

Women Pastors, Faith, and Service

We should be wary about arguments that prove too much. One often met has been. “The church of today includes women. Therefore women should preach in the church of today.”

Some argue that, if a woman feels she has a call to be a pastor, the way should be open for her to serve her Lord in this way. However, the chief “text” of the women’s ordination lobby is Galatians 3:28. Appeal to it proves too much!

Of course the church of all ages has been and will be for all, men, women, and children, but that says nothing about the specific question whether women may be pastors. Another has been, “If a woman has the ability to serve by preaching in the churches, she should not be denied the opportunity to use her gift.” It is as wrong to argue in these ways as it is wrong to try to derive women pastors from Galatians 3:28. Because being male or female does not affect a person’s standing in Christ, it should not be argued that therefore women may be pastors. It proves too much, It cries out for a reduction to absurdity. Then Christian infants and Christians who are mentally retarded may also be pastors. For they are also all one in Christ. The passage says nothing about the point, whether women may be pastors.