

Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) are holding their 23rd international conference in Melbourne 11-14th June 2010. The conference venue is the Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth St Melbourne. Nearly forty speakers are coming from around Australia and from overseas. The theme of the conference is Christian perspectives on gender, ethnicity, justice and servant leadership. The workshops and seminars at the conference are in three streams: 1. the biblical and theological framework for equality, 2. gender in the Australian church and culture, and 3. equality and justice on the global scene. The leaders of the conference are men and women and it is anticipated that men and women in good numbers will attend.

For more on CBE and the June conference or to register see www.cbe.org.au

Some of the many endorsements of the conference.

Brendan Roach Melbourne

There is fundamentally nothing impure about a person's race, gender, age, educational level, socio-economic position or role in the workplace. As God said to Peter in Acts 10:15, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Yet many would seek to subjugate others. It is imperative that we resist such subjugation and reflect our equal standing before God.

Rev. Dr. Brendan Roach
Principal, Harvest Bible College.

Glen Scorgie, USA

I am very much looking forward to coming to the CBE international conference in Melbourne this year. Invariably at these important gatherings we form new collaborative friendships, acquire fresh insights, and renew our resolve to press forward in a most important cause. The conference in June 2010 is strategic to this marvelous egalitarian subversion of the churchly status quo that is unfolding today. Come and enjoy how good the Good News really is.

Glen G. Scorgie
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Author of, *The Journey Back to Eden: Restoring the Creator's Design for Women and Men* (Zondervan, 2005)

John Harrower Tasmania

What does it mean to be a woman? What does it mean to be a man? Is being a male found in chest thumping? Is being a female found in subservience? If not what defines us as men and women besides biology? And as we think about the man-woman relationship we might ask, what might 'love one another as I have loved you' and 'bear one another's burdens' and 'to each has been given a ministry of the Holy Spirit' mean for the growth of the Body of Christ and the building of the kingdom of God? Be bold. Ponder these issues in a biblically literate and conversational mode with Christians seeking to understand biblical equality at the June 2010 CBE conference in Melbourne.

John Harrower
Anglican Bishop of Tasmania

Linda Bond Sydney

The Salvation Army, from its earliest days, took a clear and strong stand on female ministry. William and Catherine Booth opened the door for gifted and anointed women to preach the gospel. Hundreds, thousands of young women found a God-given opportunity in this growing Movement. As Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory, I give witness that the door has never shut. It is a privilege to endorse a conference that promotes equality as integral to our biblical understanding.

Commissioner Linda Bond

Head of the Australian Eastern Territory, Salvation Army