



Andy Webb

March 29 at 9:30pm ·

As much as I don't want to, I'm considering taking up the gauntlet that Pastor [Todd Pruitt](#) has thrown down. He's right, this is awful and shouldn't be found in any denomination that claims to be orthodox.



Old Error for a New Generation

Last evening I was made aware of a new podcast called Truth's Table. The particular episode I was linked to is entitled "Gender Apartheid." Among the hosts and guests are members of PCA and OPC churches; women and men with leadership responsibilities.

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Logan Almy Gender apartheid, seriously? This is nuts

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Miguel del Toro This is why I rarely post anything or read anything on the PCA Elders' Facebook site and why I determined to stop attending PCA GAs many years ago.

If I want to be profoundly discouraged, disappointed, and dismayed, and if I want to relive the slow but sure theological declension in the PCA which I experienced in the PCUSA in the 1960s and 1970s, a quick trip to the PCA Elders' Facebook site will do the trick.....in a nanosecond.

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Albert Kona Miguel, If you do not come to the GA, then you leave or create a vacuum for the progressives to fill up.

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Miguel del Toro I understand what you are saying conceptually. But in the five consecutive GAs I attended, not once did "any" vote or parliamentary decision from the Moderator decide in favor of conservative evangelical (read, "historic and confessional") Presbyterianism. Even what I expected would be "no-brainer" issues were, egregiously, lost. The only thing my wife and I gained from attending GA was disappointment, discouragement, and anger (in my case) to the degree that I couldn't even be worshipful at the evening worship services.

As a former PCUSAer, the PCA is lost already because control of the denomination is firmly in the compromising grip of the so-called moderates.

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Albert Kona Yes, that is why situations like this call for a revolution, an uprising, that can not happen if we are not present in the room. But I also understand your point. I felt that way too, although I could worship because I had done my part and God was still in control. Be there this year brother, do not miss the opportunity to fight for change.

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Miguel del Toro If "fight for change" was realistic, I would be there. But, "been there, done that." The only purpose going to GA would serve is for me to "personally" watch the PCA disintegrate. I see no good purpose in that. I can do that from here.....

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Mark McConnell Well, that was depressing.

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Steve Cavallaro I'm about half way thru. It has been almost completely the women pontificating so far. Some weirdness and bad theologizing to be sure. But to think this represents "the PCA" would be erroneous.

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William F Hill Jr Not to mention the utterly crass language used around the question of the etymology of the word "ordination." I was so baffled by it that I honestly could not believe what I was hearing and, afterward, felt so dirty I determined to take a bath.

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Andy Webb Steve, to show you how much this does actually represent, "the way forward" for the left-wing of the denomination. Just try posting a link to it on the PCA Teaching and Ruling elders page and asking, "agree or disagree"?

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Andy Webb Or better yet, post AGAINST IT, and then watch as liberal fury descends upon you.

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Andy Webb BTW - I'm working on a transcript of the most offensive portions. Here's the section that Bill is talking about, with some preceding language to explain it:

9:19 "In white evangelical circles, I think the gender apartheid that occurs is an outworking of the purity culture, I was not subject to that so I think coming over to the Reformed world was weird for me, because an outworking of what you're saying is that women are predators and they are to be feared unless they are on their arm and you've hunted them like prey and they are now yours, and they're your in, they're your pass to be legitimate in these circles"

15:01 "Despite the fact that the purest biblical theology would prevent us from adding this wall, from rebuilding this dividing wall [between the sexes] we actually theologize as if it is the only wall that must remain in the eschaton and the reason for this is connected to purity culture, it's directly connected with the fact that the church don't know what to do with sexuality at all, and therefore we are completely intimidated by different genitalia. When I tell you that we actually have rules in some denominations in which you may not participate in a particular leadership anything, in many church constitutions there are leadership opportunities that are only available to folks who are ordainable. What does that word mean? What does the word ordainable mean? It literally means possesses a penis. It does not mean is currently in seminary, has graduated with an M.Div and has gone before a licensure committee. Ordainable means that the person is able to be set to the practice of potentially becoming a church leader. And specifically in some denominations church leaders may only be male and therefore when you whittle it all down that word is how we live out a theology that we have proof-texted to death, to twist and to turn, in order to re-erect a wall that God, I believe, tore down in his flesh. Jesus, in his male body, tore down a dividing wall that now allows me to be just as complete as a woman, and yet in my own context no one will hear me unless maybe I develop and design a penis-shaped microphone cause if all you need to have is a penis in order to be heard then maybe we should have a line of penis microphones. Because it is all that you need to have to pass out communion, to take up the offering, to shake hands with the visitors when they come in."

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Todd Pruitt Please keep this up. I know it cannot be easy. But a written record would be very helpful.

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Logan Almy Wow

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Matt Holst **Andy Webb** I appreciate you doing this. I am not looking forward to listening but will do so anyway.

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Jay Brantner Let's make sure our terms are precise here: nobody tried to define "ordination," they defined "ordainable." I don't think my church has any non-ordained positions that require "ordainability," so i will not comment on whether or not their definition was accurate

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David Cimino Don't overlook that Tim LeCroy (PCA pastor and visiting prof @ CTS) said in Soundcloud comments for this episode: "Thank you all for your

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Andy Webb And NP member (you remember, the "confidential" organization that will be making sure the women's committee vote goes the 'right' way?)
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David Cimino Yeah. He was at the nominating committee meeting last weekend. Had I seen his quote before then we would have had an interesting conversation Friday evening.
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James Almond What does NP stand for?
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Todd Pruitt "National Partnership"
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James Almond Thanks
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Todd Pruitt It's one of the secret / private organizations for progressives in the PCA.
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Jonathan McGuire **Todd Pruitt** You mean, "confidential." I mean, you're way out of leftimeanright field here, Todd-o.
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George Lacy David, that no one brought it up there is telling. Unless I'm missing something about the timeline of events.
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David Cimino This happened after the meeting, I believe.
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George Lacy OK, then. In any case it's all pretty horrible.
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Benjamin Rochester Right off the bat the hosts state that gender is a social construct. About 9 minutes in the deny the legitimacy of something called the purity culture. Ten minutes in one host asks the question is this is a theological problem and there is no answer. Heard enough. Passing it along to the clerk of session for the docket.
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Andy Schreiber MNA is promoting this nonsense, BTW.
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RickandRobbie Franks In what way? This is so disturbing.
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Andy Schreiber See here: <https://pcamna.org/.../africanamerican/ldr-weekend-2016/>



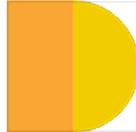
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Andy Schreiber And then check here:
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Rev. Howard Brown, a native of Charleston, SC, is Senior Pastor of Christ Central PCA, in...
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Andy Schreiber One of the topics will be "women in leadership." Judging by that podcast, I wonder what will be said. (I do hope that they will keep it clean this time.)
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RickandRobbie Franks thanks. I'll check it out. 😊
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Joel Fitzpatrick **Andy Schreiber** what is this?
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Andy Schreiber **Joel Fitzpatrick** If you want your ears to bleed, just listen to the podcast (linked in Todd's article above).
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would like to know how often you've reached out & spoken directly to these sisters bc your words above do not reflect the grace & care i would have expected to be present, even in disagreement

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Benjamin Rochester Naughty tone Andy. *Finger wagging activate.*

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Kevin Carroll Andy, do you know why the AR is getting so much heat on Twitter for posting this?

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Andy Webb AR?

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Kevin Carroll Aquila Report

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Jay Brantner I thought AR was getting heat for posing that hilariously horrendous article on critical race theory

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Andy Schreiber Jay Brantner It was (I think) related to this podcast, no?

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Douglas Vos No, I don't think so.

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Jay Brantner It was about Jarvis Williams and Jemar Tisby, one of which was on this podcast, but it was not about this podcast

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James Almond Ok, I listened to as much as I could stand. It seems like the problem with this podcast is twofold. First, it's attacking a strawman. I'm unaware of any church that doesn't let women greet at the door, share their testimonies (not disguised sermons, mind you), and play an active role in ministry. In fact, when the study committee was started, I commented that if we simply celebrated the contributions that women make in ministry in the church already this whole debate over gender roles would go away, because it would be clear that we staunch defenders of gender roles love and celebrate women while refusing to budge on biblical practice. The second problem is the source of the strawman: this episode is filled with the language and thought of sociology and liberation theology. When I was in seminary I was running out of electives and so took a survey of liberation theology from a biblical viewpoint. It was a great experience because now I recognize liberation thinking, and it's everywhere. The speakers here assume that everything is about ownership and power, despite the fact that I'm unaware of such language and concerns being raised (ordination and teaching questions aside). Since they're starting from a false premise, their objections and challenges are totally foreign to most of the PCA. It isn't that we have a bad response, it's that we can't respond to challenges that don't align with reality. So it seems that the whole discussion I just subjected myself to was completely unhelpful. I should point out that this isn't a critique of any ethnicity or culture (it appeared that all the speakers were African-American), but a school of theological thought (liberation theology) that has broad multicultural support.

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Katelynn Ronning hi james! you mentioned you weren't aware of any churches that didn't allow women to greet, pray or share a testimony. that's great, however your personal experience doesn't speak for all churches. it also doesn't speak from the perspective of a woman in those spaces.

maybe hear your sisters out on this one. not talking about gender in the church isn't going to make the problem go away

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James Almond I grant that my experience isn't universal. I also think talking about gender is essential, as I said (and as the podcast affirmed at one point) I believe the real problem in the PCA isn't what women are allowed to do or not do but that we don't celebrate their contributions. We put such an emphasis on the ordained ministry that the ministry of the body (male and female) gets obscured. If we celebrated female gifts and ministry a healthy model of gender roles would develop without study committees and debates on the floor of GA.

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Katelynn Ronning i hear you, but i think the crux is there's lots of disagreement on women's roles in ministry. so even celebrating those would be problematic right? how would we come to agree on what gets celebrated and what doesn't?

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they're missing out on the gifts God has given the women in their congregation or, on the other hand, if their congregation has crossed a line regarding gender roles. In other words this needs to be a grassroots celebration. After all, all believers are filled with the Holy Spirit. If people start rejoicing over the ministry of women believers who love God and His word will soon see a healthy model of ministry already in place, ready to be adopted. Too often we ask for committees and resolutions, forgetting that such actions frame the matter in terms of debate rather than dialogue.

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Katelynn Ronning i see what you're getting at but still trying to piece together what that would actually look like. similarly looking at overture 43 & 55. would change really start happening wholeselically within the pca if overtures like those weren't brought forth? if discussions weren't in some regard forced to a national scale.

why is it so difficult for our denomination to own the ways in which we restrict, silence or speak down to the women in our churches?

why aren't more men in leadership positions longing to engage w humility? think your idea would be nice-if you can tell me some of the ways you've spoken to your presbytery about that (truly! so i can help encourage mine to do the same) but unfortunately i don't think that's enough by itself

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Andy Webb Here's the transcript:

Truth's Table – 3/25/17

"Gender Apartheid"

(Source: <https://soundcloud.com/truthstable/gender-apartheid>)

This is a partial transcript of the show, highlighting offensive or theologically problematic statements

1:32 - "We understand that gender is a social construct"

3:49 - [Even conferences on racial reconciliation]"ignore the toxic patriarchy that is so embedded in the church"

9:19 - "In white evangelical circles, I think the gender apartheid that occurs is an outworking of the purity culture, I was not subject to that so I think coming over to the Reformed world was weird for me, because an outworking of what you're saying is that women are predators and they are to be feared unless they are on their arm and you've hunted them like prey and they are now yours, and they're your in, they're your pass to be legitimate in these circles"

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20:28 - "So for me it's very interesting that the slippery slope comes into play with ovaries and breasts, but it does not come into play with a constant literally enshrining misogyny in the church. That is wicked. That is wicked. That's wicked. So I think that you know we really need to challenge what we have been conditioned to think."

28:57 - "What I'm gathering is that toxic masculinity is actually what you're describing is a by-product of this, how can I say, this "biblical" and I say that with quotes, biblical manhood and womanhood, you know, trend that has been going on in white evangelicalism for the last couple of years and so, that – which I don't think is very biblical at all – and so that this is a natural

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denominations, I'm not going to do that, but they really suffer in some ways because meekness, which is actually a quiet strength, is bastardized and it's weaponized and that is set up as the standard and it's used to silence them and to force them into passivity, and so their agency is restricted in some of these circles and they aren't able to speak up for themselves the way they ought to and I think as women of color we are more naturally, I think were naturally, it's in us to be like, 'Ah hold up, you ain't gonna just keep running over me like that.'

32:10 - "I think there's a risk in asking women to say a prayer in your worship service, but it needs to be done, there's a risk in asking men and women together to teach children, but it needs to be done, so you need to both encourage and model for young men the understanding that gender constructs are wrong. And you also need to encourage and model for young women this understanding that we can no longer equate meekness with obedience and we cannot presume that boldness represents an utter lack of humility, because boldness in men don't mean they lack humility, so what's wrong with us? So I do truly believe that we have to do the risk taking as church leaders, men and women, who are leaders in the church need to take the risk of losing somebody, of losing some budget, of losing some social standing, the same way we would tell you all to dismantle white supremacy we are demanding that toxic masculinity be dismantled for our flourishing, for our ability to live as unified people."



Gender Apartheid

In this episode, the Ekemini, Michelle, and Christina are...

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Christina H Edmondson I don't have this transcript. Let's make sure we get it in its entirety with appropriate names assigned.

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Andy Webb I didn't have time to do a full transcript, but if you'd like to add the names, I'd be grateful.

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Andy Webb Here are the Speaker Bios:

Brief Speaker Bios

Ekemini Uwan – "M.Div. Counseling student at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. She worships at Epiphany Fellowship (a 10th Presbyterian PCA Plant), and serves as a small group leader, discipler, and counselor"

Michelle Higgins - Director of Worship and Outreach, South City Church, PCA

"A native of St. Louis, Michelle Higgins is actively engaged in the #BlackLivesMatter movement through participation in civil disobedience, leadership development, logistics, and administrative support in both sacred and secular spaces.

Michelle holds an MDiv at Covenant Theological Seminary. She is a proud supporter of local activism groups MCU (Metropolitan Congregations United), MORE (Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment) and OBS (the Organization for Black Struggle), through which she has learned a great deal about collaboration and solidarity. She is also the director of Faith for Justice, a Christian advocacy group. She serves as an organizer for the Leadership Development Resource Weekend (LDR Weekend), an annual gathering founded to address the core concerns of dignity, identity, and significance for people of color. Michelle holds an M.Div from Covenant Theological Seminary"

Christina Edmondson – "Dr. Christina Edmondson holds a PhD in Counseling Psychology from Tennessee State University, a MS degree from the University of Rochester in Family Therapy, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Hampton University. Currently, Christina serves as the Dean for Intercultural Student Development at Calvin College. The Intercultural Student Development Center (ISDC) is committed to inspiring, challenging, and equipping Domestic and International students to engage in meaningful and intentional intercultural interactions within a global society. Christina is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She is married to Pastor Mika Edmondson of New City Fellowship Church (OPC) in Grand Rapids, Michigan and she is the mother of two wonderful little girls."

Tyler Burns – "Tyler is currently serving as a youth pastor in Pensacola, Florida (New Dimensions Christian Center - <http://newdimensionscc.org/>) as well as a television show host and contributor for Rapzilla.com and RAANetwork."

Jemar Tisby – "Jemar serves as the first Director of the African American Leadership Initiative (AALI) at RTS Jackson and Special Assistant to the

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engagement and enrollment at RTS and cultivate biblical diversity and inclusion.

Jemar co-founded AALI while completing his MDiv at RTS Jackson. He is also President and co-founder of Reformed African American Network (RAAN), which seeks to promote a two-way exchange between the rich theological heritage of African Americans and the Reformed tradition. Working with Wy Plummer, the African American Coordinator for the PCA and an AALI mentor, Jemar has helped to develop the African American presence in the PCA. Jemar was recently named to Faithstreet.com's 15 Black Christian Leaders You Should Know and has contributed various articles for The Gospel Coalition.

Jemar is married to wife Janee' and they have one son, Jack. They are active members of Redeemer Church, PCA in Jackson."



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Andy Schreiber I'm puzzled by Reformed seminaries conferring M.Div degrees upon women. I understand that they do so on the basis of having emphases available other than pastoral ministry. I just find that to be somewhat confusing.

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Chandra Crane Why is this confusing?

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Benjamin P. Glaser Because the Master of Divinity degree is conferred and intended for men seeking pastoral office. It is not a catch all theological diploma. That is what the M.A.R. and M.A.T.S. degrees are for.

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Jon Price Right... because every man in an MDiv program is considering the pastoral office. Come on people. If you're going to post an argument, please make it valid.

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Andy Webb Jon, it is true that TODAY the degree it's conferred on men not seeking pastoral office, however originally you needed to be seeking pastoral office, under care of a session, and able to do an internship to even start the program.

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Jon Price Okay? I'm not sure that is applicable to this particular thread. Even when the degree was tied more closely to those seeking pastoral office, it was still just a degree. A standard of coursework. You weren't automatically ordained because you received the degree. There was still calling, fitness for the call, etc. So, while I grant your historical perspective, it doesn't really change what the degree accomplished then, or now.

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Benjamin P. Glaser Jon, do you think women should be in a program designed to prepare men for the pastoral office?

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Chandra Crane Well I guess RTS has really gone off the rails, since I've been working on my MDiv for awhile now, and historically there's been a provision in the curriculum for "women and other non-ministerial candidates" from long before I came.

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Chandra Crane What I find most confusing is this fear of random, nameless, faceless women who are apparently ruining our reformed seminaries. Perhaps you could give us the dignity of addressing us by name, and actually getting to know us?

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Chandra Crane <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/.../3-female-ghosts...>



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 you seem only interested in imposing your preconceived notions on the rest of us. None of us are "afraid" or in "fear of random, nameless, faceless women". We have 150 years of historical witness to what happens to the Gospel truth once we head down the unbliblical road of "women can do anything unordained men can do". RTS should absolutely not (nor should any confessional Reformed seminary) open a degree designed for men entering the pastorate to unqualified and uncalled men or women. This isn't a game.

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 **Ewan Kennedy** Benjamin and Andy- most all seminaries have an MDiv non-ordination track that doesn't require preaching classes. Covenant Theological Seminary had that option 20-30 years ago for PhD seekers, women, and others who weren't seeking ordination in the PCA. Can you name one MDiv class (like Greek, Hebrew, Biblical Theology, etc) that a woman should be biblically prevented from being in with men? And, can you see how "gender apartheid" might be a fitting term for your instructional segregation and automatic assumption that women shouldn't be allowed to sit in the same classrooms or gain the same degree as men?

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 **Chandra Crane** Benjamin P. Glaser Did you just call me unqualified or uncalled? Because if you did, you didn't put just me under your condemnation. At that point, you've said all the male leaders in my life are in error. You're right--this is no game. This is human dignity at stake. And you just called into question the decisions of men such as Ligon Duncan, Brian Gault, Elbert McGowan, Mike Campbell, [Charlie Wingard](#), Guy Richardson, [Guy Waters](#), [Bryant Taylor](#), and many many others.

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 **Benjamin P. Glaser** Yes, women should not be in ordained ministry or training for such. I realize that is evidently an insane statement these days.

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 **Chandra Crane** Benjamin P. Glaser And if you aren't afraid of me, why are you so worried about me being at RTS?

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 **Chandra Crane** If you say, "We have 150 years of historical witness to what happens to the Gospel truth once we head down the unbliblical road of 'women can do anything unordained men can do'." that seems fearful to me.

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 **Chandra Crane** If you say, "We have 150 years of historical witness to what happens to the Gospel truth once we head down the unbliblical road of 'women can do anything unordained men can do'." that also seems unBiblical to me. Also, where is that in Westminster? And if I am wrong (I haven't had that class yet), isn't that all the more reason I should be studying in seminary?

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 **Chandra Crane** I'm not in ordained ministry. I'm not in training for such. M.Div does not equal ordained. It means learning how to care for people in a specific way. Good grief, if the SBC doesn't have a problem with women M.Divs, what does it say that some folk in the PCA do?

Like · 4 hrs

 **Chandra Crane** Finally, let me say I disagree that I am "imposing my preconceived notions on the rest of" you. But that's something to discuss. So, let's talk and get to know each other, brother. Come to Jackson and I'll give you a tour of RTS. You can stay with my family--our guest room is always open. You can come to church with us and worship with some siblings. And then you can tell my professors, administrators, husband, pastor and elders how you think we're all sinning.

Like · 3 hrs

 **Ewan Kennedy** Benjamin P. Glaser - a woman being in an MDiv program and gaining a (non-ordination track) MDiv does not equal "woman being trained for ordained ministry). Can you see my post above and answer the question about which particular (non ordination track) MDiv classes a woman should be biblically prevented/barred from taking?

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 **Stephen Jordan** Chandra Crane, can a woman be qualified and/or called to ordained ministry?

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special. There is no reason that anyone who wants to gain greater wisdom and understanding of the Bible cannot be in an Mdiv program.

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Adam Parker With great trepidation I wade in here, only to vouch for Chandra if I might. I was a student at RTS alongside of Chandra and have never in the slightest been led to believe she has her eyes on the pastorate. Nor have I ever heard her espouse egalitarian views. Her Mdiv experience does look different than the other students (for example, she gives speeches rather than delivering sermons in preaching lab), but I think there are benefits to the Mdiv, even for a layperson. If you are meeting with people, praying for people, finding yourself needing to utilize apologetics and defend the faith on a daily basis, you are greatly helped by the rigor of an Mdiv degree where you are learning the languages.

I also know many former students who got their Mdivs and are now flying planes, working in tobacco shops, working as teachers, and serving as administrators and yet they find that their Mdiv is of great help to them, even if they aren't ordained. In fact, the other day I bought a tobacco pipe from a man who graduated from RTS and said that even though he isn't an ordained minister he uses his degree every day.

I may differ with some of you on this, but at a historically reformed, complementarian institution like RTS, my opinion is that offering the degree to laypeople is not a slippery slope.

Like · 2 · 1 hr · Edited



Chandra Crane Adam, Wow. Thank you. Your words mean more to me than you'll ever know. We miss you and Arryn and the kids here at RTS!

Like · 1 · 1 hr



Chandra Crane Stephen Jordan No, of course not. Am I in the PCA, or aren't I? But I refuse to affirm a false hierarchy of value in the church. All careers are a calling. We are not gnostics, nor are we Catholics. We believe in the priesthood of the believer. When I asked about calling and qualifications in my instance, I meant to seminary and campus ministry. And to family life and community and church service. I meant that if many pillars in the PCA are okay with me working on my M.Div, maybe it will help detractors to reconsider that it's not just heretical ole' me. There is support and precedent.

Like · 1 · 58 mins · Edited



Stephen Jordan My question was not accusatory, just diagnostic. Second question, do you believe that women can do anything non ordained men can do?

Like · 56 mins



Chandra Crane I owe you an apology, Benjamin P. Glaser. (I can't get the tag to work. Did I get blocked?) I was being rather sarcastic when I suggested you come to my home. I am sorry for that. I must be truthful and admit that I have a hard time picturing hosting you graciously. But I'm working on it. I'm trying to let the HS break down hostility in my heart. Jesus loved us when we were enemies, so he gives us the ability to love each other in our weaknesses.

Like · 1 · 54 mins



Chandra Crane Stephen Jordan Fair enough. I can't think of anything that would fall under no. Praying, reading the Scriptures, handing out the elements, etc. are all allowed under PCA and MV Presbytery guidelines. Now there is room to discuss should that be changed, but as it stands, we can do all that, and backwards & in high heels... 😊

Like · 52 mins



Stephen Jordan Third question, did you find anything disturbing, out of line with orthodoxy, or troubling about the original podcast?

Like · 41 mins



Ewan Kennedy Stephen Jordan. You are a pastor in the ARP, right? If so, that means you believe in the ordination of women to the Office of Deacon, right? That puts you at odds with Andy Webb and many others on this string and a lot closer to those who spoke on the podcast that Andy is objections to. The Deacons do ministry right? And the ARP ordains men and women to the office of Deacons to do Diaconal ministry, so why all the leading questions of Chandra Crane?

Like · 29 mins · Edited



Stephen Jordan Ewan Kennedy, yes, I pastor in the arp, no that doesn't mean I believe in women ordination to the office of deacon. It means that our denomination allows for the sessions of the local church to decide such matters for their individual churches. I have not

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...feeling attacked and wounded. I hope these questions will let her feel heard, but let her hear as well. For instance, she took umbrage with a statement Benjamin P. Glaser made about calling and qualification. She clarified her thoughts, which was helpful.

Like · 25 mins



Andy Webb The above are available together in one formatted MS-WORD file, send me a request and I'll send them to you via FB messenger

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 3:55pm



Miguel del Toro Me, please, and thank you.

Like · 9 hrs



Thomas Booher I'd like that.

Like · 7 hrs



Christina H Edmondson Thanks for engaging. Feel free to send questions or concerns to our podcast email. Talking about when you can talk to is best. Otherwise it can be perceived as gossip. Grace to you! Looking forward to hearing Todd's concerns as we walk thru God's word together. Opinions and cultural mores don't convict and correct. Scripture is sufficient.

Like · 43 · Yesterday at 4:11pm

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William F Hill Jr It is not gossip to interact with a public podcast. If you want to avoid the interaction of others I suggest you (a) keep your podcast to an audience of one, or, better yet, (b) don't do one. What you said publicly needs to be answered publicly.

Like · 5 · Yesterday at 4:14pm · Edited



Andy Webb Christina, please understand that when you speak in public to a public audience, the response to your actual words is NOT gossip.

For instance, if I were to say, "maybe I develop and design a penis-shaped microphone cause if all you need to have is a penis in order to be heard then maybe we should have a line of penis microphones" in a sermon and then post that sermon on sermonaudio or soundcloud, when people said, "Pastor Webb said 'penis-shaped microphone' they are not engaging in gossip.

Like · 8 · Yesterday at 4:18pm



Christina H Edmondson I said it could be perceived that way. Here is a great opportunity to respond in love to a sister in Christ. Please send concerns rooted in God's word to the email. You and I both desperately need grace. As I imagine all believers must know. Grace to you! By the way, treat people kindly. Assume the best and speak to them directly about your concerns. These seems to be a reasonable Christian response? Bless you brother.

Like · 39 · Yesterday at 4:18pm



William F Hill Jr Yes, I know what you said. I am simply pointing out the FALLACY of such a perception.

Like · Yesterday at 4:21pm



Andy Webb Christina, we're both here now. If you want to interact, I'd suggest we do so here. Todd, who wrote the article I responded to, is also here. Since it's a public matter a public discussion would be appropriate.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 4:21pm



Christina H Edmondson Let's set something up via google chat to talk real time. I will have my Bible open. 😊 it is important that we speak to each other demonstrating that we are people that are products of grace.

Like · 30 · Yesterday at 4:23pm



Christina H Edmondson However, feel free to send questions and biblical references. We can walk thru each one.

Like · 19 · Yesterday at 4:23pm



Andy Webb Could other PCA people who are also concerned, Todd for instance, also be involved in the discussion?

Like · Yesterday at 4:24pm



Andy Webb After all, I wasn't even the first person to spot the podcast

Like · Yesterday at 4:25pm



Andy Webb And please don't misunderstand me, it's not that I don't want to interact, I do. I just don't believe it should only be with me.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 4:26pm



Todd Pruitt It's interesting. I was in my office yesterday and I started hearing from various folks in the PCA who were grieved by the

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 **Christina H Edmondson** It would be great to respond to written issues or concerns. We will do our best. We have to model grace filled engagement and trust that the Spirit thru God's word corrects, convicts, strengthens the saints, and leaves unbelievers puzzled by our unity in Christ.

Like · 28 · Yesterday at 4:41pm

 **Todd Pruitt** Well, believers were puzzled and grieved by what was said about ordination on the podcast.

Like · 4 · Yesterday at 4:43pm

 **Andy Webb** Deeply.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 4:43pm

 **Christina H Edmondson** What about ordination? Ordination is not a heaven or hell issuewas that the quote. That's true. We better hope heaven is about Christ's completed work and not our meticulous doctrine. Praise Jesus for grace!

Like · 29 · Yesterday at 4:46pm

 **Todd Pruitt** I believe you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Like · Yesterday at 4:48pm

 **Todd Pruitt** People are deeply vexed by the podcast. Let's not pretend that what people like myself believe about ordination was not mocked in a vulgar way.

Like · 6 · Yesterday at 4:50pm

 **Christina H Edmondson** That's sad. May God provide truth via His word. Many people aren't vexed. That doesn't mean a bunch of sinners won't mess up on a podcast but I have women in tears contacting me telling me they know God loves them in all their womanhood. I got stories coming in about abuse in the church. Nobody wants to overturn "gender" on the contrary they see more how God will use it for their good and His glory. Here is the deal, the Bible will correct believers. With that being said, you still might not like social implications or our academic backgrounds or "our tones" but we are pointing people to a Jesus who loves them fiercely.

Like · 34 · Yesterday at 5:07pm

 **Todd Pruitt** Do you stand by the statement about what makes someone "ordainable"?

Like · Yesterday at 5:09pm

 **Christina H Edmondson** Like yourself, I support the ordination of BIBLICALLY qualified men. I can give you case examples of sexism in both egalitarian and complementarian spaces. Biblically qualified is key and this does not always happen and scripture even reminds us of this. We also can not make up extrabiblical church assignments and then fence the law about them. We must fiercely protect the liberty scripture provides. The church is not ours and God cares deeply about how we treat his daughters.

Like · 41 · Yesterday at 5:12pm

 **Christina H Edmondson** Enjoy the day, Pastor **Todd Pruitt** ! I will look out for the written statement. Jesus is worthy of grace filled communication that points to His truth.

Like · 19 · Yesterday at 5:16pm

 **Jay Brantner** Hear, hear, **Christina H Edmondson**!

I did think their were parts of y'all's podcast that could've been more clear (which, to be honest, is partially a function of the medium), but I really enjoyed it in general, and I was particularly challenged by your comments on slippery slopes and fencing the law

Like · 10 · 23 hrs

 **Christina H Edmondson** God bless you , sir. God's grace is sufficient. It reached you and it reached me!

Like · 6 · 23 hrs

 **Randall Kirkland** The "grace to you" talk sounds spiritual but the substance of this podcast is sewer talk which can't be cloaked with sweet words.

Like · 5 · 7 hrs · Edited

 **William F Hill Jr** Exactly **Randall Kirkland**

Like · 23 hrs

 **Chandra Crane** William F Hill Jr How about email of YOUR stated clerk, please?

Like · 13 · 22 hrs



Todd Pruitt There will be several written responses coming. They will address both the biblical errors from the podcast and the explain the departures from

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Todd Pruitt Not sure yet who all will be writing the responses or in what venue they will appear. But a team is coming together.

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Andrew Barnes Todd I PMed you.

Like · Yesterday at 4:19pm



Christina H Edmondson Sounds great! I would love to engage them with God's word. I think the Lord's word is sufficient in exposing sin. Something we all need. No fear in repentance when Christ is who we run to. May we all be ready to be corrected by God's word. Grace to you, Pastor!

Like · 24 · Yesterday at 4:20pm



Todd Pruitt One piece will be a refutation of the error that gender is a social construct.

Like · 11 · Yesterday at 4:24pm



Andy Webb Todd and Christina, Is there any way a joint conversation on the subject could be set up between Truth Table and Mortification of Spin? Since this concerns both the PCA and the OPC it would be appropriate if members of both denoms were involved.

Like · 7 · Yesterday at 4:34pm · Edited



Todd Pruitt Not a bad idea. But logistically an online conversation between 6 people would be a nightmare.

Like · Yesterday at 4:34pm



Andy Webb Then see if you could perhaps get say Michelle and Christina to come on the show?

Like · Yesterday at 4:35pm



Andy Webb You've done two guests in the past haven't you?

Like · Yesterday at 4:36pm



Christina H Edmondson Sex is biological. Gender is socially constructed. Much like race. It doesn't mean scripture is silent on how we glorify God within our cultural context. Scripture has much to say about how we use our sex, gender, and roles to point to Christ. We error when we attempt to bind consciences beyond scripture. Then we have deified our words, feelings, and cultural norms. Eek! The scripture is sufficient. Jesus was the most masculine man to live but by our current cultural standards (he wore a tunic) and even his own time (ate with women sinners, received children, was unmarried) would be puzzling to those with extrabiblical gender expectations. But he is the manliest man ever! Take for example the radical freeing nature of the Gospel, so freeing that in the NT women were reminded to continue "dressing" as women. Shocking! They thought free meant male. That's a lie from sexism. But it doesn't, thanks be to God! Freedom is in Christ alone and he uses our identities for His glory. Send more questions via email. We can move thru one at a time. Have a great day folks. Give grace cause that's what we have been given.

Like · 37 · Yesterday at 4:36pm



Todd Pruitt Andy - I don't think so. Plus, there are some other reasons why this may not be the best thing to do at this point.

Like · Yesterday at 4:39pm · Edited



Andy Webb True, I'm also beginning to think treating this as just another issue for "conversation" is not a good idea.

Like · 3 · Yesterday at 4:39pm



Todd Pruitt Yep. The errors are so deep it requires something more formal than an informal conversation.

Like · 4 · Yesterday at 4:44pm



Christina H Edmondson Remember raise biblical concerns. Here is my biggest concern. Sociology, psych, anthropology are not infallible so I hold those things loosely. God's word is infallible. Our show looks at a variety of disciplines and our primary audience is black women. We speak to their concerns in orthodox or conservative Christian spaces.

Like · 33 · Yesterday at 4:44pm



Todd Pruitt Can't do detailed exegesis on FB. That shouldn't keep me from calling error what it is. Written responses will be coming.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 4:47pm



Christina H Edmondson But Todd, we have to treat believers rightly. (Meaning based on the word) I mess this up daily! I keep pushing you about scripture because anything else is our feelings and cultural mores. That don't change hearts.

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open bible. Otherwise, you are asking people to sin against fellow believers having made little biblical argument. I believe you have them and I look forward to them. Maybe, waiting with biblical arguments would have been most gracious, I don't know. I am committed to treating you in love. Grace to you!

Like · 38 · Yesterday at 4:55pm



Todd Pruitt Of course at the heart of my issue with the podcast is that I believe your categories are shaped not by Scripture but liberation theology. Again, substantive written responses are coming.

Like · 3 · Yesterday at 4:56pm



Matthew Catalano Your argument that gender is a social construct is based on certain sectors of sociology, psychology and anthropology. You didn't get that assertion from the Bible. Therefore, for you to maintain that those who oppose the nonsense of gender constructionism do so only from the Bible and not sociology, psychology and anthropology is ridiculous

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Todd Pruitt Exactly

Like · 1 · Yesterday at 4:57pm



Todd Pruitt My sister in Christ - What would you say to those who were offended by what was said about the views of those who hold to male ordination? About what sort of mics they'd want to use?

Like · 1 · Yesterday at 4:59pm



Todd Pruitt I made no accusations about sin. That's a misrepresentation. I did accuse you of error.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 5:01pm



Ekemini Uwan Todd Pruitt, my brother, I called you on the phone today. I left a message because you did not pick up the telephone. I do hope we will be able to reason together based on the infallible word of God. My sisters and I welcome that. Please email us. I'm sure you have our email address since you have listened to our podcast. I'm taken aback by the slanderous statements made in your blog post without any biblical support. I recall that the Apostle James warned us against harsh judgment. Remember that "mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13). Grace to you and know that you are in our prayers.

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Christina H Edmondson Extrabiblical gender constraints are not binding only God's word. Do you disagree?

Like · 12 · Yesterday at 5:18pm



Christina H Edmondson I have never studied liberation theology but I do believe we are free in Christ! Free to obey His word and love our neighbor. Have you studied liberation theology?

Like · 13 · Yesterday at 5:21pm



Todd Pruitt Please tell me the slanderous statement I made.

Like · 2 · Yesterday at 5:21pm



Matthew Catalano Being that extrabiblical gender constraints are rooted in scientific reality, one may as well make the question "extrabiblical gravity constraints are not binding only God's Word." The fact is, the Bible tells us what the gender constraints are rooted in (creation) the same way it does with gravity. It then goes on to reinforce the reality of gender constraints. If not, then Paul's exhortation to men that they not be effeminate or women in the Church is ultimately meaningless.

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Todd Pruitt Yep

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Christina H Edmondson Pastor you will have to unpack the difference between error and sin in your written statement. This will be a big help. I don't want to accuse you of something that mis-characterizes you. From what I hear that's pretty harmful 😞

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Todd Pruitt Sure is. So if you could tell me what I wrote that was a slander I'd appreciate it. You are Aware I assume you know what slander is. It is an intentional lie intended to do harm. It's a serious sin.

Like · 23 hrs



Ekemini Uwan Christina H Edmondson Todd Pruitt Let's be clear on definitions. Slander is when a false statement is spoken which results in damaging a person's reputation.

Here is the slanderous statement, brother: "If you listen to the podcast what you will hear is typical boilerplate liberation theology which is

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I have never studied liberation theology. I am thoroughly reformed. In fact, I earned my M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary. That is a slanderous statement because you charged your sisters in Christ with being unbiblical. That is not right, brother. You are sowing seeds of discord and dissension.

Like · 35 · 23 hrs



Christina H Edmondson The Blood covers serious sins. All of mine are serious! Todd, you and I will need it! I don't know the intention of your heart JUST like you don't know mine. Saints, have to give as much grace as they need. Looking out for email and future formal discourse that points to JESUS. The one more worthy than blogs and podcasts.

Like · 22 · 23 hrs



Matthew Catalano "No one will hear me unless I design a penis shaped microphone" is not sowing seeds of dissension and discord?

Like · 6 · 23 hrs



Todd Pruitt Ekemini - Obviously I disagree. One does not have to study liberation theology to operate with its basic framework. Again, not slander. I believe you are in error. I believe your podcast sowed confusion and division.

Like · 4 · 23 hrs · Edited



Christina H Edmondson For many women in the church presently and historically they have been treated poorly. Sin causes us to mistreat others. This is not shocking if we hold a reformed doctrine of sin. It manifests in us mistreating people because they lack some social status. We see lots of rebukes in the NT about this very thing related to things like privileging the circumcised (cultural mores), the rich, etc. The Gospel is the great equalizer. We are all busted broken sinners NOW adopted into the family of God. God has placed value upon us by Making us his own. We sinfully fail to embrace this reality and the consequences are real. For some women, they are well aware that they are easily disrespected or ignored because of their gender. That statement above highlights this by using hyperbole to express the sense of being ignored because of gender. Thank God for grace! By the way choosing not to come directly to Christian women about a concern can be seen as an example of this type of sexism. Thanks for engaging!

Like · 17 · 23 hrs



Ekemini Uwan **Todd Pruitt** I look forward to your phone call and email with your distinctions between error and sin. As well as the biblical grounds for your blog post. Have a great night, brother! You are in my prayers.

Like · 8 · 23 hrs



Matthew Catalano That women have been treated poorly in the history of the church does not demonstrate that gender is a social construct. In fact, if gender were a social construct, the statement that women have been treated poorly is, in fact, a meaningless statement. Gender and biological sex are intrinsically connected. Nor does women being treated poorly make an argument for women's ordination.

Like · 3 · 23 hrs



Ekemini Uwan **Matthew Catalano** You are making an argument from silence, sir. None of us said that gender and sex are not connected and none of us made an argument for women's ordination. I believe that the office of an elder is reserved for a biblically qualified man. Refrain from piling on. Jesus reads your Facebook comments. Good night.

Like · 21 · 23 hrs · Edited



Matthew Catalano When someone makes the statement that sex is biological but gender is a social construct, that does seem to put the two of them in a separate category. I am basing that on what has been written here.

Like · 2 · 23 hrs



Matthew Catalano And what was said about ordainable certainly gives that impression.

Like · 1 · 23 hrs



Jay Brantner It was explicitly said that they were not talking about ordination. The complaint you refer to, Matthew, is about a notion of "ordainability" being used as a requirement for participation in church functions that don't require a person to be actually ordained.

Like · 8 · 22 hrs



Todd Pruitt Okay folks everyone have a good evening. I cannot keep up with these comments and I don't want to be blamed for every

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Andy Webb Anywho, I'm off to do local pastor stuff, I'll check back later...

Like · 4 · Yesterday at 4:43pm



Everett Henes Dale Van Dyke

Like · 2 · 23 hrs



Don K. Clements Go for it!

Like · 1 · 23 hrs



Todd Pruitt Okay, goodnight everybody. No more comments. Too much to keep track of.

Like · 23 hrs



Andrew Barnes You should just go write blog posts. 😊

Like · 1 · 23 hrs



Ekemini Uwan We look forward to your email. Have a great night, brother!

Like · 4 · 23 hrs



Todd Pruitt You as well.

Like · 1 · 23 hrs



Christina H Edmondson Todd, you might argue that we started this but I think you did. 😊 Blessings to you and your church. I hope somebody saw the Gospel in this public exchange. For now, I suggest we take it completely off line until your document comes forward and we can pray and respond. We both agree on this, I am sure, Christ will get the glory.

Like · 15 · 23 hrs



Todd Pruitt I responded to public error. If that means I "started it," then okay.

Like · 8 · 23 hrs



Todd Pruitt Goodnight everyone!

Like · 23 hrs



Jonathan McGuire **Andrew Barnes** maybe podcasts at which point you require everyone who disagrees with you to respond in writing and personal phone calls.

Like · 1 hr



Nathan Lewis I used to know one of the individuals on the podcast... The passion and emotions have prevailed over the rationale of Scripture, I'm afraid

Like · 1 · 22 hrs



Andrew Barnes Who is the other man in your profile pic? He looks very familiar to someone I went to college with.

Like · 22 hrs



Nathan Lewis That's my brother, Seth

Like · 5 hrs



Doug Serven 100% with you, Christina, Ekemini and Michelle and all the women and men in the PCA - at the very least. I am a committed PCA pastor and stand with you. I am not compromising the faith or the WCF, WSC or WLC to stand with you. I love you.

Like · 50 · 22 hrs



Andy Webb A thought: the 34 likes (as of this comment) on this ^^ comment explain more eloquently than any rationale debate ever could why the contributors on the original podcast as well as their point of view have a place in the future of the PCA, while individuals like Todd and I almost certainly don't. Apparently, we just haven't realized it yet.

Like · 10 · 8 hrs · Edited



Chandra Crane Standing in solidarity with someone (especially the marginalized) doesn't require agreeing with them 100%. Robust discussion can happen over important theological issues, but it requires a willingness to actually engage other human beings with respect and grace, rather than sniping at them from afar. It requires pastoral care and patience. It requires a laying down of one's rights in emulation of our savior's kenosis. It does not require compromising on one's beliefs.

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Chandra Crane When **Doug** (who is the bomb) said "100% with you" you assumed he meant he 100% agreed. Why? It seems like it's because this is a mere theological debate to you, not a discussion

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...and that respect for... that's what being a sibling means. Giving correction doesn't have to (and Biblically shouldn't) mean being dismissive and harsh.

Like · 6 · 7 hrs · Edited



Chandra Crane So if being in solidarity with our siblings of any race or gender (while still having loving dialogue about differences) and if respecting the imago dei is the future of the PCA, I'm grateful, and my family and I are on board. 100%.

Like · 4 · 7 hrs



Doug Serven Andy you can stand with your sisters too. And I can stand with you though I don't know you. We can be on the same team.

Like · 3 · 5 hrs



Doug Serven Wait. We don't agree 100% on everything?!!

Like · 2 · 4 hrs



Chandra Crane **Doug Serven** 😊 Ain't nobody Jesus, but Jesus!

Like · 2 · 4 hrs



David Cimino Doug Serven, if the PCA ever ordains women, don't you realize that Andy (and I) won't be in the PCA? Maybe to some degree, not on the same team then? Do you think we should ordain women as deacons or elders. Give me a straight answer. Yes? No?

Like · 3 hrs



Doug Serven No ones talking about that.

Deacons yes. I happily submit to the pca.
Elders no.

All of us uphold the pca standards. We're all called to do so.

Like · 3 hrs



Albert Kona Did somebody say liberation theology? I think I mentioned that once in a closed group for PCA elders, and I got an ear full how that is not a reality or a possibility for PCA men. Now you are saying that someone went out in the open with it? Oh my, my. My suspicions might have not been all the way wrong, although I would love to be wrong on this time again.

Like · 2 · 21 hrs



William F Hill Jr You're not.

Like · 21 hrs



Albert Kona This is one example when being right is depressing.

Like · 3 · 21 hrs



William F Hill Jr Indeed.

Like · 21 hrs



Doug Serven Yeah. You're wrong.

Like · 12 · 19 hrs



Albert Kona Ah, Doug Serven, and you are so predictable.

Like · 2 · 9 hrs



Doug Serven Good!

Like · 5 hrs



Doug Serven You said you'd love to be wrong and I'm confirming that you are! Feel the love.

Like · 2 · 4 hrs



Daniel Wells Sorry, don't have time to read every comment. I think I can summarize the concern perhaps.

The podcast people are saying, "Women should be able to do in a church anything a non-ordained man can do."

Those complaining about the podcast are saying, "No."

There is disagreement on this.

Fair enough?

Like · 10 · 21 hrs

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Andrew Barnes I think a lot of people talked about a problem with liberation theology too.

Like · 21 hrs



Daniel Wells Okay, here are the other issues.

Do these podcast people subscribe to James Cone and Barbara Friedan or no?

Also, is it okay to use the proper term for male genitalia on a Christian podcast?

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baggage onto femininity that isn't specified in Scripture?

Seriously, is that it?

Like · 8 · 21 hrs



Andrew Barnes Perhaps if you don't have time to read every comment, you should read the blog post, listen to the podcast, and comment on that alone. If you aren't going to read the comments then it makes no sense to attempt to summarize said comments and their concerns.

Like · 3 · 21 hrs · Edited



Daniel Wells I read the blog post and the transcript of the most offensive comments made on the podcast.

I don't know, seems pretty cut and dry.

Like · 7 · 21 hrs



Steve Cavallaro Sounded like they went beyond "what a non-ordained man can do". Doesn't help when you start with gender as a social construct and never qualify it (absolute or some culture expectations?)

Like · 2 · 21 hrs



Daniel Wells Steve Cavallaro yeah, I listed that issue.

Maybe a more fruit of the Spirit way for Todd to engage this podcast is to email these folks and ask, "What do you mean that gender is a social construct?" Instead of assuming the worst?

Like · 15 · 21 hrs



Jay Brantner There also seems to an objection to the critique of purity culture, although I'm not entirely sure what that objection is

Like · 20 hrs



Doug Serven Daniel. You're right on it.

Like · 5 · 19 hrs



Chandra Crane I'd say the real issue is that a disagreement and concern from a brother to some Christian sisters was not handled in a Biblical manner. Rather than following Matthew 18:15-17, the man/men who are grieved have turned this into a spectacle.

Like · 5 · 7 hrs · Edited



Jay Brantner Chandra, I think you have a typo in your reference, that or I'm being a total idiot

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Daniel Wells Matthew 18. 😊

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Daniel Wells Slight pushback though...I think public teaching in books, podcasts, etc. deserve public comment. Perhaps the critique should be different, though. (Did they display fruit of the Spirit? Was it consistent with their vows as ministers?)

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Jay Brantner Gotcha. And I know that verse is about sin and not false doctrine, but I do think there is some parallel. If it's a public podcast, critique publicly. But if you think the error goes deep enough that it needs to be brought before the church, follow the Matt 18 guideline and contact the person before bringing them before presbytery

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Daniel Wells Also, Presbyterian polity requires the first court (Session) to look at an issue before the second court.

Like · 1 · 7 hrs · Edited



Chandra Crane Jay Brantner Hahaha yes. Matthew 18. Thanks for correcting me lovingly. THIS IS HOW TO DO IT, PEOPLE!

Like · 5 · 7 hrs



Chandra Crane Jay and Daniel, I think there is a difference between critiquing and crying "heresy!" So, those would require different spheres/actions, in addition to the public/private forum guideline.

Like · 3 · 7 hrs



Daniel Wells True. Theological disagreement something potentially worthy of discipline for a church member are different categories. Also, even if church members were saying something like "The church is wrong in its position that only biblically qualified men can be ordained pastors elders" (which I didn't hear being said on the podcast), that isn't church discipline worthy.

Now, if I as a Presbyterian minister said that, my presbytery would need to come talk to me.

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Irwyn Ince Thank you [Ekemini](#) and [Christina](#) for the topics you are engaging on the Truth's Table podcast. And thank you for your gracious responses on this thread. I know that you are rooted in the authority of God's word and striving to live out and discuss the implications of his gospel faithfully. I also know that you operate with a Spirit given humility that welcomes biblical correction and formation.

You have helped me think through substantive issues in each of the episodes thus far, and the one at issue here is no exception.

Like · 57 · 21 hrs



Andrew Barnes [Doug Serven](#) you posted this comment and I responded with some questions. Would you respond please, very curious.



Like · 2 · 21 hrs

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Doug Serven You bet!!!

Like · 3 · 19 hrs



Andrew Barnes "Ah, Doug Serven, and you are so predictable." - [Albert Kona](#).

Like · 1 · 8 hrs



Andy Webb Great, it's not enough that the NP organizes to silence me at the GA, now they're organizing to silence me on my own FB page. What's next? Session meetings? My dining room table?

Like · 6 · 8 hrs



Chris Coldwell Silence or just upping the like count on certain posts?

Like · 3 · 7 hrs



Kerri Koenig Commenting is trying to "silence", no matter what the comment??

Like · 1 · 6 hrs



Andrew Barnes I think he's speaking of calling in 'troops' to comment and like comments on his post when normally no one would ever visit his page.

Like · 6 · 6 hrs



Chris Coldwell [Andrew Barnes](#) Correct.

Like · 3 · 6 hrs



William F Hill Jr Absolutely right [Andrew Barnes](#)

Like · 2 · 6 hrs



William F Hill Jr Heh. Doug Severn liked my comment. Very funny indeed.

Like · 1 · 6 hrs



Doug Serven Communicate with todd. That's all I said.

Like · 1 · 6 hrs



Doug Serven [William F Hill Jr](#) I like it!

Like · 6 hrs



William F Hill Jr [Doug Serven](#) I'm thrilled.

Like · 6 hrs



Doug Serven [Ekemini](#) wants us to communicate with Todd. I'm not sure how that is so suspicious. She wants us to communicate with Todd.

Like · 2 · 6 hrs



Daniel Wells For all of us who are ordained ministers on this thread...

Let's get off social media and either go share Jesus with someone or go hang out with our wives. I'm doing the latter. Grace and Peace.

Like · 10 · 21 hrs



Miguel del Toro 😄😄😄

Like · 1 · 8 hrs



Miguel del Toro I took the dare, [Andy](#)....kinda. I posted it on the Elders' site but without comment.

Like · 20 hrs



Joel Littlepage These three ([Michelle](#), [Ekemini](#), and [Christina](#)) are dear friends and sisters. I have the utmost respect and love for them. They love Jesus, his church, and his word. So you disagree and are troubled by some of

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...ing as evidence of gender and consent from the perspective of African American women with years of experience in our churches is wrong, lacks love, and is not what we need. As someone who knows and has worshipped alongside them for many hours, it is troubling, sad, and, I take it personally on their account. None of you even attempted, from the looks of it, to reach out personally and when you were prodded, you only offered to do so publicly. I understand why public responses are pleasing: they get more hits and create more buzz. Sure, public podcasts can deserve public mentions, but that does not mean (a) personal slander or (b) that private contact isn't preferable (I believe it is!). In contrast, they (the three women) didn't name names. They didn't even name denominations. That's important. Meanwhile, I watch again as a group of white men who hold the "power" in the "room" attack a group of women of color who speak from their, obviously, "lower" position of power in our circles. That makes me angry and sad. I lament it and I pray for peace, purity, understanding, and listening in Christ's church.

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Doug Serven Amen Joel. Amen.

Like · 18 · 19 hrs



Ethan Smith Thank you, **Joel**. I couldn't have said this any more clearly.

Like · 11 · 19 hrs · Edited



Jay Brantner There's also a difference between critiquing the podcast and telling people to talk to their pastors. In response to a public podcast, public critique is totally cool. But I do think personal contact is a must before asking people to take it before the requisite churches/presbyteries.

Like · 15 · 18 hrs



Charles Johnson Amen Joel, this is helpfully expressed. I'm grateful for your wisdom and thoughtfulness.

Like · 5 · 18 hrs



Bobby Goodrich This.

Like · 2 · 8 hrs



Katelynn Ronning ^^YES

Like · 2 · 8 hrs



Andy Webb And so dies free speech.

Todd posted a public response to a highly incendiary public podcast that was meant (according to the declarations off the speakers) to stir the pot, push the boundaries, speak truth to power, rock the status quo and so on. When the public response amongst a small group of churchmen was negative, selective outrage resulted, and declarations that we must not speak our minds on a very public matter in public followed. All in all it remind me of when I've been told I couldn't comment on pro-abortion speeches because I didn't have a uterus, which is another way of saying, "if you don't agree, shut up."

Like · 7 · 7 hrs · Edited



Bobby Goodrich Andy, So, to be clear, the guy who called for people to contact their churches and presbyteries to "keep these unbiblical ideas from spreading any further" is the one whose free speech is dying?

Like · 12 · 7 hrs



Andy Webb As for being the power in the room, I got a chuckle out of that. I'm certainly not a sought after conference speaker, an advisor to a chancellor, a leader of networks, our anything of the sort. I'm a small church pastor who hasn't won a single denominational debate in 20 years.

I know Marxist theory makes me the oppressor in at least three areas, but that's a little like including dirt poor Apalachians in the oppressor class based on creed and skin tone.

Like · 2 · 7 hrs · Edited



Ethan Smith Free speech and what is proper and charitable in Christ's church are two different things.

Like · 5 · 7 hrs



Katelynn Ronning Andy, i don't think that was the case. if you read the above responses from Ekemini & Dr. Edmondson, they both welcomed discussion. repeatedly asking for emails, a time to set up a phone call. Ekemini reached out to Tom & he didn't pick up.. disagreement is okay when both are committed to seeking the scripture

what happened here was not that. this response thread fills me w sorrow. why is it then brothers have such a hard time listening to their sisters?

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receiving your biblical concerns via email. May people see truth and grace in our interactions today.

Like · 14 · 7 hrs



Andy Webb Bobby, yes the guy who is being told he doesn't have standing to protest against what he considered to be harmful influences in his beloved church is being silenced. It was Athanasius, not Arius who was constantly being silenced.

Like · 3 · 7 hrs



Bobby Goodrich He's not protesting. He is calling for a silencing of his own. Let's not play dumb here.

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Brittany Smith Would love to hear what Aimee Byrd thinks of all this.

Like · 8 · 17 hrs



Chandra Crane Right?!? And where's Carl Trueman in all this? For that matter, (sorry guys) where are Jemar and Tyler?

Like · 2 · 7 hrs



Thomas Booher Better yet, what does Ligon Duncan think of all this?

Like · 1 · 3 hrs



Chandra Crane Thomas Booher I'm sure he agreed and disagreed both with parts of the podcast. Perhaps I'm a weird exception to his theology, but he (and other admins and profs here at RTS) has fully affirmed me in seeking the MDiv and doing non-authoritative parachurch campus ministry.

Like · 1 · 41 mins



Katelynn Ronning grieved by the way these sisters (Michelle, Christina & Ekemini) are being talked about & down to in this article and thread.

have listened to all of their podcasts thus far, their engagement & perspective is crucial. blessed to be learning from them. would implore all here who have not to listen. not w the immediate ear of critique, but of compassion & openness to your own blindspots

Like · 26 · 16 hrs · Edited



Ewan Kennedy I am thankful for Ekemini Uwan, Christina H Edmondson, Michelle Higgins and others for their very biblical reflections and insight. But, I am appalled by many of the misogynistic and heretical comments, hateful and unbiblical ethos, and gospel rejecting ugliness that's parading as "conservatism" in some of these comments. The heresy that's cloaked in self-righteousness parading as "biblical" here is tragically similar to what Christ confronted in/with the Pharisees. It sounds true and faithful, but it is heresy. The Pharisees, they too, falsely, thought they were preserving the "gospel," protecting the flock, and honoring God, but their grace-less, misogynistic hatred, and mean-spirited anger and rage was, or should have been a flashing red light to the people. My prayer is that anyone who reads through this or listens to it will see the ugliness of Pharisee-ism for what it is and see through the veneer/cloak of self-righteousness. My Pharisee brothers, I urge you to reflect and repent and trust and hope in the grace of God. Do not be blinded by self-righteous indignation. I beg you. Ask God to show you if you are truly serving home or if, like Saul, you are kicking against the goads and holding the coats at a sinful stoning that feels righteous. I know that's a big ask, but I beg you.

Like · 22 · 5 hrs · Edited



Andy Webb Ding! You win the cigar for being the first to play the Pharisee card. I was wondering when the Christian debate version of "You're a Nazi!" was going to appear.

Next up, "You're a racist!"

Like · 5 · 7 hrs



Ethan Smith It took me years to recognize my own Pharisaical tendencies. A fresh reading of Matthew 9:9-13 opened my eyes, when I finally realized that I desire sacrifice over mercy. I now have to repent of it daily.

Like · 7 · 7 hrs · Edited



Annie Hall Andy Webb I don't know you, but your stuff shows up on my facebook feed from time to time, and I'm struck by how EVERYTHING I've ever seen you post is seasoned with anger, bitterness, and biting sarcasm. As a pastor in the Body of Christ, you're called to a higher standard of grace and truth. It seems to me that you're clinging to your understanding of Truth (as you should), but doing so in a way that isn't open to correction and does not disagree with others in the gracious way you are called to.

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time in our denomination that we have young women like these with a voice! Let's find ways to build them up and encourage them in it, even if you disagree on points. Again, praying for grace! May this be the rare internet kerfuffle that leads to something redemptive and good.

Like · 20 · 11 hrs



Dave Abney This is the post I reference <http://www.alliancenet.org/.../for-the-peace-and-purity...>



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James Almond Hey! A mutually gracious response that grew out of a Facebook debate! Brothers and sisters, miracles still happen!

Like · 1 · 5 hrs



Vance Freeman This is the conservative equivalent of the Drexler Prof. tweeting about "throwing up" because someone gave up a seat for a veteran in first class. Why not talk to the people involved first? Instead of reaching out to our fellow churchmen (and churchwomen) and trying to understand the statements or actions with which we disagree, we spew our unilaterally informed opinions on social media or in a blog. Brothers, this is not how we do disagreements amongst ourselves. We're doing it wrong.

Like · 14 · 10 hrs · Edited



Nicole Cosby King Renee Henson Jonathan Henson

Like · 9 hrs



Jonathan Henson didn't read past third paragraph of the article. Whoever this isn't a serious writer, or fair thinker so I quit reading for my own sanity. It appears the author is more concerned with the sacredness of "doctrine of x" than truth finding or giving the fair thought to other humans --which is a requirement for treating them as the image of God. I've been driven by that kind of fear before in my life and I have no intention of returning.

Like · 1 · 4 hrs · Edited



Alan Noble This is reprehensible. Even if you grant that there were ideas in error in that podcast, calling for people to contact presbytery is absurd and abusive. You can be wrong in the PCA without being reported. If you think something was in error, write about it. Paranoia about "social gospel" and "critical race theory" and "liberation theology" leads to all kinds of errors.

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Frederick S. McFarland Amen

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Albert Kona What is reprehensible is the content and the attitude in that podcast. And as these ideas, and other that usually follow them, as they become the main daily dish in the PCA, will bring it to the point where today is PCUSA. I am not saying that it will bring it to the point of the faithful churches leaving PCA, because they would have done that long time before that, which, considering the speed this slippery slope is happening, is not many years down the road from now. I will not be putting up with this crap much longer either.

Like · 5 · 9 hrs · Edited



Ethan Smith Did you listen to the full podcast?

Like · 8 hrs



Albert Kona I did. But I might have missed a thing or two between my trips to the sink.

Like · 2 · 8 hrs



Ethan Smith What was something you agreed with? What made you sad about their perspective? What challenged you?

If the content bothered you, it's probably a good thing. It means that you are actually being challenged by something you never considered, whether you agree with it or not.

You and I will never fully understand the black experience (much less the black female experience) in the American evangelical and Reformed church. So sometimes we just need to listen.

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Albert Kona I agree with you Ethan. And by the way nice introduction to the white guilt. I can not understand them therefore I have no voice.

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Doug Serven slippery slope

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Thomas Booher Ethan Smith Ethan you can't be serious, can you? I agreed with virtually nothing in the podcast, because most of it was calling good evil and evil good. I was challenged not to alternately cry, punch a whole in the wall, or laugh like a maniac at this stuff.

Like · 3 hrs



Ethan Smith Glad you listened, Thomas. What specifically did you disagree with?

I didn't agree with everything, but it also challenged me to ask, "Why do I disagree? Because of what Scriptures say? Or because of my own presuppositions?"

Like · 4 · 3 hrs



Jim Stevenson Just.... wow.

Like · 2 · 8 hrs



Everett Henes Just for information: I was curious about the phrase used at the end of the podcast. So, since Google is my friend, I put it in. Turns out the SBC uses the language of "transgender neighbors as image-bearers."

In case anyone is interested:

<http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/2250/on-transgender-identity>

Southern Baptist Convention > On Transgender Identity

WHEREAS, God's design was the creation of two distinct and complementary sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6) which designate the fundamental distinction that God has embedded in the very biology of the human race; and

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Brittany Smith This was helpful! Thanks for researching and sharing it.

Like · 1 · 6 hrs



Chris Nelson I have been attending a Kellerite type PCA and seeing this moonbat talk within the PCA all but guarantees we will not be joining this dying liberal denomination.

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Seth Stark Chris, it's interesting you say that. I've been attending a pretty confessional PCA church and I love the pastor, but seeing these types of things being so vigorously defended by so many in the PCA throws up red flags for me when it comes to joining.

The question I keep asking myself is: do I want my children raised in a denomination that will be apostate by the time they are adults?

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Chris Nelson Seth Stark I am a Baptist, as well, so it may be a little easier for me to stay out. I am confessional, but there is no such church in our area so I have attended some Presbyterian churches. Andy has been sounding the alarm about the PCA and its progressives for a while, it is getting worse.

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Seth Stark Oh, I know. And every time our brother Andy dares to say a word, this is the response he gets (the comments in this thread).

I mean, if I were to believe these comments, I would think Rev. Webb is the most unloving, hate-filled, witch hunter since Calvin burned Servetus!

Like · 4 · 7 hrs



Chris Nelson Seth Stark Yeah sad, progressives hate truth though, hence they are progressives which inherently is a rejection of truth and they are as intolerant as any fascist as they make their claim for tolerance. This is why I make known my intolerance up front, I am not tolerant whatsoever.

Like · 1 · 7 hrs



Chandra Crane Seth Stark Why should I believe any differently? Why would I think he has anything but disdain and no mercy for me?

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Chris Nelson Chandra Crane That is seriously ridiculous. Please open your eyes to the grace of Christ.

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about how we should be willing to be 'challenged' by new beliefs, not criticize those who hold to doctrines different than our denomination's, and in general bend over backward to keep the peace for the sake of [unity/love/whatever], is eerily reminiscent of what happened there.

If y'all want the PCA and OPC to become the PCUSA and TEC, take the advice of those urging peace, peace!

Guarantee that will end both peace and orthodoxy. There is a lot of precedent for those with eyes to see it.

Like · 6 · 7 hrs



Jay Brantner Has anyone in this thread or on the podcast advocated for doctrines contrary to the PCA or OPC?

Like · 13 · 7 hrs



Mike Khandjian Friends - What an honor to be given a courtside view of the honesty, hilarity and depth of these dear sisters, Michelle, Ekemini and Christina - Michelle spoke at one of our GA Fellowship events a few years ago and her challenges remain in my heart and mind. So a few thoughts on what I'm reading here... First, I find it intriguing that this is the venue for venting such things without any prior personal contact with these ladies. This seems to be the wrong way around in the gospel economy, and in fact is. Secondly, we hear and have heard a lot about the 'tone' on the floor of GA, particularly after votes are taken and the tally adds up to something that is not desired by some of the folks on this site. Don't get me wrong - there have been times when I have been strident to the point of needing to ask forgiveness from parties affected (and have). What I mean though is that it is almost as though we can't have intensity of argument on the floor of GA where it belongs, but on the other hand can be downright unkind in such posts as we find here, as though the people we are discussing are things or enemies or garbage. For instance, referring to them as 'women pontificating' - really? What is all this? Is it possible that it was just women talking? And are we moving towards completely silencing them too? My observation is that this is largely due to what I have found to be a poor understanding of our denomination's identity in the first place. Many who are newer (last 10-20 years) have taken a more rigid and legalistic view of our doctrinal standards as well as our Book of Church Order than the majority of our denomination did when it was formed (some of us were around then). And it is this original spirit that enables us to, with grace, rather than stridency, and frankly self-righteous zeal, to respond to various challenges and proposals. For instance, did you know that in 1994 our denomination made clear that anyone - Pastors - Elders - Men and Women - can distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper? From what I've read above, I doubt that many know this. But it's true. The Bills & Overtures Committee, chaired at the time by David Coffin, recommended that we vote in the negative on an Overture by a man from North Carolina, who wanted the denomination to only allow Elders to distribute the elements. The Committee's rationale was that as soon as the plates leave the Elders' hands, not only to men, but women and children distribute to most of the congregation. Here's where I'm going with this: There is a charity, grace and common sense to every issue that can only manifest if people are tapped into who we actually are, and have always intended to be as a denomination, that rarely comes out in such conversations as this. Instead, we get on our high theological horses and make it sound as though it is all about the purity of the gospel, when in fact, it is transparently about the arguer and the self-satisfaction that is derived from being able to tear someone down because of some dimension of their presentation, while making oneself look important, enlightened and superior. In this regard, I applaud Lane Keister for his courage to act on his convictions and go to a denomination that is more closely aligned with his views. These women did something that our denomination has not ever had the pleasure of enjoying, and what I'm observing is people who are very carefully finding ways to demolish them without appearing to be exactly what they are - so what if they threw some things out there! So what if they used language that made one turn their head! We can handle that, right? So to close this already-too-long post, here's what I take from this: First, I would prefer to be accused of being ungracious on the floor of GA for fighting for those who can't fight for themselves (even though sometimes I need to own up to crossing the line). And I would rather someone (like these ladies) risk being trashed and thrashed for the sake of opening up dialogue, than have a settled, oppressive, self-righteous countenance on the denomination. And I would rather trust the Father with our flawed interpretations (of which all interpretations are), than forget our first love while living in the delusion of doctrinal purity. May Jesus, by His grace, refrain from snuffing out the candle. grace & peace.

Like · 21 · 5 hrs · Edited



Anne Gambill Ivy When someone goes on a public venue, they have pretty much taken being privately rebuked off the table. Years ago I was on a complementarian discussion list (before Facebook, if you can imagine!) and occasionally would be told I was being torn apart at the egalitarianism board.

Fine. No problem. My posts had been available for anyone to read, so those who disliked what I said were free to criticize me publicly.

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Mike Khandjian You are still bound by the gospel, Anne - Nothing precludes that...

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Chris Nelson Nonsense, public is public and the serpents hiss is heard in the progressives voice.

Like · 5 hrs



Mike Khandjian Well Chris, you just accused these women - and me I guess (though I am not sure, because rather than address people as individuals who bear God's Image, you labeled them) - but you accused them of speaking Satan's words. Now what are you going to do about that?

Like · 8 · 5 hrs



Chandra Crane Thank you, thank you, thank you, Mike! So grateful for your gospel kindness and truth, along with a reminder of our denomination's history.

Like · 2 · 4 hrs



Anne Gambill Ivy Right you are! As was Paul when he publicly named Alexander the coppersmith, for instance. Where this modern assumption comes from that defending the gospel forbids any criticism or negative feedback absolutely baffles me. It certainly isn't biblical.

Like · 1 · 4 hrs



Marie Halstead The update was also helpful; I'm praying that those that have espoused such error that was talked about repent.

Like · 5 hrs



Chris Nelson Progressives hate truth and demand conformity to their degeneracy.

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Katie Tracy Ribera I am thankful for [Michelle](#), [Ekemini](#), and [Christina](#) and for their willingness to speak up and voice their concern about an issue which affects our churches. It is clear from this thread that many of you would do likewise regarding something which you feel passionately about. I know these women and that their hearts are constantly seeking to discern God's truth for his church even when it can be challenging to our current way of thinking and our cultural norms, but that this desire comes from a desire for iron to sharpen iron rather than as an assault on our theology and doctrine. As a lifelong PCA member, former RUF staff, and current CTS student, I am grieved to see these women treated as enemies rather than as sisters. Perhaps this thread has actually served to bring to light the reality of the issue they sought to address. Having just finished reading Aimee Byrd's book, I am quite surprised to see her colleagues suspending grace for women who are clearly capable, credentialed, and called by God.

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Andrew Barnes No one is treating them as enemies. As a friend of mine has said on this issue, "Whether they love Christ is not the question. Whether they are promoting teachings that are contrary to God's word and the standards of both the PCA & OPC is the question." There are many here who believe they are teaching things that are contrary to God's Word and the Standards of the Church. That's why there is a discussion. And Todd is going to be writing articles addressing that. But again no one is treating anyone as enemies. People are addressing what they believe to be public error.

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Doug Serven It's a podcast.

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Elizabeth Mindemann What exactly is being promoted that is contrary to God's word and the standards of the PCA & OPC?

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Doug Serven Men and women are created by God in his image. We learn masculinity and femininity in good and bad ways. Not all of them are good. This is a discussion to consider what we can learn from each other and do with each other as friends and co-laborers, as what Aimee Byrd says Necessary Allies. They're sharing their thoughts and experiences. Let's get men and women more together instead of separated. Let's encourage women/female voices and contributions. Let's make space for women to study theology, pray, use their gifts. Let's encourage boys and men to walk with our daughters, sisters and mothers. Women are often treated as threats to men by the way we think of them and treat them. We've got to work on this, or at least talk about it. Which is what they're doing. They're talking about how theology works it out between men and women in our churches in what we let women do. They're not saying women should be able to do everything. They're talking about what does it take to be ordained, and what are possibilities for us as we both look

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...able to have when we're free in Christ? Let's listen to and support the girls and women in our church. Let's not be scared. Let's all be enriched together walking together. Seek out the voices of women so we can learn from them. Help women lead as much as they can. Encourage and model that we are in this together. Let's dismantle toxic masculinity as well as white supremacy. Look to Jesus. Let's follow him in how he treated people, how he treated women. Let's follow Jemar and Tyler as they listened to these women. If there is something that you didn't like that's fine. They are people too. They make mistakes. This isn't a pulpit. It's a podcast. Let's let them talk and not get all bothered about it. We're thankful to get to hear their thoughts.

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Doug Serven Could someone type up to me the "other" way to read and listen to the podcast?

Like · 2 · 4 hrs

David Cimino Doug, are you for or against ordaining women?

Like · 3 hrs

Chandra Crane **David Cimino** Is there actually any TE/RE in the PCA that is?

Like · 40 mins



Ekemini Uwan Good Afternoon, All! I woke up with the joy of the Lord as my shield and buckler today. I hope you all are rejoicing in the beauty of the gospel and the power of Christ's resurrection today. Remember, Jesus is watching how we treat and speak about brothers and sisters in the household of faith. Anyway, I'm sure you all know that. After all, this is a meeting of spirit-filled believers. I digress.

Brother, Todd Pruitt, I am still awaiting your return phone call and email correspondence about the biblical grounds for your blogpost. I'd like for you to show us how it is that you did not violate Matthew 18:15. We can't wait to engage with you via email.

Grace and peace to all of you! Bask in the love of our Savior Jesus Christ! He is good and worthy of praise! 🙌

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Four Reasons Why Public Critique Does Not Invoke Matthew 18

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Jim Stevenson **Andrew Barnes** is quite correct.

Like · 5 · 5 hrs

Chris Nelson She speaks with serpents tongue

Like · 5 hrs

Ekemini Uwan No, the first step is to come to us and ask for clarification before making slanderous accusations. @chris Nelson, you need to watch your words, brother. You will be judged by them. Jesus is watching. Take care, all! Let the love of the Lord dwell in your hearts richly today.

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Andrew Barnes It depends on what was said. Sometimes things need to be clarified because it was unclear. However, sometimes error is quite apparent and there is no clarification needed. What was said was said with great clarity and yet still very much error.

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George Lacy If I recall correctly Todd's church is hosting a conference this weekend so I wouldn't read Todd's business in the "real world" with an unwillingness to engage.

That, and as has already been stated, Matthew 18 is not contextually in play in this issue. But as I'm typing I certainly see that you're willing to accuse Todd of slander. Did you contact him privately before making this accusation publicly? Since you claimed earlier that you called but he didn't respond are you saying that you didn't wait for his return call before charging forward with a public accusation?

It's bothersome that this "Matthew 18 in public discourse" is a consistent tactic that many have used when Confessional men try to hold our denomination to what we SAY we believe regarding our

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Chandra Crane Chris Nelson Did you just accuse a sister in Christ of being in league with the devil and think that's okay by any standards?

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Chris Nelson Yes, after reading the garbage peddled, then the hyper flattery and then the misinterpretation of Matt 18, it all is old school progressive lies.

Like · 4 hrs



Chris Nelson The faithful are always two steps behind the progs because deceit is second nature to progs.

Like · 4 hrs



Hansoo Jin Deeply encouraged by you and the other participants in the podcast!

Like · 2 · 3 hrs



Paul Maxwell All you guys need to delete your Facebook accounts and buy gym memberships with your beer money.

Don't skirt around the obvious point that the Reformed have always been too socially awkward to have private and open conversations about this issue. Trolls gonna troll.

And if you haven't listened to the gender apartheid episode, it is a must-listen.

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Charles Byrd I keep remembering what was said on the floor of GA concerning the study committee on women's ministry and the diaconate: "Why are you (committed) sola fide guys so afraid to study the Word on this issue?" The problem, of course, is that we have. Our BCO is perfectly clear. So now I wonder if what they were really asking is whether we want to study the word through this new paradigm? Troubling!

Like · 2 · 5 hrs



Mike Khandjian Hi Charles, I said that on the floor and apologized to a brother who was offended - so if you were as well, please forgive me. But it isn't precisely what I said. I asked what we are so afraid of, and included diving back into the scriptures. If we are 'always reforming,' then we need not fear what we will discover by doing so. Perhaps we will remain exactly where we are, and perhaps not. By the way, I NEVER labeled anyone 'sola fide guys' - never - that is a flawed memory. To my thinking, unless something changes, we are one denomination - brothers and sisters constantly wrestling with who we are before the Throne - that's exciting to me. So to answer your question directly, I believe that there are some things we need to consider regarding deacons and deaconesses, precisely because of what we find in the plain reading of the scriptures. What better way to do this than to revisit the scriptures as brothers and sisters? Think about it: We weren't a denomination 50 years ago, so our BoCO can't possibly be without flaw or fault. To state otherwise would be heresy...

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Charles Byrd Hi Mike, I wasn't thinking of anyone in particular. It's something that was articulated three or four times from the floor. Otherwise, I don't know you and certainly have no ill will toward you. I simply see the denomination moving farther away from the confessions and nearer to cultural relevance. And that podcast was infused with categories derived more from sociology than theology.

Like · 3 hrs



Ethan Smith Charles, would you mind detailing which part of the confession we are moving away from?

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Mike Khandjian Hey Charles - No ill will taken, brother - seriously. As to moving away from the confessions, I don't agree (but that's okay too!). What I'm trying to communicate (and probably not well) is that my sense is that the original understanding of what being true to the confessions has shifted in our denomination from a broader and more gracious view to a more narrow and maybe even strident one. Perhaps the connectivity of the internet has played a role in this - I don't know. While I subscribe to the standards, it appears that we may have differing understandings of what that means. But I have no desire to call names (and you have NOT done this or presume heresy). As to 'cultural relevance,' I'm not sure that it is AUTOMATICALLY a bad thing. Hey, if we were to ditch truth for relevance, then yes, of course, that's horrible! But the same is true for traditionalism. If we were to ditch truth for tradition, then we have erred on the opposite end of the same sin. So the desire for relevance is not evil in and of itself - I believe Jesus practiced this. And Paul constantly

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sometimes that we speak in such grand generalities (my comment was sometimes) that we polarize rather than work through stuff - even if we will eventually part ways. Hey, I consider you a brother - and though I don't know you, a dear brother. Why? because you follow Jesus as I do. What good news...

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Jemar Tisby I am so glad I was on this podcast with [Ekemini, Michelle](#), and [Christina](#). The conversation was raw and honest. It's precisely what we need as we discuss sex and gender in the church. These women are not responsible for educating men on sexism and patriarchy, but they took that burden on once again and helped me understand more of their experience. The men who reacted with reflexive judgment didn't cite Scripture or approach anyone directly. Instead they essentially instructed people to "contact the authorities." That was completely unnecessary and the manner in which this has been handled by those who disagree is an example of precisely how NOT to manage these issues. But God can redeem any situation. I welcome the opportunity to stand alongside black women like the ones on Truth's Table. They are my sisters in Christ, and I am proud to be counted among their friends. They have clearly demonstrated they can hold their own on biblical grounds and they have put on a clinic in grace and patience. Nevertheless, I'm committed to being part of the healing when it comes to women in the church. I stand in solidarity with my sisters.

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Andrew Barnes //approach anyone directly//

I just commented on this, this is a common false conclusion of Mt. 18. I stated above, "Mt. 18:15 addresses private sins, not public error. Here's an article that covers this subject: <http://www.reformation21.org/.../four-reasons-why-public...>

Further one's first step in dealing with public error is not necessarily private discourse. It depends on what was said. Sometimes things need to be clarified because what was said was unclear. In such a case, private discourse is warranted and wise. However, sometimes error is quite apparent and there is no clarification needed. What was said in this case was said with great clarity and yet still very much error. At least that is in my estimation: that it was clear. I have no questions of meanings or interpretations of what was said. I have major issues with what was said.

Further, to address a biblical response. To most of us it is very obvious the biblical problems with the podcast. That is why people have posted this on fb and have taken issue. For instance, if you were espousing heresy, redefining the Trinity. It is not necessary, to go into all the Scripture as to why it is wrong. It is clearly wrong and reformed Christians would be able to see it. That is in a sense what some of us commenting on here see. Not that this is heresy but the error is clearly contrary to Scripture and the Gospel.

Now, I believe a proper precise Biblical response is needed. Yet the issues here being multiple and since terminology is vastly different than confessional terminology, and the amount of work that would need to be done, one man has stated he will be responding as he being the one who wrote this article ([Todd Pruitt](#)). In fact, he has begun to do this as he posted an article last night. However, he has a conference this weekend, so I'm sure more will be coming out in the next week. I trust him to write a sound article(s), and it will address biblically the major issues that others here have heard in this podcast. He has shown a willingness to do all of this. If patience is what has been held up, then we should be patient with Todd to write the article and interact. The rest of us should perhaps all wait for his article and then interact again.

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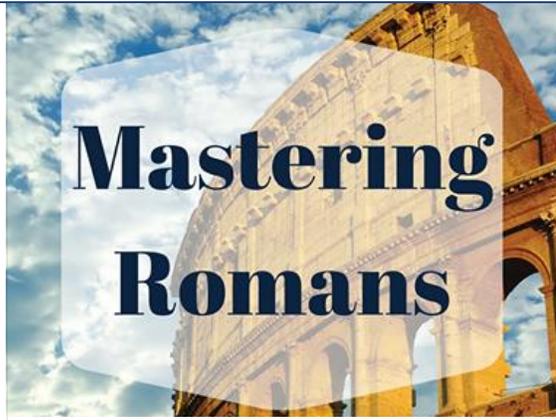
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David Cimino [Jemar Tisby](#), are you for ordaining women? Yes or no answer would be appreciated. Thx.

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David Cimino Doubt anyone has the guts to answer that question except us dern Pharisees.

Like · 3 hrs



Kim Collins White [Jemar Tisby](#), I completely agree with you on how this was handled and I stand with you. Thank you for your humility in listening to these women's perspectives and examining yourself, as a Christian man, in the process instead of pointing fingers and demanding "the authorities" to be alerted.

I'm so very thankful for the women on Truth's Table and for this conversation. I pray it can continue in a constructive way within the PCA and elsewhere.

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Doug Serven It's like this whole discussion validates the need for the podcast. Interesting!!

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Katelynn Ronning my thoughts exactly

Like · 1 · 4 hrs



Andrew Barnes Podcast from one point of view? No, clearly not in this case. The podcast should invite Todd to come on and discuss these things.

Like · 4 · 4 hrs



Doug Serven That would be awesome. Or you Andrew? Would todd or you be arguing we should further limit women's voices or that we're doing a great job? I heard them advocate for women greeters and scripture readers. That men and women should be friends. That Jesus helps us tear down walls. That we don't need to view women as threats. That they should study theology. That they should be invited to speak at conferences. That they should be viewed as people and not threats. Do you think he'd want to speak against those points of view?

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George Lacy Wow, Pastor Serven. There are a lot of assumptions about Andrew and Todd in this. And then you "liked" your own post. I'd wager most of us don't want to play games with you on this simply because of the way you've already characterized fellow elders and their views.

This is part and parcel of the problems in our denomination and yet somehow, men who hold to the constitutional documents of our denomination are the problem, and not those who would usurp what the Scriptures teach. And if you reply with, "Why are you so sure the Scriptures teach male-only officers?" then there's not much I or anyone else could say to dissuade you of your view and in reality, you should inform your session of your change in views and not pontificate on social media about how great unbiblical views actually are.

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Doug Serven ??

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reason I don't have my own podcast). Leave it to the professional who has his own podcast.

I'm unsure why greeters would come up, it's not in Scripture. It is just common for all Christians to greet their brothers/sisters in the Lord. I expect children in my congregation to greet people who come in the doors. We are there together to worship together.

Scripture readers...yes that's a major issue. WLC 156.

Men and women should be friends, however as I was listening I may understand the one one of the speakers was critiquing. I have women's numbers in my phone, however I work not to call them while I'm alone but with my wife or another. And I do not meet with women alone ever. That is my view/policy to protect myself and others. So that would have to be fleshed out more... I certainly don't refrain from having women as friends, but it is always with my wife with me.

Jesus doesn't tear down walls, walls are built upon Him (Eph. 2) as He has reconciled us together to the Father.

I don't know anyone threatened by women (normal non-abusive women that is... 😊)

Women should study theology, it is required of all Christians to do this.

Conferences - depends on the conference and their field of expertise. I actually find most conferences a waste of time, though they often make me feel good. Just some sermons/lectures you can hear by listening to the same people say the same thing on the internet.

Again, women are not threats all are made in the image of God.

So the only one that is of issue it seems of that list is women reading Scripture in public worship. However, if it means outside of public worship, then most here would find no issue. All people are commanded to read the Scriptures implied in meditate on the law day and night.

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Doug Serven That helps. Are you saying they're way off base or that they're misreading the room or that your experience and there is different? Do you think they're making a stink about things that aren't actual issues?

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Ethan Smith Andrew, thanks for engaging. Though I would disagree with one or two points, I find your response helpful.

Like · 3 · 3 hrs



Doug Serven Me too. I appreciate it Andrew.

Like · 3 hrs



Andrew Barnes I would say that they are off base on some doctrinal issues. I am not disagreeing with their experience. I don't think one can do that. But I don't know if that means they are interpreting their experiences rightly or not (this may be an issue). But that mostly is to be dealt with first doctrinally, so I think I'll leave that to Todd.

I'm actually preaching on that from Ex. 25:1-9 this Lord's day on the issue. And I have to get to work on my other sermon on 1 Peter 2:9-10 so I can finish in time to take my wife to hear some jazz orchestral music tonight featuring the works of Duke Ellington. 😊

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Benjamin Shelton Andrew- thanks for the comment. When you say Jesus doesn't tear down walls, what how do you understand Eph. 2:14?

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility - Ephesians 2:14

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Hansoo Jin I am a PCA minister and have been so encouraged and convicted by this podcast. Michelle, Ekemini, and Christina are all so much smarter and better trained than me and I look forward to learning more wisdom from them in the future.

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David Cimino Will someone please ask Michelle Higgins if Jesus is a "she" too, since the Holy Spirit obviously is?

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William F Hill Jr She said that?

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David Cimino Yes.

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David Cimino And I quote: The dance of the Trinity is a picture of justice. And the Holy Spirit, who is with us now and is the person who runs the church, receives very little credit for his – or Her! – work.

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William F Hill Jr Oh my.

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David Cimino <https://www.redletterchristians.org/michelle-higgins/>



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William F Hill Jr Now that is disturbing.

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William F Hill Jr "Any scripture about the Trinity – If we ask the question "what is Justice?" we are given a picture of it in the Trinity. These persons are equal in power and significance, equal in honor, and all worthy to be praised, and never fight for power or attention. The dance of the Trinity is a picture of justice. And the Holy Spirit, who is with us now and is the person who runs the church, receives very little credit for his – or Her! – work. Jesus and God the Father have a multitude of songs about them, and recognition given to them, but the Holy Spirit is so secure in its own divinity that it does not raise its voice. And this is a picture of the possibility before us: if we can dance with our transgender friends, our recovering white supremacist friends, those we think are so different from us, and not demand to be the center of the story, we will live out Justice." Michelle Higgins.

Disturbing x50. Ugh.

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Elizabeth Mindemann Why don't you ask Michelle Higgins? Why are you asking someone else to ask her?

Like · 8 · 2 hrs



David Cimino Because I don't know her, but apparently A lot of people from the NP, or whatever organization unleashed in Andy's FB, do.

Like · 55 mins



Chris Nelson Purge the progs, that is the only way, they seek to devour.

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David Cimino Will any of the progressives answer a simple question? Are you for ordaining women? Just come on and say it! Yes? Or no? Have some guts.

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Katie Tracy Ribera No one on this thread has suggested that and neither was it advocated for in the podcast. The podcasters specifically spoke about finding ways to use the gifts of women in your church in roles not requiring ordination and said specifically they were not talking about ordination. They gave many examples of what this could look like, and also discussed the need for men to step into roles traditionally limited to women such as working alongside one another in the nursery and with hospitality and meals. They advocated for us needing one another.

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David Cimino But I'm asking a simple question. Yes or no? It's simple.

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Chris Nelson Progs deceive

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David Cimino I've got a flight. Will check in later.

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David Cimino But it's a really simple question...

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Logan Almy I don't even know if they know. They are always evolving.

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William F Hill Jr If our ladies in our churches do not understand their role -- which is vital and needed -- then the fault is with the elders who have not properly shepherded them. This discussion is utterly stupid. It

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William F Hill Jr Further, if they do not know what they can and cannot do biblically the solution is rather simple -- go ask your God appointed elders. If they don't help, appeal to those who are higher than them.
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William F Hill Jr A podcast will not solve it and it didn't. All it did was disturb the church with inflammatory language and pop culture junk. Get a grip. This is not rocket science.
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Logan Almy Someone mentioned the problem of "limiting women's voices." Ok, serious question. Doesn't Paul do that? 1 Cor. 14:33-35 & 1 Tim. 2:11-14
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Logan Almy We already know Higgins believes it's okay for her to preach. She did it at Urbana in 2015. Google it
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William F Hill Jr Oh sigh. Ugh. Groan. God have mercy on us.
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Logan Almy Listen to the content of what she says! Wow
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William F Hill Jr Andrew Barnes has said above very clearly what the Word requires -"I just commented on this, this is a common false conclusion of Mt. 18. I stated above, "Mt. 18:15 addresses private sins, not public error.

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In this case there is no need to ask Higgins, it is VERY clear what she said. And what she said is heresy.
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Hansoo Jin From my understanding, no pastor in the PCA is in favor of ordaining women as pastors. Do you know anyone who is?
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Four Reasons Why Public Critique Does Not Invoke Matthew 18

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 **Chris Nelson** Wiggins is a pagan.
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 **Jay Brantner** which progressives are you talking about? If you're just talking to anyone who liked the podcast and is defending it, then I qualify.

So I will answer: no
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 **David Cimino** Thank you Jay for answering. Most don't when I ask a very simple question.
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 **Chris Nelson** Higgins is just another pagan, calling God a she or it.
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 **Annie Hall** That's a serious accusation you're making there.
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 **Elizabeth Mindemann** See that's not helpful nor does it add to the conversation.
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 **Chris Nelson** Yes, and it is pagan to call the Holy Spirit she and it as Higgins did. May Christ turn her stony heart to Him.
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Annie Hall It's one thing to say that you disagree with her interpretation of Scripture, it's another to accuse someone of being Pagan based upon that disagreement. (And before you accuse me of being "pagan", let me clarify that I believe that all parts of the Trinity ARE "male", but not men. It takes BOTH men and women to reflect the image of God.)

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Chris Nelson It is pagan to refer to God as she or it, that is truth. You are going beyond scripture, be careful.

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Annie Hall Chris Nelson Where do you believe I'm going beyond Scripture?

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Hansoo Jin Do you know Michelle at all? Because that is a serious, serious thing to say to someone based on excerpts from transcripts. Or are you saying you have exceedingly better judgment than her Pastors and Elders who consider her to be a member in good standing in their church? So much so that you are able to judge her heart more accurately from long, impersonal distance than they can from close, relational proximity?

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Chris Nelson What she said dude be pagan to its core. Repentance is available.

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Tyler Burns I'm thankful for my sisters [Christina](#), [Michelle](#), and [Ekemini](#) and was honored to be on the podcast with them. Some of these comments are shameful and should be beneath brothers and sisters in Christ. Yet, it validates the purpose for the podcast and the episode in question. I stand with my sisters against these attacks.

I also eagerly await the specific, Biblical case that anyone on this thread will publicly bring against them. I believe you will be surprised by their grace, patience, and theological acumen. Underestimate them if you wish, but they aren't afraid or unprepared.

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Jemar Tisby For clarity's sake... <https://www.raanetwork.org/raan-statement-on-sexuality.../>



RAAN Statement on Sexuality and Human Dignity - Reformed African American...

RAANETWORK.ORG

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Bethany Hansen I'm very grieved by the tenor and content of many of the comments here, as well as the original blog post. Matthew 18 notwithstanding, common decency and Christian charity alike would suggest that if a believer is confused by or thinks there is error in something another believer has said, that they ought to seek to clarify the matter with that other believer before calling upon others to contact their pastors, sessions and clerks to move to silence or discipline them! This was badly done, and I wish Todd Pruitt would apologize publicly for doing so, and rescind the suggestion on the original post.

I am thankful for the myriad of voices in the PCA (and OPC) and that we are not all exactly alike, while holding dear the same Gospel. I'm grateful to be able to listen in on the conversations of my African American brothers and sisters via the Pass the Mic and Truth's Table podcasts.

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Hannah Rose Singer ❤️

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Andy Webb PLEASE READ: I'm calling a moratorium on future comments until I have time to go through and delete the most offensive stuff and until I have time to respond. Any comments made after this will be deleted.

Also, please note this is NOT a church page, a group, an article, a podcast or a discussion list, this is MY PERSONAL FACEBOOK WALL, which is primarily a sounding board for my thoughts and a place to solicit input of friends. Anyone posting here who is not a personal friend is posting as a guest, and I'd appreciate it if you guys acted accordingly.

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Bethany Hansen PSA: You can set your content on your personal wall to be only visible to friends, rather than the entire public, if you would

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Andy Webb Dear Holier than thou Hall, I WAS ASKED BY *YOUR SIDE* (TRUTH TABLE) TO MODERATE/DELETE THE OFFENSIVE COMMENTS.

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Hannah Rose Singer wow. 😞

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Annie Hall **Andy Webb** Wow, I've never received name-calling from a pastor before. I apologize for my snark, but your response was not appropriate. Also, I never chose a "side", there are elements of both sides here that I disagree with. However, my biggest problem is the attitude with which you and many of the other men in this feed are approaching those you disagree with. The ladies of Truth's Table may overstate certain things from time to time, but I'm encouraged by their grace and patience.

I don't expect I'll be reading much more of what you post in the future, but I do ask you to take your calling seriously and to approach people accordingly.

Like · 1 · 28 mins · Edited



Andy Webb PLEASE READ THE ABOVE BEFORE POSTING! ^^^^^

Like · 1 · 43 mins



Andy Webb In keeping with the statement above this post will disappear for a while until I have time to clean it. That is all.

Like · 2 · 41 mins



Chandra Crane I'm curious who will make the cut and who will be silenced/censured.

Like · 2 · 33 mins



Andy Webb Ok, on second thought. I don't have the heart to endure an endless stream of judgmental comments like the above, I also don't have time or the patience to moderate this and combing through, there is no way to clean this up, and I don't know how to communicate with people who believe talking about inventing penis shaped microphones is thrilling and important Christian speech. We inhabit entirely different universes. So, I'm going to delete the whole thread.

As requested, I'll send my response directly to the original podcasters who asked for a response.

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Hansoo Jin Just an FYI: You can adjust your privacy settings to avoid situations like this in the future.

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Andy Webb I'll leave this up for a while so everyone knows ^^^

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