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God's Design: "Male and female He created them"

#2, "Male and Female He created them and Equal!"

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27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Introduction

Some say there are only two kinds of living things on earth!

Men and women are something special

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On the same day that God created all the other living creatures He created man

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Man is special and unique, made in His image!

Made in God's image, given dominion over the rest of creation, male and female He created them

God's charge, that we might be fruitful and multiply implies that we might have many children and fill the whole earth with creatures made in His image

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It had to be this way, which implies that to repopulate and fill the earth there had to be male and female

Male and Female and if that is not different enough...
Boys have 1000 more testosterone than girls
God made boys and girls to be different for a purpose

But not everyone thinks God making them "male and female" is good

Some want us all to dress like, act like and do everything the same

But that is not how God has designed us
He made us with real differences
God has made us "male and female" He made them
and it is absolutely wrong to want to change that

Why can't Mom and Dad from birth teach little girls to celebrate being female?
Why can't Mom and Dad teach little boys to celebrate being male?
Because culture has influenced us into thinking that doing such is not cool!

All these differences He gave them but equal in worth!

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Equal: equally important, equally valuable, and equally made in God's image

Three persons-one God

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

Just like the Father has headship over the Son

Man has been given headship over the woman

1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

So how are men and women equal?

They are equal in how God made them

Genesis 2:23 (ESV) Then the man said,

**"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."**

She made him complete, together they are one
**1 Corinthians 11:12 (ESV) For as woman was made
from man, so man is now born of woman. And all
things are from God.**

Men and women are equal in many ways?
**Galatians 3:28 (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and
female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

It does mean that God accepts both and saves both
and values both the same even though their roles
are different

Men and women are equal in importance and value
and serve

Women are to submit, support, mother, manage and
serve

Men are to relish and cherish their roles as the head
Women are to submit and joy in their role as helpers

None of this means either is better than the other

What we need to do is be about serving God, serving
one another and others and discovering our God
given roles and duties and to be about them

It would bring great contentment in the home, in the
church and be a testimony to society

Remember God is the creator, we are the creatures,
His Book is the Bible, and thinks always work better
when we do it His way

Assignment – Discuss how God made us different but
equal, review the Scripture for today's message
Affirm your children and how God made them