

## Beautiful Design Class Schedule

1. God's Wonderful Gift of Gender - January 6
2. Manhood (pt 1) - January 13
3. Manhood (pt 2) - January 27
4. Womanhood (pt 1) - February 3
5. Womanhood (pt 2) - February 10
6. Men & Women in the Home (pt 1) - February 17
7. Men & Women in the Home (pt 2) - February 24
8. Men & Women in the Church (pt 1) - March 3
9. Men & Women in the Church (pt 2) - March 10
10. Men & Women in the World & Workplace - March 17
11. Sex, Marriage, Same-Sex Attraction & Gender Confusion -  
March 24
12. Objections to Complementarianism - March 31

*Questions and comments are welcome!*  
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### Class 1: God's Wonderful Gift of Gender



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### *Introduction and Biblical Theology of Gender*

**I. Introduction:** What does it mean to be a man? A woman?

### **II. Preliminaries**

- Gender: Our sexual differentiation and the dispositions and roles God has given us.
  
- Sufficiency of Scripture – 2 Tim 3:16-17:
  - All Scripture is breathed out by God... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for **every** good work.
  
  - Prescriptive / Descriptive
  
- A class for everyone, at every stage of life

### III. Biblical Theology of Gender

#### A. Creation

##### Gen 1:26-27:

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion....  
So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.”

- The **image of God:**
  1. Essence
  2. Function
  3. Relational nature

##### Gen 2:15 & 18:

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.... ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’”

- Differences between man and woman in Gen 2
- Man: “Work and Keep” (2:15) → Dominion / *forming*
- Woman: “Helper” (2:18)/“Life” (3:20) → Be fruitful / *filling*

#### B. Fall

##### Gen 3:16:

To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

- The fall brings about the distortion of created roles, not the introduction of new roles.
- Because of the curse, we shouldn’t be surprised at brokenness in gender and sexuality.

#### C. Redemption in Christ

- Christ the perfect image of God (Col 1:15).

##### Gal 3:28:

There is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Christ’s work doesn’t obliterate gender distinctions, it redeems them (Eph 5, 1 Tim 2).

#### D. Restoration

- Creation will be set free from bondage (Rom 8:21); believers will receive glorified bodies (1 Cor 15:37-49)

**IV. Conclusion:** Egalitarianism, complementarianism, and where we’re heading.