

# In the Beginning...

## An Examination of the Genesis Account of Creation and the Fall of Mankind

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**27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**28** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

To the Glory of God

Many years ago, when I was a child, I read that there are more stars in the Universe than there are words and sounds that all humans of all time have ever spoken. And, throughout time, people have asked the question, *"Why is the Universe so large? Why are there so many stars and galaxies? Why is space measured in such unimaginable distances?"*

Well, the Bible is crystal clear about this. 1,000 years before Jesus was born, King David was moved along by God the Holy Spirit to say:

#### **Psalms 19:1**

**The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.**

So, the great expanse of space, in all its magnificence, is a "telling", a "declaration", a "heralding" of something that is *the* single most important Commodity in the entire Universe:

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And that means that if someone asks, as the famous atheist, Carl Sagan, did at one time, *"If earth is the only inhabited planet and Man the only rational inhabitant among the stars, why such a large and empty universe?"* The answer is:

The vastness of the Universe is not about us. It's about God.  
And it's an understatement!

God is more glorious, greater in Power, greater in Beauty, greater in Vastness, greater in Value, and greater in Importance than all the galaxies combined. And yet, Mankind thinks that being able to do things with matter, while being completely blind to God, is brilliant. It isn't brilliant, it is sad. Jonathan Edwards said that when God was taken into account:

"... the material Universe is an infinitely small part of universal existence"

... and those are staggering words by Brother Edwards. Because they illustrate that someone who is "wowed" by the vastness of space, but is *not* "wowed" God, is like somebody being amazed with the hills of Saucier while being bored with the Rocky Mountains. And that belies human intelligence and simple observation, and shows a profound and deep-seated blindness and bias against the obviousness of the one, true, and living God.

If God wore a coat with pockets, He could carry the entire Universe in one of them like a peanut. Therefore, for *anyone* to spend time pondering the meaning of that peanut, while purposefully *ignoring* God's Majesty, is truly the labor of a fool. And it could hardly be considered "Science".

So, God created people so that we would know Him and love Him and enjoy Him forever. And then He gave us a hint of what He is like: the Universe. So, as you correctly marvel at the Universe, know that it

was created by the Creator, Who is *bigger* and *better* than what He made. And so, our *greatest* marvel should be reserved for God.

The Bible declares that Man was *purposefully* and *determinedly* “made”. We were “created” by the Creator. So, we are “created creatures”. And that means at least two things:

1. That, while God didn't *need* us, He *wanted* us. And even though that “want” was not based in any loneliness on God's part, it was, in the truest sense, a “want”, a “desire” of God.
2. That Man does *not* exist today due to accidental and random events that are completely unrelated to one another. There is no evidence of that, no scientific proof of that. None. And there never will be. Because Darwinian Evolution is not only incompatible with the Bible, it is incompatible with Science.

The notion that human beings have evolved out of one-celled amoebas, over billions of years, is pure fantasy and a lie that every thinking person should reject out of hand.

It is almost like these people believe that if they add the phrase “billions of years” to whatever silly statement they make, that the phrase gives their ridiculous statement credibility. It doesn't. Man had his beginning, *not* millions or billions of years ago, but within the scope of the Biblical genealogies. And those genealogies are very “tight” at about 6,000 years, and they are “loose” at maybe 10,000 or 15,000 years. And we should teach that clearly and boldly, with no apology.

The Scriptures very clearly proclaim that Man was created by God from the “dust of the earth” through a supernatural miracle in one single “evening and morning” division of time that God called “the sixth day”. And that account in **Genesis** is the only account that exists. So, the account of Man being sovereignly created, and not evolved, is a *theological* Account, and not a *biological* one. No one else but God was there, and so we should take no one else's Account but His.

And the Bible goes on to say that no other part of Creation was just like Man. Man was different, distinct, and unique from everything else in the Universe that God made. And this uniqueness of Man is illustrated in six major ways:

1. The Uniqueness of *How* Man was Created

2. The Triune Godhead was Present in Man's Creation
3. The Uniqueness of Mans' Being
4. God Commanded Man to Subdue and Dominate the Earth
5. God holds Man Accountable
6. The Woman

Let's look at each one;

## **1. The Uniqueness of *How* Man was Created**

On the first "day" God created "Light".

**Genesis 1:3**

**Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.**

On the second "day" God created "Heaven".

**Genesis 1:6&8a**

**6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."**

**8 God called the expanse heaven...**

On the third "day" God created "dry land", seas, and all vegetation.

**Genesis 1:9; 10a; &11**

**9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.**

**10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas...**

**11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.**

On the fourth "day" God created the Sun, Moon, and stars.

#### **Genesis 1:14**

**Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;**

On the fifth "day" God created fish and birds.

#### **Genesis 1:20**

**Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens."**

And then on the sixth "day", before God created Man, God created the land animals.

#### **Genesis 1:24**

**Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.**

So, we should teach, without any qualification, that God created the Universe and everything in it. It wasn't always here. It didn't spontaneously emerge from a big bang alone. And, *however* God did it, God did it. And that's clear from Scripture, and everybody who believes the Word of God should preach that, without hesitation.

But notice that in every case, *except* Man, the things that were created by God were created solely through His "spoken Word". Yet when God created Man, He not only said:

**"Let Us make man..."**

... but then, the three-Persons of the Trinity went about to "make" this Man:

#### **Genesis 1:27**

**God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

### **Genesis 2:7**

**Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

So, God was more *intimately* involved in Man's Creation than with anything else that He made. And this distinction is not accidental or arbitrary. It shows a very *deliberate* and *wise* Effort by God Himself to create Man *differently*, on purpose, from everything else that was made, even the animals. And that is why King David could sing:

### **Psalms 139:12-16**

**12 Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*.**

**13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.**

**14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.**

**15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;**

**16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.**

And this *difference*, this *distinction*, this *uniqueness* in the way that God made Man communicates the concept of "Relationship" that God *sovereignly* initiated with Man that did not then and does not now exist between God and anything else in all of His Creation.

Darwinian Evolution teaches that Man evolved from lower primates over billions of years, and that all of life originally evolved from one-celled amoebas. And therefore, Man is not really any different than a horse or a snail or a tomato. But Darwin did not tell us *how* life began initially. And that's because he didn't know. But Richard Dawkins, the modern-day poster-child of the new radical and militant atheist, postulates that aliens from space may have visited earth many billions of years ago and planted "seed pods" from which all human life originated. You heard that right. The main spokesman for Darwinian Evolution of our day believes that aliens planted seed pods on earth billions of years ago. That is the best these people can put forth. And it

is silliness like that that makes people like me mock the so-called "intelligentsia" of our day.

Because when I was a child, when the frog crawled up on the lily pad and kissed the princess and instantly became a prince, we knew that was a fairy tale and something that little children played with because their minds are too simple to understand deep and profound Truths. Yet, today, when a one-celled amoeba crawls up out of the primordial soup, and, after billions of years, becomes a human being, we are to take that as "Science"? But it isn't Science at all. It isn't intelligent and it isn't intellectual. Darwinian Evolution is the very *height* of foolishness and the *epitome* of anti-intellectualism. And only uneducated and superstitious people cling to such a ridiculous concept in their blind hatred of the infallible Word of the living God.

So, for a supposedly educated Biology teacher in the Harrison County public schools to teach impressionable young minds that Darwinian Evolution is a scientific fact is *not* an honest effort at educating our children. It is the *purposeful* and *planned* effort at *indoctrinating* young people with a cultish belief that has no more to do with Science than the one-time consensus among the educated that the world was flat. And it is designed to do one thing: put doubt into the minds of children about the validity of sacred Scripture.

But, while those who have an agenda against the God and the Bible portray humans to be really nothing more than a product of random and accidental chance, the Bible declares that we were *wonderfully* and *fearfully* "made" by God. And that means that our lives have purpose and meaning. It means that our trials and our struggles and hardships in this life all have value and are not arbitrary, and that because we are all accountable to God for what we do in this life, we are to afford all humans with dignity and respect.

I am amazed at the blatant hypocrisy of those who say they believe in nothing, as they pontificate about "Morality", when, in fact, they have no basis for any Morality at all. If all we are is 75% water and about \$5 worth of chemicals sprinkled with a few inert ingredients, then on what basis do we have a soul? How do we have emotions? And on what basis is life valuable at all? And if humans are lacking emotions, soul, and value, then on what basis is anything objectively "Right" and "Wrong"?

Without God there is no Absolute Universal Truth, and everything is relative. Everything. And in that relative world, there is no *basis* for any objective "Right" and "Wrong". Which is precisely the reason why, with those who insist on relativity, all dealings with "morality" quickly descends into whoever has the biggest gun. You see, without God-given, Objective, Eternal, Absolute Truth all we have left is "Might makes Right". And that is why all of the most logically consistent Humanists have been tyrants and mass murderers. And the only atheists who do *not* follow in their lead- are those who *disagree* with their own premise on a fundamental level.

For example, without Absolute Truth, and absent humans made in God's Image, there could be no condemnation of Hitler's barbarity. The "morality" of a Stalin or a Mao or a Pol-Pot would simply be "different", but it could hardly be called "Evil", unless there is a Divine Standard that their actions clearly violate.

So, from the *way* in which God made Man, we know that Man is *unique, special. Different, and set apart* from everything else that was created by God.

## 2. The Triune Godhead Present in the Creation of Man

When Moses quoted Almighty God in **Genesis 1:26** to say:

**"Let Us make man..."**

... he used the plural form of the noun for God. And there are only three possible reasons for that:

- A. It was an accepted way in which English Royalty spoke about themselves
- B. God was referring to the angels
- C. God was addressing all of the Persons of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)

The problem with Option A is that neither the grammar of the Hebrew language nor the custom of the Jews follows this rule. The problem with Option B is that this would suggest that angels were *also* made in God's Image, which is taught nowhere in Scripture.



That leaves only Option C as an intelligent, reasoned understanding of this Mystery. And to believe that all three Persons of the Trinity were present in Creation is also confirmed elsewhere in Scripture:

God the Holy Spirit was there:

### **Genesis 1:2**

**The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**

And God the Son was also present at Creation:

### **John 1:1-3**

**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**2 He was in the beginning with God.**

**3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.**

### **Colossians 1:16**

**For by Him (Jesus Christ) all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

To believe that God was referring to all three Persons of the Trinity in this statement about Man's unique creation also serves to connect Man's relationship with the entirety of the Godhead. Again, this is *unique* to Man as no other part of Creation has this kind of attachment to the fullness of the Trinity.

## **3. The Uniqueness of Man's Being**

Not only is Man unique in the way that God made him and in the fact that only Man has a relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity, but Man is also different from anything else in Creation through the uniqueness of his "being".

For example, when God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit said:

**"Let Us make man..."**

... He then went on to say *how* He was going to make Man:

**Genesis 1:26b&27**

**26 ... in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

**27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

Nothing else in all of the Inspired Record of Creation was created in the "Image" and "Likeness" of God except Man. Once again, Man is *unique* in this Truth and is said to bear the "Imago Dei" (Latin: The Image of God). And part of what it actually means that Man was made in God's Image is found in five aspects of Man that are completely unique to Man:

- ✓ Man's Personality
- ✓ Man's Spirituality
- ✓ Man's Ability to Know
- ✓ Man's Self Determination or Will
- ✓ Man's Immortality
- ✓ Man's Behavior was Limited

Let's look at each one briefly.

### **Man's Personality**

Man was *not* created as a machine that was "programmed" to merely *respond* to certain stimuli, nor was he created as a mere animal that is "driven" by an unconscious "instinct". Man was created as a full grown mature adult who had no sinful past, no childhood, and who did not go through adolescence. Man was created as a thinking, personal, and self-conscious creature (**Genesis 2:7**).

### **Man's Spirituality**

But, unlike anything else in Creation, Man was created with the very Image of the immortal God stamped on his soul. And because that is true, Man is fully a *spiritual* being, like his Creator. Man was originally gifted by God with a real and genuine capacity to know God, to love God, to fellowship with God, and to respond to God in obedience, worship, and joy (**Genesis 3:8&9**).

### **Man's Ability to Know**

Unlike the mountains, stars, galaxies, subatomic particles, or animals, Man was originally given the capacity to truly know and understand some aspects about the one true living God. Man did not know *everything* about God, the finite can never fully grasp the Infinite, but Man was able to know enough about God to alter his behavior and serve Him. Man was able to receive Revelation from God (**Genesis 2:19-20**).

### **Man's Self Determination or Will**

In the beginning, *before* the Fall, both Adam and Eve were created by God with a "will". And they were able to consciously make choices that were unhindered and "free" in the truest sense of that word. And they originally possessed no internal lust that would respond to temptation with sin (**Genesis 3:6**).

Those of us who know and believe the Bible understand the horror of the Fall. Because, in the Sin that Adam committed, every area of human existence, *including* his ability to freely choose, was destroyed beyond repair. After the Fall, our choices are now tethered to our "loves", our "wants", and our "desires". And our "loves", "wants", and "desires" are connected to our fallen nature. So, fallen Man is "free" to choose, but he can only choose what he "loves", what he "wants", and what he "desires". No human can choose *contrary* to his nature. And all that fallen man loves, wants, and desires is sin and self. And thus, left to himself, no lost person can *initiate* his own Salvation. And that is why the miracle of the New Birth is a sovereign Act of God.

### **Man's Immortality**

Man was "unlike God" in that he had a precise beginning (the moment he was created), but he was "like God" in that Man was given an immortal "soul" that would not and could not ever die. Originally,

this immortality included his physical body as well (**Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:17**).

### **Man's Behavior was Limited**

There has never been a time when Man was completely "free". At no time, before or after the Fall, has Man ever been "the Master of his Own Destiny" or "the Captain of His Own Ship". Such *absolute* Freedom is a myth. Even *before* the Fall, God limited Man, assigned him specific duties, limited his behavior, and held him accountable (**Genesis 2:15-17**). Salvation simply transfers ownership of the human being away from satan to Jesus Christ.

So, before you were saved you were a "slave to sin", and after you are saved you are a "bond-slave" of the Lord Jesus Christ. But whether lost or saved, we are all slaves and have never been truly "free". So, we have either been bought and paid for by Jesus in Salvation and are no longer "our own", or we belong to satan- lock, stock, and barrel.

## **4. God Commanded Man to Subdue and Rule Over the Earth**

### **Genesis 1:28**

**God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

Man was given both the responsibility and the honor of subduing the earth and ruling over it. This responsibility and honor was *imposed* on Man by God. This was *not* something that Man himself initiated, but something that originated from God. And from this we know that God made the earth in such a way that the earth is at its most efficient and productive state only when Man subdues and rules over it. Left to itself, the earth is deadly, unproductive, and inefficient. In order for the planet to be useful to God's Glory (and Man's benefit), it must be subdued and governed by Man.

## **5. God Holds Man Accountable**

Again, unlike anything else that God made, Man is held responsible/accountable by God for what God requires from him. And

this is really where the rub comes in. I don't believe for a second that most people, who espouse Darwinian Evolution, actually believe in it. No, their problem is in the Reality that they are going to have stand before God and give an account of their lives to Him. And they simply cannot stand to think that this might be true. So, they create a fantasy world, a world of Evolution and Accidents and Relativity and Randomness, a world where they can "do their own thing" and indulge in whatever emotional or sexual proclivity suites their fancy, and still hold out the possibility that they are a "good person".

But the Bible is crystal clear about this: Man is always and is in all ways responsible for his actions, thoughts, intentions, and deeds. And, because this is true, God rewards Man for his willful and joyful obedience, and He punishes Man for his rebellious disobedience.

### **2Corinthians 5:10**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

God isn't the least bit concerned whether you or I believe in Him. His existence is not determined by our acceptance. His credibility is not made better or worse with our belief or rejection. God is. And God was before the world was. And whether you agree with or not, and whether you want it to be true or not, you *will* stand before Him and you *will* give an account as to why you did not love, serve, obey and treasure Him in this life.

And that Reality strikes fear into the hearts of every thinking human being whose minds have not been darkened by their black hearts. And the Reality that we will stand before God and give an account will *modify* your behavior, unless you are a fool.

### **A Warning About Man and Deity**

Now even though it is true that Man is unique from everything else in Creation, and even though God made Man to have a relationship with Himself, no one should draw the conclusion that because of this, Man is "like God" in that he is in any way Deity before the Fall, after the Fall, after Salvation, or even in Heaven.

The Bible is crystal clear about this subject. Man was never God, and Man will never be God. And Man is not made to be God through Salvation in Jesus Christ, and neither will Man become God in Heaven. The indwelling of God the Holy Spirit within Man does not confer upon Man any form of Deity or Divinity.

Therefore, all teaching, from any source, either historic or modern, that assigns Deity or Divinity to Man in any way is evil, blasphemous, false, unbiblical, and contrary to everything the Bible teaches about both God and Man.

### **Man is Unique, but not Alone**

Although the Bible teaches that Man is unique, it also teaches that Man is not alone. The Man that God created shares a common Purpose with the other elements of God's Creation.

#### **Psalms 104:31**

**Let the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
Let the LORD be glad in His works;**

#### **Romans 11:36**

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.**

#### **Colossians 1:16-20**

**16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

**17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

**18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.**

**19 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,**

**20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.**

The Bible is clear that Man was created uniquely, but Man was not the only thing that God created.

## **6. The Woman**

### **Genesis 2:18-24**

**18** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

**19** Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

**20** The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

**21** So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

**22** The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

**23** The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones,  
And flesh of my flesh;  
She shall be called Woman,  
Because she was taken out of Man."

**24** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Woman is perhaps the very crown of the *uniqueness* of Man. *Nothing* in all of the created Universe is like a Woman. She was made differently than anything else, and her standing is objectively unique. More than anything else, Woman illustrates the purposeful and wise Actions of a Good God.

Now there are several things to note in this Passage. Among them are:

- ✓ God did not ask or consult with Adam about a mate, but made a declarative statement: **"It is not good for the man to be alone..."**
- ✓ God *could* have allowed Man's problem about "aloneness" to be solved through the animals, but He didn't. God solved that problem by making a Woman.
- ✓ God *could* have made all humans to be Male, but He didn't.
- ✓ God *could* have made the Woman at the same time and in the same way that He made Man, but He didn't.
- ✓ The Divine Purpose for which God made the Woman was, **"The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him... I (God) will make him a helper suitable for him."**
- ✓ The Divine Order of *Complementarianism*, which is Male headship (servant leadership) and Female submission (servant helper), was established by God *before* the Fall, and is *not* a product of the sin of Adam and Eve.

## Complementarianism Versus Egalitarianism

We must understand that a rejection of Biblical Truth is not simply an intellectual or academic or theological discussion. It has real, down-to-earth effects. A rejection of Biblical Creation, combined with an acceptance of Darwinian Evolution, naturally and normally alters the very fabric of life. It *dominates* how you see the world and all of life (Worldview). It affects everything from your politics to your values to your marriage to your own personal being.

And the results of decades of rejection of Biblical Truth and an almost "religious" embrace of Darwinian Evolution is a very contradictory and confused population as they seek to live life embracing a false and unworkable narrative.

And one of the most blatant results of the tragedy of Darwinian Evolution is in the issue of "Human Sexuality" and everything that flows out from that, like Marriage and Children and Abortion, and the various sexual perversions, and just how Government should deal with those issues. So, these are not merely esoteric arguments, they affect every area of our lives and are "front and center" on the evening news.

It is my contention that far too many men no longer know what it means to be a godly Father and a Brother and a Son and a Husband,



the roles that God has called them to play, while women are confused about just how to be a godly Mother, Daughter, Sister, and Wife. God-ordained roles based on the fact that God made them Male and Female on purpose are maligned and denigrated daily, and yet in yielding to them we find Peace and Joy.

***Complementarianism*** is the Biblical concept which teaches that in the beginning, God wisely and purposefully made them uniquely Male and Female, and based on that uniqueness, God established a Divine Order which is expressed in Male headship/accountability (Servant Leadership) and Female submission/support (Servant Helper). Complementarianism teaches that while the Fall *perverted* the relationship between Man and Woman, the distinct roles for Man and Woman were ordained by God *before* the Fall, and are *not* the results of the Divine Curse upon Mankind, and thus they are *not* removed, set aside, or fulfilled through Salvation in Jesus Christ.

Complementarianism is a fixed concept and Standard which teaches that God is glorified by both Man and Woman honestly and joyfully striving (in the Power of the Spirit) to fill these already pre-ordained roles.

***Egalitarianism*** is the relative concept which teaches (in the Church) that sex has no bearing on either headship/accountability or submission/support, and that the roles of Man and Woman are best defined by "sex neutral" abilities and attributes, all governed by differing circumstances. Egalitarianism teaches that Male headship and Female submission were the result of God's Curse on Man and Woman after the Fall, and thus are removed through Salvation in Jesus Christ. Egalitarianism is a highly flexible concept that allows for sex-defined roles to be shared, or even reversed, depending on various circumstances.

***Feminism***, which has its roots in ancient Gnosticism, is really just Egalitarianism out in the lost world. So, Feminism uses the many examples of Males, who do not live up to the God-ordained Role as "proof" that they are correct, while Egalitarianism seeks to use Scripture to dismantle God's Divine Order.

Dear friends, we are being indoctrinated that we are to ignore, minimize, overcome, and cast off any role that is based on sex by a culture that has rejected Biblical Creation. Yet, if God made them Male and Female on purpose, then we should emphasize and teach and

celebrate those distinctions. So, as the results of Darwinian Evolution unfold before us, those who believe the Bible to be the Word of God are becoming increasingly in the minority. And this is why I am teaching about what Biblical Manhood and Womanhood looks like every Lord's Day morning at 8:30. We are exploring what God has said and what God expects from each of us as He has uniquely made us Male and Female.

But we must not fear the future. Jesus has promised that He will build His Church, and that the very gates of Hades itself will not prevail against it. So, our duty in this age is to find out what God has said and what God expects from His people, and then to live fearlessly, with all our might, in this radical Love of Jesus Christ.

And the Promise from our King is that the lost, pagan, and unregenerate world will see our good works, and they will glorify our Father, Who is in Heaven. And they will take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

Amen. Let's pray.

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The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Be watchful and quicken your pace. Soli Deo Gloria. For the Glory of God alone.