

# COMPLEMENTARIANISM

Men and women were created in the image of God and of all creation; it was only this creative act that received the accolades of "very good." The facets of God are many, of which men and women are like two snapshots from different angles. They are equal yet different, their intended attributes and roles complement one another in such perfect union that the most intimate relationship between a man and woman is also the most profound way the relationship between Christ and the Church is explained. Scripture is filled with examples, Old and New Testament alike, where women have been the instrument of God to accomplish His will. Christ revealed his resurrected self, first to women, and as such, women became the first evangelists - bearers of the Gospel to the despairing apostles. The world, and unfortunately unlearned Christians, often misinterpret the Bible's description of women in the Old Testament "helper" and the New Testament "subject" as a degradative role of subservience. One merely needs to read the Psalms to hear how the singer cries out to God as his "help" using the same Hebrew word to comprehend the intended role of women and how she fulfils the image of God meeting it. The Greek word for "subject" is a military term describing the arrangement of troops to support a leader, but when used for non-military situations it conveys some of the same sense found in the Hebrew. This Greek form is defined as "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden" (Thayer). Neither case can even remotely be considered second-class, as both are clearly reflections of chief attributes of God. A man should never usurp the leadership of Christ to misogynistically pervert the role of women. Neither should a woman corrupt subjectivity as an excuse for failing to act out God's will. The complementation of the sexes is beautiful, loving, and powerful, when it is free of sin.

## SCRIPTURE VERSES

Genesis chapters 1 to 3

Mark 16:1-8

Luke 2:36-38; 8:2-3; 24:10

John 4:39; 11:20-27; 20:18

Acts 1:14; 16:40; 18:24-26

Romans 16:1-2

Ephesians 5

2 Timothy 1:5

## SERMONS

Panel discussion with Sam Alberry, Rosaria Butterfield, and Jackie Hill-Perry - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15IS87Ad3HE>

## ARTICLES

"[A Letter to My Brothers](#)" by Beth Moore

[2018 Southern Baptist Convention Resolution 1](#) (and somewhat [Resolution 2](#))

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/four-dangers-for-complementarians/>

<https://www.russellmoore.com/2018/02/12/teach-boys-respect-women/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/six-things-submission-is-not>

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