

The Spirit of Motherhood

Introduction:

- A. Motherhood is an awesome task, a joyful privilege, an eternally serious responsibility.
- B. But motherhood is *not* the greatest good, highest calling, or ultimate goal of the Christian woman.
 - 1. The greatest good, highest calling, and ultimate goal is conformity to Christ (*Rom. 8:26-30*).
 - 2. Almighty God is the Creator (*Isa. 66:1-2*) of masculinity and femininity, of motherhood (*Isa. 66:10-13; 49:15-16*) and fatherhood.
 - 3. As our Creator and Redeemer, he is looking for conformity to the perfect image of his Son.

I. The Spirit of Motherhood

- A. *"Greet Rufus...also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well"* (*Rom. 16:13*).

- B. *"Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother"* (*Matt. 12:50*).

- C. *"Houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands..."* (*Mark 10:23-31*).

- D. Paul's ministry to the Thessalonian infants in Christ (*1 Thess. 2:1-8*)
 - 1. *"We were gentle among you"*

 - 2. *"Like a nursing mother taking care of her own children"*

 - 3. *"Being affectionately desirous of you"*

 - 4. *"We were ready to share with you the gospel of God"*

 - 5. *"We were ready to share with you our own selves"*

 - 6. *"You had become very dear to us"*

II. What's the Goal? The Adornment of the Doctrine of God Our Savior (*Titus 2:10*)