

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 9) The Great Equalizer and Unifier

One of the greatest effects of biblical Christianity on the world is the destruction of _____

There is no special _____ based on skin color, education level, biological gender, or financial status

All are on level ground spiritually at the foot of the cross

(Colossians 3:11) There is no such thing as true _____ in this life.

People are not born equal in terms of mental capacity, physical capacity, economic privilege, etc...

Christianity changes that because _____ brings true equality to people.

In first century, certain relationships were disallowed or impossible

_____ were the educated aristocrats who looked down on uneducated Gentiles and barbarians

_____ looked down on every other nation

Slaves not even classified as human beings, while free men had privileges

Christianity does not blur biological _____ identification (Genesis 1:27; Gal. 3:28)

Men and women are equal _____

Before Christ we are _____ in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1-4)

After repenting and confessing sin, we have the _____ of eternal life (I Peter 1:3-9)

Men and women are not the same biologically, physically, or emotionally

“When it comes to human sexuality, the greatest display of God’s glory, the greatest joy of human relationships, and the greatest fruitfulness in ministry come about when the deep differences between men and women are embraced and celebrated as complements to each other. They complete and beautify each other.” John Piper

The deeper differences of manhood and womanhood are not superior or inferior competencies.

God created men and women to _____ one another (I Peter 3:1-7)

One cannot _____ the other – both are part of God’s perfect design

Different but complementary roles – equal _____ and standing before God

Hardwired hormonally and biologically to _____ together

The attempt by feminism to remedy the male abuse of women by nullifying gender differences backfires and produces millions of men that women cannot enjoy because of their unmanliness, or cannot endure because of their distorted, brutal manliness. In other words, if we don’t teach boys and girls about the truth and beauty and value of their differences, and how to live them out, those differences do not mature in healthy ways — but dysfunctional ways. And a generation of young adults comes into being who simply do not know what it means to be a mature man or a woman; and the cultural price we pay for that is enormous. John Piper

All those who are one with Jesus Christ are _____ with each other.

All believers share the same privilege and position.

Within the body of Christ all have the same relationship to God and all are of equal _____

Distinctions all _____ when once we come to Christ; we are one in him, and every promise to believers is good to all who are in Christ Jesus.