

Now Word Covenant Church
“SHE WILL BE CALLED WOMAN.”
Genesis 2:21-23 (NLT)
Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12, 2019

Genesis 2:21. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening.²² The Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.²³ “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is **bone** from **bone**, and **flesh** from **my flesh**! She will be called ‘**woman**,’ because she was taken from man.”²⁴ This explains why a man **leaves** his father and mother and **is joined to his wife** and the two are **united into one**. (NLT)

Introduction: This morning we want to remind ourselves as followers of Christ; God’s purpose for **woman**. As our culture moves farther away from **Christian beliefs**, the meaning of the **identity** and **gender** of a woman is being changed.

As followers of Christ and seeing life through a biblical worldview, we must first know God’s original intent for woman. Then we must live out our faith concerning God’s creation of woman, so we can demonstrate to our culture what it looks like to properly honor God’s creation called woman.

Stages of Womanhood

- Daughter (formative years)
- Woman – (adult)
- Wife – (marriage)
- Mother (parent)
- Grandmother ((matriarch)

What was in the mind of God when He created woman?

1. Male and Female are God’s _____.

Genesis 1:27. So God created **man** (humanity) in His **own image** (identity); in the image of God He created **him**; male and female (sexuality) He created **them** (equality). (NKJV)

“God’s Idea: Humanity, Identity, Sexuality and Equality.”

2. Defining the Woman’s _____.

- a) **Feminine** identity – **nurture** – a set of behaviors, roles, and attributes associated with being female according to the culture
- b) **Gender** identity – **nature** – the assigned sex at birth primarily according to the reproductive organs of the body.

“Masculinity and Femininity are an **abstract concept** with expectation males will be masculine and females will be feminine.”

Feminine Identity:

- Personality – aggressive (m) passive (f)
- Occupations – doctor (m) nurse (f)
- Domestic – outside (m) inside (f)
- Appearance – pants (m) dress – (f)

Feminist Argument:

- Females want to be **equal** to males
- Females want to **do** what males **do**
- Females want to **compete** with males
- Females want to become **like males**

Women’s Movements:

- **Suffrage** Movement – voting rights
- **Feminist** Movement – gender equality

References: Deuteronomy 22:5, 1 Timothy 2:9-10

3. We need to follow biblical _____.

- a) Creation Narrative: Genesis 1:27
- b) Mother/Daughter: Titus 2:4-5
- c) Single Woman: Genesis 2:18, 22-23
- d) Wife: Genesis 2:24
- e) Mother: Genesis 1:28

Takeaway:

What was in the mind of God when He made woman?

- **First:** humanity-identity-sexuality-equality
- **Second:** woman-gender-femininity-purpose
- **Third:** daughter-marriage-wife-mother-grandmother

Next Week: Faith Series continues