

Displays of Grace Part 2 - Male and Female

Titus 2:1-8, Genesis 2-3

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BIG IDEA: Display grace as male and female.

We reflect God's goodness and experience true flourishing as we honor our creator through faithful expressions of masculinity and femininity.

I. Crete and Clemson

II. God's Created Order

A. God reveals His truth through the world. (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20)

Psalm 19:1 | "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."

Romans 1:20 | "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

B. God reveals His truth through His Word. (Psalm 19:7-8)

Psalm 19:7-8 | "⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;"

"God's revealed morality regarding sexuality is given to us in Scripture because it points us to his best plan through the revealed reality of his creation. When he gives us instructions regarding our reality, he does not do so simply to keep us from sin. He wants us to maximally flourish in this aspect of our lives and worship."

- Mark D. Liederbach and Evan Lenow, *Ethics as Worship*

Genesis 1:27-28 | "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.'"

Genesis 2:18-25 | "¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.' ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God

had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ 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.' ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

Male and Female

- o Same in essence
- o Same in dignity and worth
- o Distinct in form
- o Distinct in function

III. God's Creation Disordered

Genesis 3:6-9 | ⁶ "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'"

Romans 1:18-25 | ¹⁸ "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”

IV. God’s Restoration

Galatians 5:16-17 | “¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”

“A robust theology cannot be built on what we’re not allowed to do, for the Christian life is much more than the avoidance of sinful behavior. If scriptural prohibitions are the only lens through which we see things, then we may well miss the gospel.”

–Christopher Yuan

“As progressivism marches on, one of the most necessary and provocative consequences of Christian theology is the promise of stability and order. One of the insidious consequences of progressivism is its constant fluidity, its fashionable fictions, and destabilizing fallacies. Jesus Christ is the opposite. In Christ, there is a place to stand. There is fixity and finality.”

– Andrew Walker

Hebrews 13:8 | “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Benediction | Titus 2:11-12

“¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,”