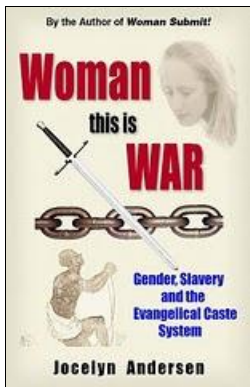
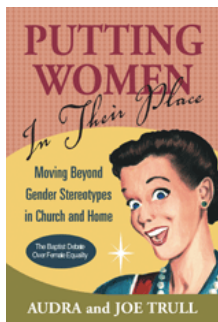


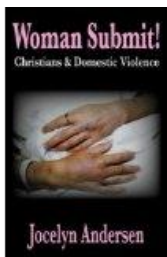
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[Woman, this is War—gender, slavery and the Evangelical caste system](#), by Jocelyn Andersen. Due out July 20, 2010. Includes interview with Shirley Taylor of bWe Baptist Women for Equality. The Woman's Suffrage Movement, which culminated in the 20th century, won the right to vote for all *white* American women. Even after the Nineteenth Amendment was passed, black women still had to fight for their right to cast a vote. Now, in the opening years of the 21st Century, for the first time in the history of the United States, the American people have broken all precedent and elected an African American to the presidency. The African American male, though still dealing with racial prejudice, appears to have finally broken free from a cruel caste system based on the color of his skin. American women also seem to have largely broken free from a caste system based on their sex—all except many *Christian* American women...of *any* color. (2010)



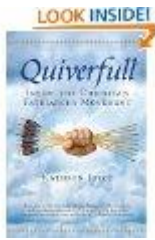
[Putting Women in Their Place. Moving Beyond Gender Stereotypes in Church and Home. The Baptist Debate Over Female Equality](#) by Joe and Audra Trull. 2003, published by Smyth Helwys. Recent declarations by the Southern Baptist Convention concerning male and female roles have ignited major controversies among Baptists. The place of women in Baptist churches and homes, as well as employment restrictions upon SBC college and seminary teachers, chaplains, missionaries, and denominational employees, have thrust the issue to the forefront of Baptist life. In this book, twelve respected authors address key questions for Baptists desiring a biblically based and theologically sound discussion of gender issues. For students and teachers, laity and clergy, this text will serve as a basic introduction to the proper place of women in church, home, and society.



[Woman Submit! Christians and Violence](#) by Jocelyn Andersen 2007. One Way Cafe Press. The evangelical Christian woman whose spirit is being crushed and life possibly endangered by domestic violence is faced with a unique burden. She needs straight answers—not unrealistic expectations or stereotypical platitudes. In the book *Woman Submit! Christians Domestic Violence*, by Jocelyn Andersen, she will get straight answers, clear scriptural direction, and some tough challenges from one who has been there but is there no longer. Battered into Submission, The tragedy of wife abuse in the Christian home by James and Phyllis Alsdurf: "In our churches each Sunday are women who are the silent sufferers of wife abuse. This excellent



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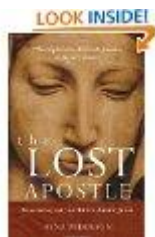


book leads us to a deeper awareness and understanding of all the issues involved. It gives these women a crucial voice and offers a vital Christian perspective on a frightening issue."

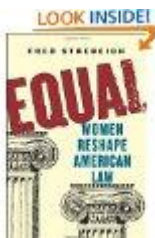
Quiverfull: Inside the Christian Patriarchy Movement Kathryn Joyce gives us a first-ever glimpse into the Christian patriarchy movement, and her riveting reporting makes it all the scarier. If you've been feeling complacent about women's status—read [this book!](#)" —Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed* and *This Land is Their Land* (2009)



Quivering Daughters | Hope and Healing for the Daughters of Patriarchy by Hillary McFarland examines the fruits of authoritarian families within the conservative homeschooling movement. Whether you are an adult daughter who relates to these feelings, a wife or mother in this lifestyle, or know someone fitting this description, this book will help shed light on the dark side of fundamentalism. (2010)



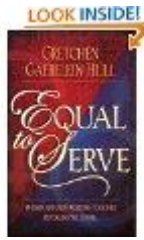
The Lost Apostle: searching for the truth about Junia by Rena Pederson, 2006. Wiley Publishers. This book deals with the inequality of women down through the ages, and the written sex-change that was made on the female Junia who became known as a male called Junius down through Biblical history.



Equal: women reshape American Law by Fred Strebeigh, 2009. While this book is not religious in nature and does not support women in ministry, it deserves to be read by all who want to learn more about the inequality women have been subjected to in this country. This book portrays the dramatic story behind the movement toward legal recognition of sex discrimination in this country. This is not a book about abortion. It is about equality laws for women being hard fought in our Supreme Court. The church should be the first place a woman would look to for equality. Instead, it had to be fought out in court, and the church still has not caught on.



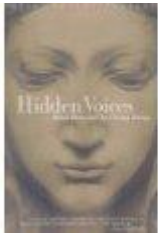
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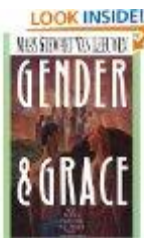
[Equal to Serve, Women and Men working together revealing the Gospel](#) by Gretchen Gaebelein Hull. Perhaps the most significant feature of the book is its dominant purpose: to free women from many impositions and limitations that impede their ability to serve others and supremely to serve the living God, their redeemer.



[Women in the Church: A Biblical Theology of Women in Ministry](#) by Stanley Grenz and Denise Muir Kjesbo: This book offers an in-depth theological study of women's roles in the church, one of the most bitterly contested issues of our day. Carefully considering the biblical, historical, and practical concerns surrounding women and the ordained ministry, this book will enlighten people on all sides of the issue. The authors make no secret of their bold conclusion: Historical, biblical and theological considerations converge not only in allowing, but also in insisting, that women serve as full partners with men. Thorough and irenic, this book takes an intense discussion to a new plane.



[Hidden Voices - Biblical Women and Our Christian Heritage](#) by Heidi Bright Parales. Since the beginning of time, women have lived with single motherhood, domestic violence, and abandonment. There also have been women who have defied the status quo by teaching, leading, and working with men. This Bible study discussion book, for women and men, lends support to women in these roles and provides models for issues affecting contemporary women. Hidden Voices offers a fresh, inspiring look at the stories of women in the Bible, how Jesus treated women, and the difficult passages concerning the role of women. It is written for people who treat the Bible as literally true, yet offers a highly positive perspective on women in the Bible and Christianity. This even includes Paul! It has been described as a primer for women interested in this issue.



[Gender and Grace, Love, Work - Parenting in a Changing World](#) by Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen. Martin Luther said "Women ought to stay at home. The way they were created indicates this, for they have broad hips and a wide fundament to sit upon, keep house, and bear and raise children. Take women from their housewifery and



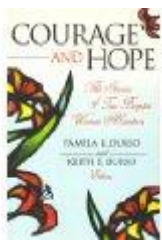
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there is no harm in that; let them die as long as they bear; they are made for that.”

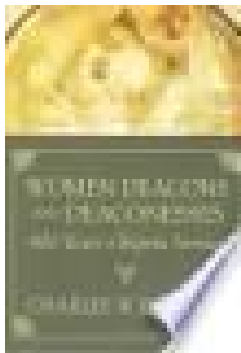


Why Not Women? A Fresh Look at Scripture on Women in Mission, Ministry, and Leadership by Loren Cunningham and David Joel Hamilton: This book provides a detailed study of women in Old Testament writings, Jesus' ministry, and the letters of the apostle Paul; historical and current global perspectives; an exploration of the value and roles of women in Greek and Roman history and literature, Jewish rabbinic literature, the early church, current cultures, and the church today; an examination of the fruit of women in public ministry; and a hard-hitting revelation of what's at stake for women, men, the Body of Christ, God's Kingdom, and the unreached.

Women's Place in Baptist Life by Carolyn D. Blevins: This book, published by the Baptist History & Heritage Society, encourages women to 1) ask questions and be willing to find unexpected answers, 2) study their diverse heritage and learn from it, and 3) answer God's call to use their abilities.



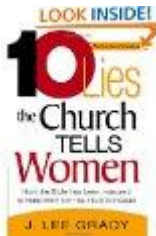
Courage and Hope: The Stories of Ten Baptist Women Ministers by Pamela and Keith Durso, editors: This is a collection of essays about Baptist women who have served in the ministry for over thirty years. Among these women are pastors, church staff members, missionaries, mission organization leaders, and professors. Each story offers insight into its subject's calling, ministry experiences, obstacles, and the mentors and encouragers who supported her.



Women Deacons and Deaconesses; 400 Years of Baptist Service by Charles W. Deweese: Divided opinion on the topic of this book has caused controversy in Baptist history and life. Most Baptist individuals and churches have strongly opposed women deacons. However, thousands of Baptist churches include women in their deacon bodies and find that they make invaluable contributions. This book presents arguments on both sides of the topic but lands squarely in support of women deacons.

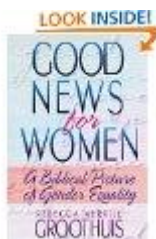


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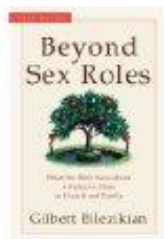


[Baptist Women around the World](#) (published by the Baptist History Heritage Society, Volume XLI, Winter 2006, Number 1) contains ten articles about Baptist women's presence and influence globally.

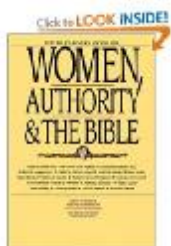
[10 Lies the Church Tells Women](#) by J. Lee Grady: The gospel was never intended to restrain women from pursuing God or to prevent them from fulfilling their divine destiny. In his revised and updated book, which includes testimonials, Lee Grady boldly proclaims the truth of the gospel: that men and women are appointed by God and empowered by Him. Readers will discover: why Jesus went out of His way to minister to and disciple women; how the apostle Paul, who told women in Corinth to be silent; also empowered many women to be church leaders; How the Proverbs 31 woman has been misinterpreted to deny women opportunities in the workplace; and how the gospel of Jesus empowers women to claim their spiritual inheritance.



[Good News for Women: A Biblical Picture of Gender Equality](#) by Rebecca Merrill Groothuis



[Beyond Sex Roles: What the Bible Says about a Woman's Place in Church and Family](#) by Gilbert Bilezikian: This biblical and theological study offers an accessible examination of the key texts of Scripture relevant to understanding female roles, affirming full equality of the sexes in family and church. This third edition has been revised throughout. Pastors, church leaders, students, and those interested in issues relating to gender and church life will value this classic work on the egalitarian viewpoint.



[Women, Authority & the Bible](#) (Paperback)- Alvera Mickelson. Evangelical advocates of traditional roles for women say the heart of the matter is biblical authority. Supporters of more open roles say the crux is biblical interpretation and application. The 26 evangelical leaders represented here ask the hard questions about women's

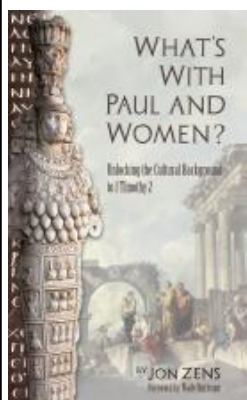


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roles and refuse to shirk the hard exegesis needed to get answers. Essential reading for all concerned with women's roles in the church. Paper, InterVarsity.

[Myths: Baptists don't believe in women pastors.](#) This pamphlet, by Sheri Adams, is part of a series, titled Baptist Myths, that counter negative perceptions held towards Baptists in popular American culture. These pamphlets are suitable for individual study, church classes, and academic courses. The Baptist History and Heritage Society, the Center for Baptist Studies of Mercer University, and the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society jointly publish them.



[What's with Paul and Women by Jon Zens. April 2010.](#) It is long, long overdue for the record to be set straight once and for all: to use 1 Tim: 11-12 as "clear" justification to silence all Christian women is utterly without biblical warrant. It is a mistranslation compounded by ignorance of the historical-cultural setting, compounded by harmful traditions, and compounded by far too much authoritarianism coming from those whose job is supposed to be helping believers understand the Bible correctly. In *What's with Paul and Women?*, author Jon Zens tackles Paul's flow of thought, focusing on verses 11-12, in light of the fact that Timothy was left in Ephesus by Paul to deal with false teaching (1:3). He draws upon his own extensive linguistic research as well as the diverse, often overlooked research and teachings of those who have been wrestling with this issue for more than a decade. It brings much needed light to a concern that has plagued the body of Christ since the dawn of the post-apostolic era when the early church fathers began to supplant the clear example of Jesus and the works of His apostles with pagan philosophical influences which destructively perverted the important role of women in the New Testament epoch. Also, three appendices in *What's With Paul & Women?* provide further insight to the issues raised in 1 Timothy 2.

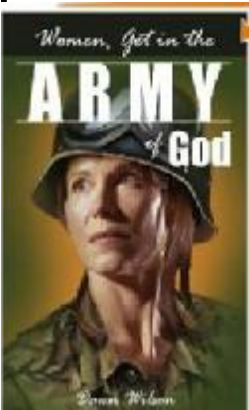


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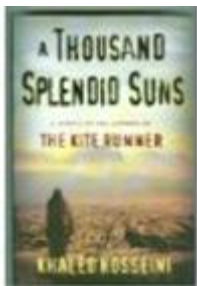


The first two are by Jon -- an extensive review article of John Piper's *What's the Difference? Manhood & Womanhood Defined According to the Bible* and a summary article on 1 Cor.14:34-36. The third is by Frank Richel Ames on the social world of Ephesus when Paul wrote 1 Timothy.

[Finally Feminist, A Pragmatic Christian Understanding of Gender](#) by John Strackhouse, Jr. This is a book for those who would like to be both Biblical and feminist, and can't see how the two can be faithfully combined. Taking issue with traditional arguments on both sides, it offers a fresh perspective that opens up surprising opportunities for fidelity to the full equality of the sexes and to the Bible as divine revelation.



[Women, Get in the Army of God](#) by Dawn Wilson, sounds the reveille trumpet for all Christians, but especially women, to "report for active duty" in God's army. There are divine orders and assignments for all of His children. This timely book, written by a former soldier herself, leads "new recruits" from boot camp to the battlefields of spiritual warfare. This book is a summons to all "sisters" missing in action. *Women, Get in the Army of God*, insightfully calls soldiers who failed in past missions to "re-enlist" or rejoin this great army of believers. It will take courage, determination, and unwavering trust in the heavenly Commander. Learn how to put on your full armor and fall in line with God's plan – there is victory ahead!



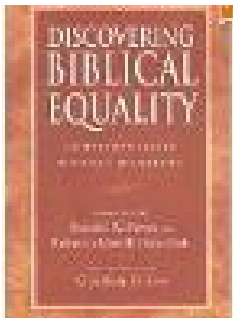
[A Thousand Splendid Suns](#), by Khaled Hosseini, 2007 (Riverhead Books Publisher) He is the author of the *Kite Runner* which was a wonderful book. This one is better and better shows how women are treated. Very good book. I highly recommend this book. (Fiction)



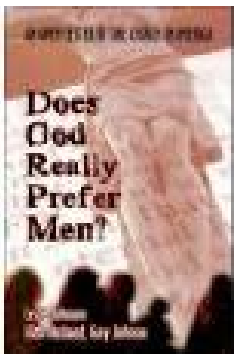
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[The End of Manners](#), by Francesca Marciano, 2008 (Random House Publishers) This was an excellent book about a social service woman who finds herself in Afghanistan trying to help orphans. She tells of the Afghanistan culture of how awful women are treated. (Fiction)

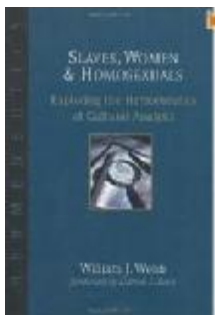


[Discovering Biblical Equality, Complementarily without Hierarchy](#), ed. by Ronald Pierce & Rebecca Merrill Groothuis. Rebecca Merrill Groothuis and Ronald Pierce have done the church an extraordinary favor editing this much needed volume that vanquishes the pitiful stereotypes of "evangelical feminism." Far from being sold out to cultural mores, the authors examine biblical and historical sources carefully examining their hermeneutics and philosophy showing the position of universal gender hierarchy to be erroneous and detrimental to the church. (Review by A Omelianchuk)



[Does God Really Prefer Men](#) by Leslie & Gary Johnson.

I highly recommend this book! It's informative, has plenty of contemporary examples, and is even funny in places, but the most important thing to me is how scripturally sound it is. The authors take scriptures that have been used for decades to keep women in bondage and plainly demonstrate that this was not the will of God at all. One great example was showing how Christians just a few hundred years ago used scripture to justify slavery and segregation, much like some Christians today use scripture to keep women in "their place." I feel that this book is upfront and honest, but not angry. It may ruffle a few feathers, but isn't that what Jesus did? (review by One Christian "Tony.")



[Slaves, Women and Homosexuals](#) by William Webb, Webb believes slavery is morally wrong and supports the egalitarian view of Scripture in regard to women. However, he believes that homosexuality is biblically wrong. His understanding of movement in Scripture is what underlies his opinions. (CBE)



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[Does Christianity Teach Male Headship? The Equal-Regard Marriage and Its Critics](#) by David Blankenhorn, Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, and Don Browning. The first half of the volume features six proponents of the "equal-regard marriage" which rejects the concept of male headship. Five critics of this position are then given equal time, in which they reaffirm a male headship model as the biblical norm. An introductory essay by David Blankenhorn and a concluding essay by Don Browning round off this collection of important articles. New light is shed on a long standing debate, with various innovative perspectives brought to bear on the discussion. One suspects that many people will come to this volume with their minds already made up, but the volume's new insights and approaches may result in some new thinking on the issue. The editors are to be congratulated for bringing together this collection of informed and cogent essays. The debate will not be resolved here, but it will be made more clear and further advanced by this helpful book. (William Muehlenberg)

[Called and Gifted](#) by Sharon Cairns Mann, Study Guide, Evangelical Covenant Church. Very easy to read and easy to understand.

There is an old book called [Bread Givers](#) by Anzia Yezierska 1925 (Persea Books) that my son gave me which is about a Jewish family and the father is a Rabbi and the women of the family have to do all the work while the man studies.

[Empowering Women & Men to Use their Gifts together in Advancing the Gospel](#), editor Alvera Mickelsen, Lausanne Occasional Paper #53

