

WOMEN AND
THE NEW COVENANT CHURCH
A Biblical Re-Consideration

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PURPOSE

♦ To bring clarity to some of the practical changes we have implemented as a church over the last several years, particularly in comparison to our church constitution which was originally adopted 23 years ago.

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SUMMARY: FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- ♦ #1 Both men and women are created in the image of God and tasked to fulfill the creation mandate
- ♦ #2 The Holy Spirit gives all the kinds of spiritual gifts to both men and women as He pleases
- ♦ #3 The significant place of women in the New Testament
- ♦ #4 In the New Testament, there is one office that is clearly and exclusively for qualified men: elders of a local church

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IDENTIFYING ELDER EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

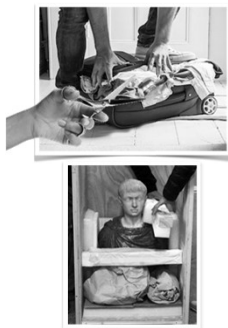
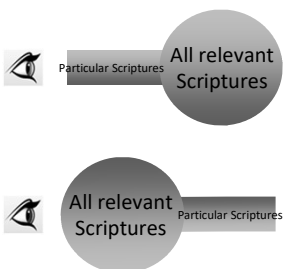
- ❖ **Oversight** as stewards of the local church
- ❖ **Gatekeepers** of sound teaching
- ❖ Broad concern for **benevolence**
- ❖ Giving care and direction to **equipping** the whole body to use their gifts
- ❖ Identifying, setting apart, and sending **missionaries or ministers** of various sorts, with follow-up **accountability** and **care**

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WHAT ABOUT PASSAGES APPARENTLY SILENCING WOMEN IN THE CHURCH?

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Two Approaches...Two Outcomes



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1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-35

- ❖ Paul is dealing with a particular problem, not laying out a universal principle restricting women in every way
- ❖ **Issue #1:** If someone speaks a tongue and there is no interpreter (v.23)
 - ❖ Solution: Keep silence (v.28)
- ❖ **Issue #2:** If someone is speaking a revelation and another interrupts (v.30)
 - ❖ Solution: Let the first person be silent (v.30-33)
- ❖ **Issue #3:** Women speaking in the church (v.34-35)
 - ❖ Solution: Keep silence, ask their husbands their questions at home (v.34-35)

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1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15

- ❖ Expertise-authority
- ❖ Office-authority
- ❖ Word-authority
- ❖ What Paul forbids is women teaching from the position of office-authority, that of an elder, within a local church

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