基督裡合一:加拉太書三章廿八節 對於性別平等的意義和含義

One in Christ: The Significance and Implications of Galatians 3:28 on Gender Equality

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摘要

加拉太書三章廿八節是理解在基督裡「合一」的基礎,也是達到「平等」的依據。大多數學者同意,信徒在基督裡的屬靈地位具有兩性平等。然而此平等是否延伸到兩性的領導地位和權威仍有分歧。本文透過分析此經節的語境與仔細解釋希臘文經文,得以準確詮釋並獲得解開此僵局的關鍵。對其意思的正確了解可提供理解其對性別平等的意義。本文簡要討論對女性事奉的兩種對立解釋途徑(互補主義和平等主義)的錯誤二分法,並提出另一種解釋進路(恩賜靈恩主義)。針對性別平等的聖經觀點先根據聖靈賜予恩賜的神學觀討論,再提出相關事奉的含義。

關鍵字:加拉太書 3:28、性別平等、基督裡合一、互補主義、平等主義、恩賜靈恩主義

Abstract

Galatians 3:28 is foundational to our understanding of *unity* in Christ as the basis for reaching *equality*. Most scholars agree that there is gender equality in terms of a believer's spiritual position in Christ. However, there is disagreement as to whether this equality also extends to leadership position and authority of both men and women in the ministry. This paper aims to unlock the key to this impasse by analyzing the verse in its immediate and broader contexts with a careful exegesis of the Greek text to arrive at a sound interpretation. A proper understanding of its meaning leads to a better grasp of its significance on gender equality. The false dichotomy of the two rival approaches (complementarian and egalitarian) to the ministry of women is discussed in brief and an alternative approach (pneumatarian) is proposed. The implications for ministry are drawn after presenting a biblical view of gender equality based on the theology of gifting by the Holy Spirit.

Keywords: Galatians 3:28, gender equality, unity in Christ, complementarian, egalitarian, pneumatarian