

INTRODUCTION: Few would deny that Old Testament society was patriarchal - **The Patriarchs** (Abraham to Joseph) - **The Prophets** (Moses to Samuel) - **The Kings** (Saul to Zedekiah...to ensure the succession of kings, God would have to ensure the birth of sons - 1 Kings 2:4) - **The Priests** (Zerubbabel to Caiaphas). To be ruled by women was a symptom of moral and spiritual decadence (Isaiah 3:12). Normal leadership in both home and nation was male. But for the past 2,000 years we have been living in the New Testament, under the new covenant - we are free from Sabbath laws, the strict tithe, dietary laws etc. The Law of Moses served its purpose (Hebrews 8:13) and now replaced by "Christ's law" which is "the perfect Law of Liberty" (James 1:25). Did Jesus abolish the gender roles that God established in Genesis 1 and 2 and adhered to throughout the Old Testament? **The life of Jesus Christ** as portrayed in the four Gospels - **the early Church** as seen in the Book of Acts - and **the epistles** of the New Testament say "No". The paradox of Genesis 1 and 2 remains - men and women are equal, yet unequal; the same, yet different. Jesus' own actions and attitudes, and those of the Apostles and early Church are consistent with God the Father's original creation. God designed male-female distinctions in order for the sexes to beautifully complement each other and to exercise different functions in society. To deny those distinctions is as destructive and dishonorable as it is to discriminate against women.

I. THE ATTITUDE OF THE LORD JESUS - Various Scriptures

A. GENERAL FACTS

- ▶ JESUS WAS A **MAN**
- ▶ JESUS WAS A **BACHELOR**
- ▶ JESUS RELATIONSHIP WITH WOMEN WAS **UNIQUE**
- ▶ JESUS **MINISTERED** TO WOMEN
- ▶ JESUS RECEIVED **MINISTRY** FROM WOMEN

B. SURPRISING FACTS

- ▶ THE _____ OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER
- ▶ THE _____ OF JESUS
- ▶ THE _____ SUPPER
- ▶ THE _____ OF GETHSEMEÑE

C. THOUGHT _____ FACTS

- ▶ **THE USE OF THE WORD _____**
- ▶ **THE _____ APOSTLES SENT OUT**
- ▶ **THE _____ APOSTLES**

II. THE _____ OF THE APOSTLE PAUL - Various Scriptures

A. 1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-38

B. 1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15 - *PRINCIPLES OF WOMEN'S CONDUCT*

1. _____ **IN HER DRESS**
2. _____ **IN HER CHURCH**
 - ▶ **STATED _____**
 - ▶ **STATED _____**

III. THE _____ OF THE GODLY WOMAN - Various Scriptures

A. _____ HER HOME

- ▶ **TO BE A GODLY _____**
- ▶ **TO BE A GRACIOUS _____**

B. _____ HER HOME

- ▶ **TO BE A _____ OF YOUNGER WOMEN**
- ▶ **TO BE A _____ WITH MEN**

God has a ministry for every women in the local church