

A Mother's Love
1 Thessalonians 2:7
Mother's Day, 5-8-22

Seminary class—God 101:

God, in his essence, is neither male nor female.
We are made in his image, but he is not made in ours!

Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Equal worth, preciousness, value)

God's preferred pronouns are he, his, and him! Why? Evil Patriarchy? Two major reasons:
Sex and Creation

1 Thessalonians 2:3–8 (ESV)

3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1 2:7 Thessalonians (ESV)

But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

When Jesus saves us, he fills our hearts with love.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV

8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

The first phrase of this verse can be translated:

Having such an affection for you...
When Jesus saves us, he makes us servants like himself!

What did Jesus tell us in Mark's gospel?

Mark 10:45 (ESV)

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Philippians 2 tells us Jesus emptied himself for us.

To the Corinthians Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:15:

"I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls."