

Creation: Male and Female

1. Men and women are equals

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27; cf. Leviticus 12:6; 19:3; Numbers 6:2; Proverbs 1:8; Genesis 25:23; Luke 8:3; etc.)

2. Men and women are different

1	The earth was formless	...and empty (1:2)
2	Days 1-3 (God divides, names, establishes) "Dominion"	Days 4-6 (God fills, brings new life, glorifies) "Filling" (1:3-27)
3	Humans to "Have dominion"	...and "Fill the earth" (1:28)
4	The man was made from the earth, and put into the garden (2:7-8)	The woman was made from the man, within the garden (2:21)
5	The man was commissioned with a priestly function to work and keep the garden (2:15)	The woman was created to be a helper fit for the man (2:18), to bring togetherness (2:23-24), and life (3:20)
6	God spoke to the man first, both before and after the fall (2:15-17; 3:9)	The serpent came to the woman first (3:1, cf 1 Timothy 2:14)
7	The man was cursed in his labour of the ground (3:17-18)	The woman was cursed in her labour of childbearing (3:16)
8	The man's role is distorted to harsh rule (3:16; cf. Judges 14:4; Prov 22:7) and restored in the gospel (Eph 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7)	The woman's role is distorted to desire to conquer (3:16; cf 4:7) and restored in the gospel (Eph 5:22; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-6)
9	The (male) hero will crush the serpent's head	...and is called "the seed of the woman" (3:15)
10	The man called his wife's name Eve,	...because she was the mother of all the living (3:20)

3. Men and women are different to display the gospel

Man is created first as head (Romans 5:12f; Ephesians 5:23)	Woman is created last as man's glory and crown (1 Corinthians 15:45; 11:7-9; Proverbs 12:4)
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...let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."⁴ For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who...hold fast my covenant,⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. (Isaiah 56:3-5)