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### Part 2

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Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:21-29, <sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. <sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all

sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word Today, in Jesus Name! Amen.

We are the Church that believes in God’s Grace upon Womanhood  
Identity, Purpose, Role, and Grace of Womanhood

### **1) We are the Kind of Church that Celebrates Biblical Womanhood!**

- a) Biblical Womanhood; not societies definition but God’s definition. Isn’t it interesting that everything around us is seeking to strip us of our God given and God defined identity? Sexual identity; Gender identity; etc....
- b) Friends, this attempt to undermine identity stems its way all the way back to the Garden of Eden when the serpent tempts Eve and the first point of argument was consumption of the fruit will make them "like god". And it was this deception that convinced them they were not in His image when the fact of the matter was that man had been made in the image and likeness of God Himself.

- c) And it has been from that point until now that our identity, collectively, both male and female alike has been under attack. And in light of this attack on identity is why I stated emphatically the phrase “Biblical Womanhood”.
- d) Church, the Word of God has the final authority to define us; not the darkness of this present age, not humanity nor societal pressures, and especially not demonic influences. The Apostle Paul spoke clearly to the matter of biblical manhood and womanhood in Titus chapter 2, in verses 1-5...
- e) The Apostle Paul’s Letter to Titus 2:1-5, “But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. <sup>2</sup> Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <sup>3</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”
- f) Biblical womanhood is defined as reverent behavior, control of conversations that are slanderous, not given to strong drink/lack of self-control, teach what is good and as such train young women to do the same.

- g) Not only is it lived but it is replicated into the lives of those around you! Sisters and mothers of the house; hear me today. This world is in need of Biblical Womanhood just as much as it is in need of Biblical Manhood. Note what the Apostle Peter wrote regarding this same arena of conversation...
- h) 1 Peter 3:3-6, <sup>3</sup>Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—<sup>4</sup>but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup>For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup>as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.”
- i) Sisters in Christ! May the riches of your life be found in the hidden person of your heart with imperishable beauty and a gentle spirit. Church, we celebrate the identity of our sisters in Christ because Christ is calling us all to be standards of being and not judges of doing. May it be that our living provokes others to righteousness!
- j) Remember, we are the Kind of Church that Celebrates Biblical Womanhood because we stand upon the Word of God and not upon the wisdom of this world... Point #2...

## 2) We are the Kind of Church that Supports Mothers in their Mission!

- a) For those who are mothers, as well as for all of my sisters who have yet to be a mother, I want you to know that we, as a Church, honor and support you in your task of raising your children in the House of the Lord!
- b) Mothers! I celebrate and honor you in your diligence in all matters to do your best to raise your children in the admonition of the Lord! For the mama that is tired, scared you aren't doing enough, afraid of failure, and overwhelmed with life and motherhood; hear your Pastor today! A mother who doesn't care would never worry nor question if she was doing enough; the fact that you are struggling is a cornerstone on which you can rest upon because you care.
- c) Proverbs 31:25-29, **“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. <sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”**

- d) Mamas! One day, the struggle will be worth it. The bitter seasons will bear sweet fruit. The difficult times will pay in dividends because you did well! Mama! Don't stop praying. Don't stop pressing in. Don't stop prophesying over your babies. Don't stop decreeing the Word of God over them.
- e) Don't quit pressing into your faith because your babies are watching you endure and teaching them by example of what it means to press in and press through.
- f) I want you to remember today that We are the Kind of Church that Supports mamas in their tasks and mama, you're doing a great job!

### 3) We are the Kind of Church that encourage our Sisters to Pursue a lasting Faith!

- a) Church family, the greatest victories become the greatest rewards when we pursue things that are eternal and not temporal. It is my heart and desire for our church to be the kind of church that encourages one another to pursue a lasting faith. A lasting faith that doesn't just encompass a fruitful faith in God, but also grace filled faith in one another as His Church!

- b) Found within Hebrews 11, we discover a great hall of faith! A record of not only God's faithfulness to His people, but also a faithfulness from God's people to the will of God itself!
- c) Friends, it should be our greatest desire to encourage our sisters in Christ to pursue a lasting faith! Notice with me, the words of the author of the book of Hebrews, chapter 11 verses 30 through 40.
- d) The Book of Hebrews 11:30-40, <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats,

destitute, afflicted, mistreated,<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy, wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.”

- e) Just as this chapter highlights, enduring faith doesn't mean that all things believed upon will happen within our life time but rather having an eternal faith in so trusting that the Lord will cause all things to work according to His purpose!
- f) Thus in closing, to my sisters, to the mothers of this house, to the mothers to be, and to the women whom Christ has called unto Himself! May you be encouraged in your trials. May the Peace of God empower you by His Spirit to endure, to heal, to cling to His promises.
- g) May you not be wearied with the call of womanhood or motherhood. May your hearts be reinvigorated today for the things of God and may disillusionment be far from you! It is my prayer that you are encouraged today to pursue a lasting faith and not let the cares of this life overshadow Christ's divine call upon you! May the Peace of God guard and guide you unto the Day of the Lord! Amen!