



1 Timothy 2:9-15

The Role of Women in the Church

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Gender Role Confusion in Ephesus

False Teachers:

- Claimed resurrection already occurred (2 Tim. 2:18)
- Forbid marriage (1 Tim. 4:3)
- Claimed gender roles didn't matter
- Women usurped the role of men

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The Call to Modesty

1 Timothy 2:9-10

Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, 10 but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.

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The Proper Role for Women

1 Timothy 2:11-12

A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

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The Universal Principle

1 Timothy 2:13-14

For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

How Are Women Saved?

1 Timothy 2:15 ESV

Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Childbearing: Synecdoche
Ephesian women: Saved from sin of usurping men by bearing children.

Applications

1. We must understand that having different gender roles does not negate having equal value before God.
2. We must believe that gender roles are important and preserve God's intended order until Christ comes.
3. We should understand what women are free and forbidden to do.

Different Roles Don't Negate Equality

Philippians 2:6-8

...who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Gender Roles Preserve God's Order

Genesis 3:16

To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you..."

Ephesian 5:22

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

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Binding and Loosing

- Women can learn the Bible (1 Cor. 14:35; 1 Tim 2:11)
- Women can teach children and other women (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14; Tit. 2:3-5; Acts 18:25-26)
- Women can be deacons (1 Tim. 3:11; Rom. 16:1)
- Women cannot be elders or teachers over men in the church (1 Tim. 2:12)

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