

Leveling the Playing Field
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Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26, 27
- Genesis 17:9-14
- Isaiah 53:10
- Isaiah 53:10, *NLT*
- Mark 15:34, 36-38
- Psalm 22:1
- Colossians 2:11, 12
- 1 Peter 3:18-21
- Romans 5:1
- Romans 3:23, 24, 30
- Romans 10:11-13
- Ephesians 2:16-18, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:16-18, *MSG*
- Galatians 3:26-29

Summary:

In these last days, the enemy is doing all he can to devise strategies against us to keep us ignorant of the truth of God's Word. Satan uses confusion, chaos, division, and destruction to take advantage of us. Thankfully, Jesus changed all that by restoring the equality between man and woman that the devil destroyed when sin invaded the garden of Eden. Under the old covenant, only Jewish men could be blessed; because of what Christ did on the cross, now everyone who believes—including women and children—can enjoy God's blessings. Jesus' body and blood were the perfect sacrifice for sin on our behalf; faith in this allows us to be born again and enjoy the abundant lives God intends for us to have. The cross gave equal footing to all, regardless of gender or nationality. Because of the finished works of Jesus, all barriers blocking our full access to God have been removed.

Notes:

1. Men and women were created to be like God. Jesus came to restore gender equality.
2. God's original plan was for man and woman to be equals. They were both created in His image and given equal authority to bring creation into subjection.
3. When Jesus died, our old, unsaved selves died with Him. His resurrection means that we, too, can have new life.
4. Christ's death removed the barriers between people, and between people and God.
5. Jesus has leveled the field for everyone who believes. God extends favor to anyone who relies on Him, regardless of who they are.

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