



## What About Women in the Church?

### 1 Timothy 2:9-15

- 1) Though different, men and women are equal
  - a) In *nature*, both are created in God's image (Gen. 1:27)
  - b) By *redemption*, they are one in Christ (Gal. 3:28)
  - c) Spiritual gifts distributed equally
  - d) God used women in OT (Miriam, Deborah, Huldah)
  - e) Jesus used women in NT (Mary, Priscilla, Phoebe, tomb witnesses)
  - f) Women *pray & prophesy* (1 Cor. 11:5; cf. 14:34-35)
  
- 2) In the church men lead, teach, & pray (2:8; cf. 3:1-7)
  
- 3) In the church (and home) women respect their God-given roles (2:9-12; cf. Eph. 5:22-24, 33)
  - a) Their beauty flows from their *saintliness*, not clothing (9-10)
  - b) They quietly & submissively receive instruction, not give it (11)
  - c) They neither teach nor exercise authority over men (12)
  
- 4) Is God intentionally limiting women in Christ's church? (13-15)
  - a) Since Adam was first created, he has authority in Christ's church (13)
  - b) Since Eve was deceived, she must submit to husband & elders (14)
  - c) Women are saved by accepting their roles, maintaining their faith (15)