

# + Distinctives #3

## **The same but not the same : Complementarianism**

*Wiki: Complementarianism is a theological view in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, that men and women have different but complementary roles and responsibilities in marriage, family life, religious leadership, ~~and elsewhere.~~*

Slightly disagree!

## **+ Where do we go for our authority?**

Bible	Reason
Institution	Experience

? Feelings

## **+ This is a secondary issue in the body of Christ**

- a) truths to \_\_\_\_\_ for.
- b) truths to \_\_\_\_\_ for.
- c) truths to \_\_\_\_\_ for.
- d) truths to \_\_\_\_\_ for.

In simple terms 4 views...

-- S P E C T R U M --

+ Christian Feminist view

+ Patriarchal view

+ Egalitarian view

+ Complementarian view

**Gal 3v26-29**

v26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, v27 for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. v28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. v29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Remember context!

The cross destroys divisions *not* distinctions

## From Creation (pre Fall)

→ (1) The order of creation

→ (2) The title of the woman

→ (3) The man's naming of woman

→ (4) The order of temptation and accountability

But the Fall **does** affect things...

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Nb **Hard** Complementarity to Soft Complementarity

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Nb Don't forget the church is not like the world

*Fundamental absolute equality 1 Corinthians 12 (etc)*

## 5 Key Passages

### (1) Ephesians 5v21-33

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing[b] her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain

or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – 30 for we are members of his body. 31 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ 32 This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

### **(2) 1 Corinthians 11v2-16**

v4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonours his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonours her head – it is the same as having her head shaved. 6 For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

### **(3) 1 Corinthians 14v26-40**

v34 Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. 35 If they want to enquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church...

(But what about chapter 11 above?!)

#### **(4) 1 Timothy**

##### **1 Timothy 3v15**

if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's **household**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

##### **1 Tim 3v4-5 (ESV)**

4 He must manage his own **household** well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own **household**, how will he care for God's church?

##### **1 Tim 2v11-15**

11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

#### ***“...teaching with authority”?***

- 1) sermons in church? OR
- 2) guarding apostolic orthodoxy?  
- *can we so easily divide them??*

#### ***So where does this leave us?***