

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.
- ◆ Reformed and Reforming according to the Scriptures



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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE #1

- ◆ Both men and women are created in the image of God and tasked to fulfill the creation mandate
- ◆ Genesis 1-3
- ◆ Heb. "ezer" = necessary ally

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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE #2

- ◊ The Holy Spirit gives all the kinds of spiritual gifts to both men and women as He pleases
- ◊ 1Cor 12:1-31; Rom 12:3-8; Gal 3:28
- ◊ Word & Service gifts

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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE #3

- ◊ The significant place of women in the New Covenant
- ◊ Gospels - discipleship, spirit filled, prophesying, tomb witness, financial support
- ◊ Acts - Pentecost, prophesying, baptism, Lydia, Pricscilla and Aquila
- ◊ Romans 16, 1 Corinthians 11, Philippians 4

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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE #4

- ◊ In the New Testament, there is one office that is clearly and exclusively for men: elders of a local church
- ◊ What about deacons/deaconesses?

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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 Covenant
- ◊ #4 In the New Testament, there is one office that is clearly and exclusively for men: elders of a local church
