_\_\_ revealed in Genesis 1-3.

4) Lessons from Genesis:

A. Both the man and woman were created \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore reflect His glory.

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

B. They were created \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ the earth was given to both Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26,28).

Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground” (Genesis 1:26).

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground” (Genesis 1:28).

D. God had \_\_\_\_\_ in mind for Adam and Eve.

5) The most offensive passage to the egalitarian position:

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6) Other points to be considered:

A. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_.

C. How \_\_\_\_\_ Himself throughout Scripture.

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.