

Gender Justice and the Doctrine of Personhood

*“Both Adam and Eve were created in God’s image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood... Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart
The Danvers Statement*

- I. Introductory comments and review
- II. Why are we dealing with gender justice?
- III. Illustrations of the cultural and personal challenges of gender justice
- IV. The Word of God on personhood

Genesis 1:27-28, God created man male and female

Genesis 2:18, God creates a helper for the man – the revealed role of a woman

Genesis 2:20-25, The woman is created to marry a man and a man a woman

Genesis 3:16, the woman is designed to have a husband and bear children

Genesis 3;16b, The woman is designed to be under authority of a husband

Genesis 3:20, Eve is the mother of all living

Deuteronomy 22:5, men should wear clothing that is distinctively masculine and women should wear apparel that is distinctively feminine

Isaiah 3:12, A sign of a society in collapse is characterized by women and children ruling

Ephesians 5:22-33, Wives are commanded to be submissive and respect their husbands and husbands are commanded to love and serve their wives

1 Tim 2:11-15, Women are to learn in silence in the church and

1 Peter 3:3-7, Women are to dress in a certain way

Romans 1:25-27, There is a natural and unnatural use of male and female bodies

1 Corinthians 11:14, there is a distinction between the hair of men and women

1 Corinthians 11:3-7, Male and female distinctions are to be maintained

1 Corinthians 11:8-10, The woman was created for man

1 Corinthians 11:11-12, A woman ought not be independent from man

John 10:35, Scripture cannot be broken

A role that includes all spheres of life - three point complementarian

- V. The roots of gender justice