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BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A WOMAN
WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN WOMAN LOOK LIKE?

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Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN WOMAN LOOK LIKE?

On The Surface, She May Look Like Any Other Woman
but the truth is – a Christian woman is unlike any other woman in all the world.

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.**

Far too many people have a view that a Christian Woman is someone whose hair has to be in a bun, no make-up and dressed in black.

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A WOMAN

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN WOMAN LOOK LIKE?

1.) A woman holds a *unique order in creation*

In **Creation**, The Lord Engineered Woman Last, or “Finale”

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, “Let Us make **man** in Our image, according to Our likeness; let **them** have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” :27 So God created **man** in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male** and **female** He created **them**. :28 Then God blessed **them**, and God said to **them**, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and **subdue** it; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

A Direct Reference to the Male

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man *of the dust of the ground*, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man** became a living being.

Note The Direct Reference to the Female

Genesis 2:18,21-23

And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*” :21-23 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. :22 Then **the rib** which the LORD God had taken from man **He made into a woman**, (*DNA engineering*) and He brought her to the man. :23 And Adam said: “*This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.*”

By God’s Design,

We Were Made Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually Complete.

By Man’s Fall,

Mankind Destroyed Himself in a single moment by Putting an Apple (probably a dell) to His Head.

Genesis 2:17

but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat of it,
for in the **day** that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

A “Christian” Woman Begins Anew

**A Christian Woman Needs to Read Her Bible to See...
that thru a woman the Messiah would come.**

A Christian Woman is “unlike any other human on earth ”

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2.) A woman holds a *unique character value*

In **Character**, a Woman Has a Keen Ability to “Feel” God.

A Woman’s “Character” is a very special thing to God

Luke 1:46-47

And Mary said: “My soul **magnifies** the Lord,
:47 And my spirit has **rejoiced** in God my Savior.

**A Christian Woman Needs to See Her Relatability to God.
A Christian woman has a special view of the Lord.**

A Christian Woman is “Often a Pillar in the
Church ”

But How Does That Happen ?

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3.) A woman holds a *unique influence over others*

A Christian Woman Has a Powerful Influence... because she is confident, secure, vision

A Christian Woman is “the Lord’s addition” to Life...

Greek Amplified Proverbs 31:10-18, 20,25-26, 29-31

A capable, intelligent, *and* a virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels *and* her value is far above rubies *or* pearls. :13 She seeks out wool and flax and works with willing hands [to develop it]. :14 She is like the merchant ships loaded with foodstuffs; she brings her household’s food from a far [country]. :15 She rises while it is yet night and gets [spiritual] food for her household and assigns her maids their tasks. :16

She considers a [new] field before she buys *or* accepts it; with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard. :17 She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong *and* firm. :18

She tastes *and* sees that her gain from work is good; her lamp does not go out, but it burns on continually through the night... :20 She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her filled hands to the needy [whether in body, mind, or spirit]... :25 Strength and dignity are her clothing *and* her position is strong and secure; she rejoices over the future [the latter day or time to come, knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it]! :26 She opens her mouth in skillful and godly Wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness [giving counsel and instruction].....:29 Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, *and* well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all. :30 Charm *and* grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently *and* worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised! :31 Give her of the fruit of

her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city]!

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4.) A woman holds a *unique spiritual insight*

1 Samuel 25:3

Nabal had a wife and her name was Abigail. And *she* was a woman of good understanding...

A Woman is Intuitive.

But a Christian Woman is Intuitive & Discerning

**A Christian Woman Has Been Given “an insight” ...
that is rarely seen among Christian men**

A Christian Woman is “a powerful tool in God’s
hand”

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5.) A woman holds a *unique emotional expression*

Throughout the book of Acts you read of women coming to faith in Jesus Christ

Emotions can be a very Dangerous Thing.

But when they are under the control of the Lord –
They can become the Salt & Pepper to a Relationship

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Women @ Worship

in prayer, in song, in serving, in giving, in action

Acts 16:13

And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was
customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

A Christian Woman Is... “a”

A Christian Woman is “a”

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6.) A woman holds a *unique creative gift*

Human Beings Were Created to Create

If it's a song, a city, a family, a space shuttle – it's amazing !!!

But Only a Woman can Do What a Woman Does...

Acts 16:14-15

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. :15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

**A Christian Woman Can Access The Lords Heart...
and from there creative power flows**

A Christian Woman "was designed to complete"
But How Does That Happen?

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7.) A woman holds a *unique depth of passion*

**Mary, Elizabeth, the Samaritan woman, Mary Magdalene,
Miriam, Deborah, Rebekah, Martha & Mary...**

**A Christian Woman Is Full of Life...
Because only a Christian woman can truly know who she is**

Galatians 3:27-29

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. :28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. :29 And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

I Believe That The Bible Teaches That Women Hold a Unique “Place” in the Heart and Mind of God.

If that’s true – then Satan hates women, wants to abuse them, use them,
prostitute them, devalue them...

Then every Woman on The Planet Should Read a Bible to Find
Out What The God of All Creation Thinks...

Luke 7:39, 44-48

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”... :44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. :45 You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. :46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. :47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.” :48 Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

But How Does That Happen?

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8.) A woman holds a *unique reconcilable attribute*

Reconcilable Attribute

From the earliest ages, a female has been imprinted by God
to see and perceive the world through her eyes.

Matthew 5:9a

Blessed are the peacemakers,

A Christian Woman is an Expert at Resolving Issues That Divide.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. :17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. :21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

A Christian Woman Desires Peace & Calm

**A Christian Woman Is Equipped by God to “Make Up”...
her heart is as His heart and desires unity.**

A Christian Woman is “Spirit-Filled”
But How Does That Happen ?

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9.) A woman holds a *unique ingenuity to serve*

I don't know how else to say this other than to just say it; on the average there are more women in Christianity that serve the Lord in so many areas of ministry.

More Women Have More Vision and More Organization
to get a job done that I don't know where the church would be without women.

On The Average;

Women are the most faithful to sign up to help.

Women are the most numerous to attend prayer meetings.

Women are the most generous at tithing.

Women are the most dependable to show up.

Judges 4:5

Now Deborah would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment for she was a judge in Israel.

**A Christian Woman Has Been Called by God to...
not be just a hearer, but a doer also.**

A Christian Woman is “To be the Woman God Created Her to Be”
But How Does That Happen ?

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10.) A woman holds a *unique design to nurture*

And This - - an attribute of God

Revelation 1:12-16

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, :13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the **chest** with a golden band....:14 His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; :15 His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; :16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

Chest *masto/Β mastos*, mas-tos´; typological, a place of peace, rest and comfort. the word is root to the female breast. a place of nurturing

**A Christian Woman Is The Most Comforting...
and nurturing presence in the world.**

A Christian Woman is “a Lovely Worshipper”
But How Does That Happen ?

I NEED THE WOMEN TO LISTEN UP.
**IF YOU’RE SERIOUS ABOUT GIVING YOURSELF
TO JESUS CHRIST FIRST...**

End of Study