**Biblical Marriage, Singleness, & Manhood and Womanhood**

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

**Description**

This 11-week class will consider the Bible's teaching on: God's Design for Man as Male & Female; How the Fall Has Affected Gender; How Redemption Renews Masculinity & Femininity; and Men & Women in the Home as Husbands and Wives.

**Expectations and Goals**

1. Our most basic objective is to set forth clearly and accurately the teaching of the Bible.
2. We will interact in measure with the modern influences of feminism, gender roles, and gender dysphoria.
3. Our focus in teaching and application will be on the marital relationship.
4. We will recognize the reality, the advantages, and the disadvantages of single adults.

**COURSE MATERIALS**

Men and Women in the Church, by Kevin DeYoung

Strengthening Your Marriage, by Wayne Mack

God's Design for Man and Woman: A Biblical-Theological Survey, by Andreas Kostenberger

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

1. **Male & Female at Creation …Stu Johnston**

Together as male and female, man is the image of God. Together, they multiply and fill the earth. The male alone was created from the ground and for the ground. The male alone was given the divine command and warning. The male alone named the animals. The female alone was created from the male and for the male.

1. **Male & Female United in Marriage …Stu Johnston**

Eve was created for Adam to be his wife. This class looks at the Institution and Essence of Marriage as set forth in Genesis 2:23-25 and in the key New Testament references to the Genesis 2 account of marriage (Matt. 19:3-12; Eph. 5:28-32). It touches on the Bible’s view of Divorce.

1. **A Biblical-Theological Survey of Male & Female Multiplying and Filling the Earth …Mike Fairchild**

This class will trace the unfolding of the mandate to procreate and fill the earth from Genesis 1:28 through the end of the book of Revelation.

1. **Male & Female at the Fall …Stu Johnston**

This class examines Genesis 3 in terms of distinctions between the male and the female. For example, their respective punishments differ. Illustrations from Genesis of how the fall impacted the male/female relationship will be considered.

1. **The Wisdom of Proverbs on Male/Female Relationships**
2. **A Biblical View of Sex**
3. **The Husband’s Primary Responsibility: Loving (and Leading) Like Christ**
4. **The Wife’s Primary Responsibility: Submitting as Unto the Lord**
5. **General Principles for a Successful Marriage**
6. **The Advantages & Disadvantages of Singleness; Courting**
7. **Male & Female Roles in the Church**