

# On Gender and Identity

## Gender and Role in the Church

## Session 6

How are Christians related to one another in terms of their standing before God? Does one's male-ness or female-ness have anything to do with one's salvation? (See Galatians 3:26-28)

In what ways is the Christian's role both masculine and feminine in relation to God? (See, for example, Galatians 4:1-7, Isaiah 62:11, Ephesians 5:22-33, Hosea (the whole book!), Revelation 12.

In what way are both Abraham and Mary examples of faith?

This being so, why does St. Paul prohibit women from the Office of the Holy Ministry? See I Timothy 2:12 & I Corinthians 14:34-36.

What is the gender role of the pastor in the teaching, leading, and liturgical setting?

Why, then, must a male only serve as pastor? And how does this fit with the equality of men and women under the Gospel?