

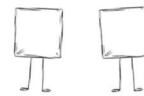
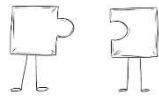


## WEEK 7: “Doesn’t Christianity denigrate women?”

[ WARM-UP ]

[ TERMINOLOGIES ]

1. **“Abusus Non Tollit Usum”** (Latin)  
 (“Abuse does not take away proper use.”)
2. **Description** (*what is*) vs. **Prescription** (*what ought to be*)
3. **Complementarian** (M&F in complementary roles) vs. **Egalitarian** (M&F in equal roles)



[ READ ]

- **“Household Codes” (Haustafeln)**
  - Colossians 3:18-19
  - Titus 2:3-5
  - 1 Peter 3:1-7
  - **Ephesians 5:21-33**
- Other relevant gender texts
  - Galatians 3:27-29
  - 1 Timothy 2:8-15
  - 1 Corinthians 14:33-35
  - 1 Corinthians 11:3-16
  - **Genesis 2:18-25**

### “Submit”

(Gk: ὑποτάσσω, hypotassō)

“Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands” (*Eph. 5:24*).

(cf. Luke 2:51; Eph 5:21)

### “Helper”

(Heb: עֵזֶר, ‘ezer)

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” (*Gen. 2:18*).

(cf. Psalm 121:1,2; Hosea 13:9)

[ CONSIDER ]

- Gender Stereotype Issues
- Transgender Issues
- Intersex (archaically “Hermaphrodite”) Issues

### TAKEAWAYS:

- The Bible affirms some male and female distinctions; to distinguish is not to denigrate.
- Gender distinctions can be misused or misread, so we must pursue their good and proper place.
- God created genders in a gospel metaphor to show Christ’s relationship to His church (Eph 5:32).

**Next week:** “Isn’t Christianity homophobic?” (Chapter 9)