

Big Issues: male and female in church

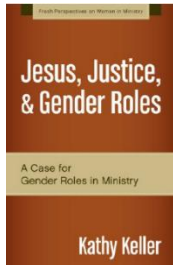


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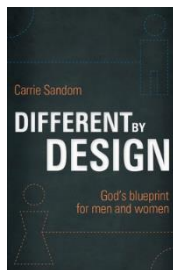
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS:

Books:

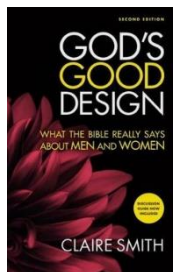
Three books written by women who are all complementarian in stance are as follows:



Jesus, Justice, & Gender Roles by Kathy Keller. This is a short and clear book on the subject (mentioned in the sermon as more of the 'two footballs' end of the spectrum). *"Keller came to adopt the view that men and women have different roles in marriage and ministry, and that fulfilling such roles pleases God and leads to greater personal fulfilment. In this unapologetic but nuanced piece, Keller presents a caring and careful case for biblical gender differences and the complementarian view of women in ministry. At the same time, she encourages women to teach and lead in the church in ways that may startle some complementarians."*



Different by Design by Carrie Sandom. You may not agree necessarily with all of the assumptions or conclusions in this book, but it is refreshing and easy to read. (It probably comes down on the 'football and cricket-ball' end of the spectrum.) It has some excellent sections on the relevant Biblical texts. *"Carrie Sandom...is concerned about the growth of feminism in our society, our families and our churches-and the detriment this poses to all three. She clearly presents the problem and leads readers along the path to restore God's design to its rightful place. Just as relationships in the Godhead are equal yet diverse, working together in unity and order, so are these characteristics to be reflected in the way men and women relate to one another. Scripturally grounded, Different by Design presents a biblical context for roles of men and women in marriage, the church and the workplace, with present-day implications for each."*



God's Good Design by Claire Smith. *"Claire takes us through the same process she went through herself, looking closely at seven key Bible passages about men and women and how they should relate together in God's purposes. Along the way she deals with many common objections, and applies the teaching of the Bible simply and practically to our relationships at home and in church."*

Articles:

The Gospel Coalition website has numerous articles on male and female in church from a complementarian perspective – see <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/?s=complementarian>

The article, **Why I'm complementarian**, gives another reasoned account of why a Christian leader has taken a complementarian view, particularly by contrasting it in some helpful ways with the other main view: egalitarianism. See <https://gavinortlund.com/2013/09/03/why-im-complementarian/>

Other resources:

The podcast **Male and Female He Created Them** is an hour-long discussion, and can be found here: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/male-and-female-he-created-them/>. *"Panelists Tim and Kathy Keller, John Piper, Don Carson, and Kathleen Nielson discuss how they each came to a position of complementarianism, what complementarianism is not, and the enormous implications of moving away from the clear teachings of Scripture on gender roles."*