

## Piper Chapter 7

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- Ronald and Beverly Allen call Galatians 3:28 “the feminist Credo of equality.”
- Both male and female are candidates for marriage to the true wisdom, Christ in spiritual virginity.
- Martin Luther reminds women to “obey her husband” and warns that “if the woman would be the man” that would be nothing but “confusion.”
- None of the major teachers in the history of the church thought Galatians 3:28 abolished the male-female role distinction in the marriage or church.
- Through baptism, a unifying incorporation into Him, the galatians have put on Christ.
- “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- Sex has no relevance to the status of believers in Christ Jesus.
- Bruce argues that, if leadership may be given to Genitiles and to slaves in the church fellowship, then why not to women?
- Paul welcomed the service of women in the Genitle mission, and permitted, many believe, their exercise of prayer and prophecy in church.
- There is no reason that Galatians 3:28 supports an egalitarianism of function in the church.
- The phrase “in the church” when the subject of office and function is in view, refers to the visible body of believers.
- The ultimate proof that equality may coexist, is found in “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

## Pierce Chapter 9

- Feminists and egalitarians claim that the verse Galatians 3:28, removes religious and social disadvantages as well as boundaries in unequal racial, social and gender power relationships.
- Are the categories male and female now totally irrelevant in Christ?
- Paul’s gospel states that in Christ salvation and justification were by faith alone.
- Paul protects diversity within the fellowship of faith.
- All believers including slaves and females, have the same status of sonship as men within church membership because they are all in Christ.
- Equal to serve
- Paul never disqualifies slaves or former slaves from being leaders or from any other functions in the church.
- “The only thing that counts is faith working through love.”
- There are no privileges or authority in the church based on the ontology of race.

I feel like this week the chapters were pretty similar. I found many similar views and thoughts but would again have to agree with Pierce in this chapter. One of the statements I didn’t agree

with from Piper was how it had stated “if the women would be the man” that would be nothing but “confusion.” I don’t think that women are wanting to be looked at like men or necessarily take on their roles (even though we could) many just wanted to be looked at as equal. A question that stood out to me in Chapter 9 of Piper was that are the categories of male and female irrelevant to Christ now? I found this interesting because I keep hearing that man can refer to both male and female not necessarily just male, but if that was the case what about ‘female.’ I believe that the categories are relevant to Christ. I did enjoy reading in both chapters how sex has no relevance to Christ just our love for Him.