

Women's Roles

Class 4 of 4

May 25, 2014

TODAY

- May 25, 2014
 - Analysis of key texts (continued from last week)
 - Overview of current positions (handout)

Review of May 18 Material #1

- We read the 4 key New Testament passages
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
 - 1 Corinthians 14:22-40
 - Galatians 3:26-29
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- A COMPLETE study begins in Genesis and would take from 6 to 9 months.

Review of May 18 Material #2

- **Of the BIG FOUR, we discussed only 1 Corinthians 11**
 - **Takeaway #1: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 deals with public worship**
 - **Near unanimous agreement from commentaries:** Burton Coffman, J.W. McGarvey, Everett Ferguson, Matthew Henry, Eldred Echols, Jamieson-Fausset-Brown, Benson Community, Barnes Notes, Matthew Poole, Geneva Bible, Expositor's Greek Testament, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Pulpit Commentary, USCCB, S.T.E.M., Life Application Commentary
 - **Takeaway #2: Women were praying and prophesying in public worship assemblies**

1 Corinthians 14

³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

1 Corinthians 14 -- SIGAO

1577 [e]

ekklēsiais

ἐκκλησίαις

churches

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sigatōsan

σιγάτωσαν

let them be silent

V-PMA-3P

The verb translated "remain silent" is an imperative form of the word sigao. Sigao means "**a. say nothing, keep silent ... b. stop speaking, become silent ... c. hold one's tongue, keep something a secret**" (Bauer, Gingrich, and Danker, Greek-English Lexicon, 2nd ed., p. 749). Its corresponding noun (sige) means "**silence, quiet in the sense of the absence of all noise, whether made by speaking or by anything else**" (Bauer, Lexicon, pp. 749-750).

1 Corinthians 11 & 14

Passage	Setting/Context	Event/Action
1 Cor 11:5	Public Worship Assembly	Women Praying and Prophecy
1 Cor 14:34	???	Women Maintain Absolute Silence

1 Corinthians 14

- Let's consider some possible interpretations of 1 Corinthians 14 which do not contradict what Paul wrote one page earlier in the same letter to Corinth.

1 Corinthians 14 Summary

“3 to 5 Interpretations”

Women must maintain complete silence in the assembly	Contradicts 1 Cor 11
Paul did not write the “women must keep silent” verses in 1 Cor 14; they were inserted into later manuscripts.	Rejected, based on personal conviction
Men/Women separated in assembly; two languages	Consistent with 1 Cor 11
Authoritative discussion of prophetic utterances forbidden	Consistent with 1 Cor 11

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free,
male nor female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God created he him;
male and female created he them.

Galatians 3:28

- Remember our study on REMEZ?
- Note: KJV gets it wrong, but some others (ASV, ESV, NIV, etc.) get it right.

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	neither	There is	Jew	nor	Greek,	neither	there is	bond	nor	free,	neither	
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	there is	male	nor	female:	all	for	ye	one	are	in	Christ	Jesus.
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1 Timothy 2

¹¹ Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

¹² But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but **to be in silence.**

1 Timothy 2:12 -- HESUCHIA

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hēsychia

ἡσυχία

quietness

N-DFS

1 Timothy 2:12-- HESUCHIA

- Silent/Silence here is **HESUCHIA**, not **SIGAO**
 - HESUCHIA**: maintain a peaceful demeanor
 - SIGAO**: keep silent, stop speaking, hold one's tongue
- **HESUCHIA** used in 1 Tim 2:2, "... that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable (**hesuchia**) life."
 - HESUCHIA** clearly does NOT mean "quiet" in 2:2.

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

**We seek to be a biblical people
who are guided by
God's Holy Scripture.**

Unless I am convicted either by Scripture or right reason... my conscience is a captive to the word of God. I neither can nor will recant anything, since it is neither right nor safe to act against conscience. I can do neither. God help me.
Amen.

Martin Luther