

Ephesians Series

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The Authority of the Creator

Ephesians 5:21; 1 Timothy 2:8–12; 1 Peter 2:11–3:6



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**Roman *Testudo*
or
Tortoise Formation
“Locking Shields”**



The doctrines of Scripture are interlocked like the locking of shields. They are thus interconnected and interdependent. One protecting and informing about the others. To remove one or two destroys the integrity of the Scriptures and the teaching of the Bible as a whole. So once one is removed or minimized a destructive effect on other doctrines develops.



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- This pagan worldview has a myth about origins called “evolution.”**
- The pagan worldview derives its views on the meaning of life, definition of personhood, and value and roles of men and women from its view of origins, and cobbles these together to fit an eclectic, utilitarian, and pragmatic worldview.**

Results:

Eph. 5:19, “with the result that you are speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “with the result that you are giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “with the result that you are submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”

“Gender is a spectrum and there are dozens of ways to describe your individual gender identity.”

“Sex and gender are not interchangeable terms.”

[healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com)

DEI is the umbrella term with an insidious agenda.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion sound nice, but hide a destructive, toxic reality.

**“DEI stands for discrimination, exclusions, indoctrination.”
~Riley Gaines, interview on “Hannity”**

Creator-creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR
(*Yahweh*)

INFINITE SOVEREIGN *YAHWEH*

2nd level
creature
(man)

• finite
limited
man

Rebellion against *legitimate* authority then is asserting that we, the finite creature, know more about what is best than God.

Gen. 6:5, “Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

The Logic Trap of the Serpent's Temptation

Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’”

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’ ”

Eve's Choice:

Door #1: Decide that she alone has the ability to evaluate the credibility and integrity of God;

Door #2: Decide to hit the pause button and go ask God what He says about the claims of the serpent.

The central issue: authority. The authority of God vs. the authority of the creature.

God: If you eat the fruit you will certainly die.

Satan: If you eat the fruit you won't die; you will be like God, like the Creator Himself.

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

1 Cor. 11:3, “But I want you to know that the head [authority] of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”

1 Cor. 11:5, “But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.”

1 Cor. 11:7, “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

1 Cor. 11:8, “For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

1 Cor. 11:9, “Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

1 Cor. 11:10, “For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.”

For the Men (males)

1 Tim. 2:8, “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;”

For the Women:

1 Tim. 2:9, “in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

1 Tim. 2:10, “but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”

Instructions

1 Tim. 2:11, “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

1 Tim. 2:12, “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.”

Reasons why?

1 Tim. 2:13, “For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Tim. 2:14, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1 Tim. 2:15, “Nevertheless she will be delivered in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.”

1 Peter 2:11–3:6

The foundation:

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Pet. 2:12, “having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,

1 Pet. 2:14, “or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.”

1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

1 Pet. 2:19, “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

1 Pet. 2:20, “For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.”

1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps;

1 Pet. 2:22, “ ‘Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth’;

1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Pet. 2:25, “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”