



THE 207 - 3 credits

God's Release of Women

Description:

This course will take a look at God's true plan for women: a plan of equality and release, in the home and in the Church. All the major portions of Scripture dealing with the role of woman will be carefully studied. The book *WOMAN - God's Plan, not Man's Tradition*, by Joanne Krupp, will be used as the basic text. You will also study other contemporary material on the subject. This course is for men as well as women. Until men have a revelation of the truths of this course, we will not see God's plan for women realized in the fullest.

Course Objectives:

Academic:

When you complete this course, you will be able to:

- Properly interpret the major Old and New Testament passages dealing with the subject.
- Have an understanding of the various cultural and other factors which affected how women were viewed and treated at that particular time in history.
- Have an understanding of how recent scholarship has discovered more accurate meaning of key Hebrew and Greek words dealing with the subject.
- Have an understanding of new conclusions that a number of evangelical scholars have reached with regard to this subject.
- Quote Genesis 1:27-28, an important passage on this subject.
- Quote Genesis 2:18 as originally intended.
- Quote Genesis 3:16 as originally intended and as found in the Septuagint.
- Quote Galatians 3:28 as written in the Greek.
- Quote Ephesians 5:21-22 as written in the Greek.
- Quote 1 Timothy 2:12 as originally intended.
- Quote Acts 2:17-18, an important passage on this subject.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will recognize that God made man and woman equal in value and authority in the original creation of mankind.
- You will see that Adam was responsible for the Fall, not Eve.
- You will see that Genesis 3:16 is not commanding man to rule his wife, but rather a warning that unregenerated man will have a tendency to want to rule his wife.
- You will see that God used women in the Old Testament in very significant ways and in ways similar to how He used men.
- You will see how men are to treat women as exemplified by Jesus' life.
- You will see from a proper understanding of Acts 2:16-17 that men and women are to have an equal role in the Church Age.
- You will see how Galatians 3:28, as found in the original, makes male and female equal in God's Kingdom.
- You will see how an updated understanding of the meaning of the Greek word "kephale" totally changes how a man is to relate to his wife, not as her "boss" but as her encourager.
- You will see that 1 Corinthians 11:3-16 releases woman to have authority over her own life under God rather than having to wear a head covering or be under her husband's authority.
- You will see that 1 Corinthians 14:34-40 has usually been misinterpreted to limit the role of women in the life of the Church.
- You will see that 1 Timothy 2:8-15 has usually been misinterpreted to limit the role of women in the life of the Church and that it has nothing to do with women not having authority over men.

- You will see that women were used by God in the New Testament time as apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, teacher, elder, and deacon.
- You will see how God used women throughout Church history in ways as significant as men.
- You will see that the prevalent teaching in much of the Church today with regard to the husband having authority over his wife and women having a limited role in the Church has no Biblical basis, is false, and is to be rejected.

Behavioral:

If you allow the Holy Spirit to apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- If you are a woman, you will sense a release from God to be anything He wants you to be. You will spend the rest of your life walking in the freedom that Christ died to give you.
- If you are a man, you may be gently or greatly dealt with by the Holy Spirit about your wrong attitude toward women in general and your wife and close female associates in particular. You will want to be under them as a servant rather than over them as a lord. You will want to release them to be all that God wants them to be - in the home, in the church, and in all of society. You will spend the rest of your life releasing women into freedom, equality, and full participation in all of life.

Course Texts:

WOMAN - God's Plan, not Man's Tradition by Joanne Krupp.

Personal Workbook for "WOMAN - God's Plan, not Man's Tradition" by Nate and Joanne Krupp.

God's Simple Plan for His Church by Nate Krupp, Chapters 1, 2, 9, and 11-13.

Collateral Reading - any one of the following books:

Bilezikian, Gilbert, **Beyond Sex Roles**, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287, 1985, 291 pages. Scholarly, one of the best. Underlying premise is the community of oneness based on the unity of the Trinity.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D" - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C" - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B" - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A" - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

Bristow, John Temple, **What Paul Really Said About Women**, HarperCollins Publishers, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022, 1988, 130 pages. Paul taught a full release of women, but this is often misinterpreted because of the influence of Greek philosophy.

Keener, Crain S. **Paul, Women & Wives**, Hendrickson Publishers, P. O. Box 3473, Peabody, MA 01961-3473, 1992, 350 pages. Marriage and women's ministry in the letters of Paul. Scholarly.

Kroeger, Richard and Catherine, **I Suffer Not a Woman**, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI 49516-1992, 253 pages. Rethinking 1 Timothy 2:11-15 in light of newly discovered, ancient evidence.

Martin, Faith, **Call Me Blessed**, Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 1988, 180 pages. Gives a good overview with special insight into the state of women in the Old Testament.

Mickelsen, Alvera, **Women, Authority & the Bible**, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL 60515, 1986, 304 pages. A scholarly dialogue by 26 evangelical leaders at the Evangelical Colloquium on Women in October, 1984. A variety of views are expressed.

Torjesen, Karen Jo, **When Women Were Priests**, HarperCollins Publishers, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022, 1993, 278 pages. Shows place of women in leadership in the early Church, as long as it remained centered in the home, and how that changed when the Church moved to buildings.

Tucker, Ruth A. and Liefeld, Walter L., **Daughters of the Church**, Academie Books, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, 1987, 562 pages. The role that women have played throughout Church history. Excellent! Lengthy, but easy reading.

These three as a unit -

Cervin, Richard S., **Does Kephale ("head") Mean "Source" or "Authority Over" In Greek Literature?:**

a Rebuttal, available from Christians for Biblical Equality, 122 West Franklin Ave, Suite 218, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2451 USA, 19-page paper. Examines the various Greek uses of "kephale" to determine what it meant at the time of Paul's writings.

Kroeger, Richard and Catherine, **Women Elders ... Sinners or Servants?**, Council on Women and the Church, The United Presbyterian Church in the USA, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10027, 24 pages. About the possibility of women elders.

Wright, R. K. McGregor, **A Response to the Danvers Statement**, Christians for Biblical Equality, 122 West Franklin Ave, Suite 218, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2451 USA, 1989, 33-page paper. Scholarly, important.

These books are all available from Christians for Biblical Equality, 122 West Franklin Ave, Suite 218, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2451 USA; Phone: (612)872-6898, Fax (612)872-6891, email: cbe@cbeinternational.org, web: www.cbeinternational.org.

Course Requirements:

1. Classrooms students must faithfully attend classes. Distance students must meet all other requirements.
2. Thoroughly study the texts and all Scriptures mentioned in the texts.
3. Satisfactorily complete workbook and any accompanying assignments.
4. Memorize the assigned Scripture passages.
5. Write a report on the collateral reading.
6. Earn a passing grade on the final exam.



THE 207 God's Release of Women

Course Schedule:

Important: ask the Holy Spirit to speak the truth of God to you each time you do a lesson assignment.

Lesson 1

1. Read the introductory pages of **WOMAN**. Carefully study Chapters 1 and 2. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 1 and 2 in the **Workbook**.
3. Memorize Genesis 1:27-28. Memory work for this course should be done in an accurate translation, not a paraphrase. Accurate translations include NASB, NIV, NKJ, and Amplified.
4. Memorize Genesis 2:18 and 3:16 as originally intended.

Lesson 2

1. Carefully study Chapter 3 of **WOMAN**. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 3 in the **Workbook**.
3. Memorize Genesis 2:24.

Lesson 3

1. Carefully study Chapter 4 of **WOMAN**. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 4 in the **Workbook**.

Lesson 4

1. Carefully study Chapters 5 and 6 of **WOMAN**. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 5 and 6 in the **Workbook**.
3. Memorize Galatians 3:28 and Ephesians 5:21 as found in the original. Also memorize Ephesians 5:33 and 1 Peter 3:18.

Lesson 5

1. Carefully study Chapter 7 of **WOMAN**. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 7 in the **Workbook**.

Lesson 6

1. Carefully study Chapter 8 of **WOMAN**. Look up and carefully study all of the Scripture portions mentioned in the text.
2. Complete Study 8 in the **Workbook**.