



At the Core

Rediscovering the essential teachings of Christianity

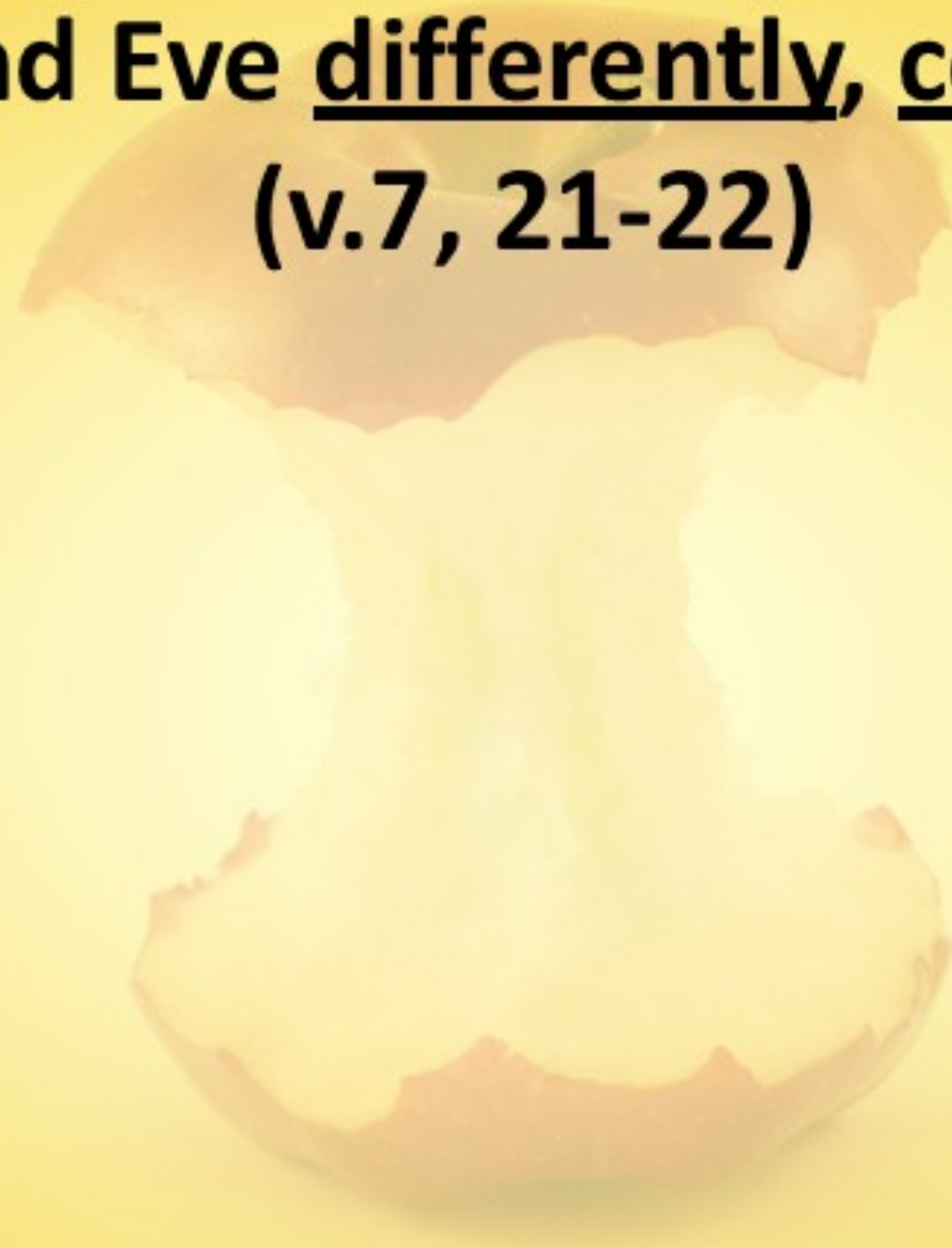
“Distinct by Design”

Genesis 2

Energizing your faith in Christ to live biblical truth

1. Made Different, on Purpose:

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(v.7, 21-22)**



3 Truths that reveal God's design for mankind

**“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and man became a living being.” (v.7)**

**“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept;
and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.
Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man
He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.” (v.21-22)**



Adam was “formed”—the Hebrew word “yasar” meaning to mold into shape, most often used for a potter shaping clay. The Lord then “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.”

Eve was “made”—the Hebrew word “bana” is most often used in the context of build city, walls, defenses (used 22x Nehemiah building walls of Jerusalem). The rib which the Lord had taken from Adam and used to “build” Eve speaks to the help that she would provide for Adam—protecting Adam and the family.



**God used Adam's own body to create Eve
to forever remind him of their essential oneness.**



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“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (v.15-17)

“And the Lord God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*” (v.18)



God gives the man responsibility (and accountability) to be the leader in the home and gives to the woman the responsibility to help him. This does not mean there is to be no help from the man to the woman. It only means the man is hardwired to lead —toward God in marriage, family, and church.



**“The woman was not merely an appendage to man,
but a part of him—bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh.
She was his equal, his partner, his companion, and his delight.”**
— *Charles Spurgeon*



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3. Married Together for Oneness:

Adam and Eve were designed to have a union based on
a shared love for God and for one another.
(v.23-24)

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**“And Adam said:
“This *is* now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man.”**

**Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his
wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

**And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not
ashamed.” (v.23-24)**



“For man is not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.”

1 Corinthians 11:8-12



Difference isn't division.
God-designed distinctions are for togetherness, not competition.

