

《男人女人在教會的角色與功用》

A) 關於男女受造

(1) 神是按著祂自己的形像和樣式造男且造女(創 1：26-28)

(2) 先造的是亞當，後造的是夏娃(提前 2：13)

- 8 起初，男人不是由女人而出，女人乃是由男人而出；9 並且男人不是為女人造的，女人乃是為男人造的。(林前 11：8-9)

⇒ 此處並非是在講男女地位的差異，而是男女受造的順序，更是特別重在預表教會乃是**因著基督**而有，也是**為著基督**而有。

(3) 男人女人受造的特殊托付

a) 造亞當-使他「修理」、「看守」伊甸園(創 2：15)

b) 造夏娃-因為那人獨居不好，所以神造夏娃來「幫助」他(創 2：18)

B) 關於男人女人的蒙恩地位與托付

- 你們因信基督耶穌**都是神的兒子…都是披戴基督**了，並不分猶太人、希利尼人、自主的、為奴的、**或男或女**，因為你們在基督耶穌裡都成為一了(加 3：26-28)

C) 關於男人女人的恩賜與功用

- 恩賜原有分別、聖靈卻是一位。…聖靈顯在**各人**身上、是叫人得益處。…這一切都是這位聖靈所運行、隨己意分給**各人**的(不分男女)(林前 12：4-11)
- 我們**各人**蒙恩都是照著基督所量給**各人**的恩賜。(弗 4：7)

D) 關於蒙頭(林前 11：2-16)

- 因為神是基督的頭，基督又是各人的頭，所以每一個人都當服在基督的權柄底下，都當讓神居首位。但因著下列原因：

1) 男人預表基督，女人預表教會(弗 5：31-32)

2) 男人是女人的頭(v3)

3) 為了天使的緣故(v10)

所以：

1) 女人應當蒙頭，在頭上有服權柄的記號(v10)

- 凡女人禱告或講道，若不蒙著頭，就羞辱自己的頭，因為這樣如同剃了頭髮一樣。女人若不蒙頭，就該剪了頭髮，女人若以剪髮、剃髮為羞愧，就該蒙著頭(v5-6)

- 女人有長髮乃是她的榮耀，因為這頭髮是給她作蓋頭的(v15)

2) 姐妹蒙頭是全教會順服基督的提醒與見證

E) 關於講道

1) 女人公開的講道和禱告是許可的—只是需蒙頭

a) 舊約：女先知、女士師的興起

b) 新約

5 凡女人禱告或是講道，若不蒙著頭，就羞辱自己的頭...10 女人為天使的緣故，應當在頭上有服權柄的記號。(林前 11：5, 10)

2) 兩段難解經文的應用範圍

- 女人要沉靜學道，一味的順服。我不許女人講道，也不許她轄管男人，只要沉靜。(提前 2：11-12)
- 婦女在會中要閉口不言，像在聖徒的眾教會一樣，因為不准她們說話。他們總要順服、正如律法所說的。他們若要學甚麼、可以在家裏問自己的丈夫。因為婦女在會中說話原是可恥的。神的道理、豈是從你們出來麼。豈是單臨到你們麼... (林前 14：34-36)

F) 男人女人在本教會中的事奉

- ❖ 不論是弟兄或是姊妹，當照所得的生命與恩賜全力投入服事
- ❖ 弟兄們除了要積極參與教會的事奉，也需負起一家之主的責任，尤其是全家屬靈和守望的責任。姐妹們除了在教會盡自己的功用，參與服事，更要與丈夫共負一軛，全力做丈夫服事上的幫手。
- ❖ 姐妹除了代表教會的角色(長老，主任牧師)以外，可以參與任何服事或擔任領袖的角色，例如：小組長、執事、全時間傳道人...，但總需有屬靈權柄的撫蓋與引導，弟兄們亦然。
- ❖ 姐妹可以做話語出口，但需蒙頭，且有屬靈的撫蓋。

G) 男人女人在家庭中的角色與責任(請參考第十講：『基督化家庭』)

【討論問題】

- 1) 在上了本課之後，你對男女受造的目的與功用有何特別的體會？
- 2) 請分享你將如何幫助或鼓勵你的配偶，照著神的心意投入神家各種的聚會與服事？
- 3) 對於『神是基督的頭，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭』，正確的體會應該是什麼？為什麼姊妹蒙頭會有助於彰顯『教會順服基督的見證』？

The roles and functions of men and women in the Church

A. Concerning the creation of men and women

- 1) God created man according to his own image and likeness; male and female he created them. (Gen 1:26-28)
- 2) For Adam was formed first, then Eve. (1 Tim 2:13)
 - For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. (1 Cor 11:8-9)
 - ⇒ This is not speaking of the difference in status between men and women, but the order by which man and women are formed; and more significantly the emphasis that the church came to being **because of Christ** and **exists for Christ**.
- 3) Special commission upon the creation of men and women
 - a) Adam was created so that he would tend and keep the Garden of Eden. (Gen 2:15)
 - b) Eve was created because, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” (Gen 2:18)

B. Concerning the position of grace and what has been committed to men and women

- For **you are all sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ **have put on Christ**. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, **there is neither male nor female**; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:26-28)

C. Concerning the gifts and functions for men and women

- There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to **each one** for the profit *of all*: ... But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to **each one individually** (regardless of male or female) as He wills. (1 Cor 12:4-11)
- But **to each one of us** grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. (Eph 4:7)

D. Concerning head covering (1 Cor 11:2-16)

- The head of Christ *is* God, and Christ is the head of all, therefore everyone ought to submit to the authority of Christ that God would have the first place. But because of the following reasons:
 - 1) Man is the typology of Christ and woman is the typology of the church (Eph 5: 31-32)
 - 2) the head of woman is man (1 Cor 11:3)
 - 3) because of the angels (1Cor 11:10)

Therefore:

- 1) woman ought cover her head, to have *a symbol of* authority on *her* head (1 Cor 11:10)
 - But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. (1 Cor 11:5-6)
 - But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for *her* hair is given to her for a covering. (1 Cor 11: 15)
- 2) Women covering their heads are reminders and a testimony of the church’s obedience toward Christ

E. Concerning preaching

- 1) It is permissible for women to preach and pray publicly – on the condition that their heads are covered
 - a) Old testament: Women prophets, women judges

- b) New Testament: But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head ... For this reason the woman ought to have *a symbol of authority* on *her* head, because of the angels.
- 2) The boundaries and applications of two particularly difficult to explain scripture references
- Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. (1 Tim 2:11-12)
 - Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? (1 Cor 14: 34-36)

F. Services of men and women at SVCA

- ❖ Regardless of brothers or sisters, everyone ought to commit themselves fully into services according to the life and gifting they have received.
- ❖ Brothers, apart from actively participating in church services, ought to also take up the responsibility as the head of the house – particularly as the guardian over the spiritual wellbeing of the home. Sisters, apart from functioning in church services, must also be equally yoked with their husbands – to fully support their husbands as helpers.
- ❖ Sisters, apart from taking on roles that represents the church (i.e. elders, senior pastors), are permitted to partake in any services including leadership roles such as : small group leaders, deacons, fulltime ministers, etc. but they must have appropriate spiritual covering – likewise for all brothers.
- ❖ Sisters can be speakers, but their heads must be covered as well as spiritual covering.

G. The roles and responsibility of men and women in the home (reference Knowing Our Church (10) : Christian Homes)

【Discussion Questions】

- 1) After taking this class what new understanding have you gained concerning the different purpose and role of man and woman in God's creation?
- 2) How would you help or encourage your spouse to participate in the meetings and services in God's house according to His heart?
- 3) What is the proper understanding of the statement "God is the head of Christ, Christ head of man, and man head of woman"? Why do you think sisters wearing head-coverings is helpful in showing the testimony of obedience to Christ by the church?