

“Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus”

[Genesis 1-3]

1. Gender matters...a lot. [Genesis 1]

- God chose to represent Himself on the earth through _____ and _____.
- Male and female are _____ in essence but _____ in gifting and “wiring”.
- God’s rule in the earth will only be achieved through male and female _____.

2. Male and female before sin and the fall [Genesis 2]

- Adam is gifted with _____ and _____ to _____ and _____ his family and the world.
- Eve is gifted with the power of _____ and deep _____ to draw her family and the world into intimate community.
- Adam and Eve lived in trusting, _____, their gifts complementing one another.

“Prior to the fall there was no need of hierarchy...since the pair had not experienced evil in any way”

[Allen Ross, “Creation/Blessing”]

3. Male and female after sin and the fall [Genesis 3]

- Adam and Eve chose _____ over _____.
- Thus, they were cursed to a life of struggle for _____ and _____. [v. 16]

“After the fall, the woman at her worst would be a nemesis to the man, and the man at his worst would dominate the woman.”

[Allen Ross, “Creation and Blessing”]

- But hope was given for return to life in relationship through the “_____ of the _____.” [v.15]

4. Male and female under the “seed of the woman”, Messiah Jesus. [cf. Ephesians 5:21]

- The curse of living under _____ and _____ is broken.
- In Christ, male and female are delivered from power and control through _____

“The final expression of being filled with the spirit is ‘submitting to one another’ because Christ is one’s Lord. All the household codes Paul proposes are based on this idea. But although it was customary to call on wives, children and slaves to submit in various ways, to call all members of a group, including the male head of the household, to submit to one another WAS UNHEARD OF!” [C. Keener, “IVP Background Commentary on NT]