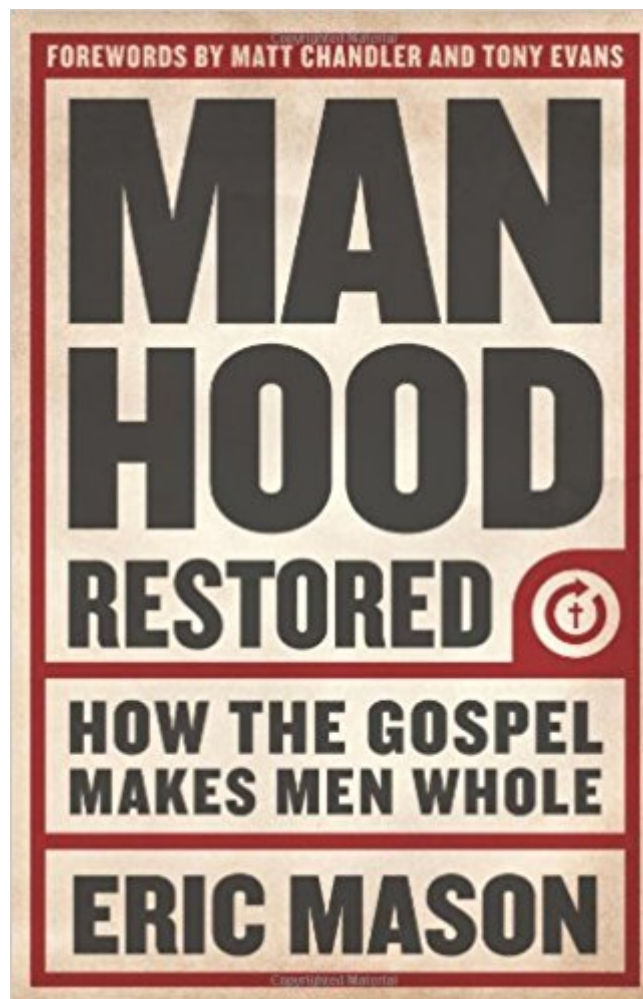




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Manhood Restored: How The Gospel Makes Men Whole



Synopsis

The earthly crisis within manhood will be there until Jesus returns, but in Christ men are pointed toward the gospel as the vision for renewal. *Manhood Restored* by exciting new pastoral voice Eric Mason combines theological depth with practical insights, putting men in step with a gospel-centered manhood that will enrich every facet of their lives. Mason begins with *The Scope of Manhood* -- looking first at why God created man, at the divine differences between man and woman, and what should drive the purpose of a man during his time on earth. A section on *The Problems in Manhood* analyzes the false icons that lead to cultural caricatures of men -- the businessman, the thug, the playboy, the athlete, etc. Mason then makes a connection to the cross-cultural fatherhood crisis, looking at the things men do to fill the void when their relationship with dad or God is not there. Finally, *The Redemption of Manhood* sets Jesus as the true standard of biblical manhood, looking to his perfect example to redeem and restore a man's life in the areas of sexuality, home, and work.

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In the thirty-two years I was a college coach I witnessed first-hand how young men were coming to college with the lack of a spiritual foundation that would prepare them for life's next set of challenges. You could tell that Godly parenting skills were sorely missing. Dr. Eric Mason in his book, *Manhood Restored* helps men regain their leadership role in the family. I would recommend this book to any father or husband who desires to step up to the challenge presented by Dr. Mason. Tommy Bowden Former college football coach and now a featured analyst on *The NEW College Football Show* on FOX Sports South I have been a friend and fan of Dr. Eric Mason for

over a decade. I could not be more excited about his voice speaking into what I believe is the most critical issue of our day, the state of our men. *Manhood Restored* is a powerful resource that will help men of all ages understand the problems men create and how they can get on the solution side. The ideas and truths in this book are not just detached ideals written from an ivory tower . . . I have watched Eric work out his own masculinity in a powerful way as a husband, father, church planter, church leader, movement leader, and good friend.

— Dr. John W. Bryson
 Cofounder, Pastor Fellowship Memphis and lead writer, *Co-Presenter 33 the Series*

Eric Mason has written a practical, biblical, and gospel-centered vision of true manhood. Saturated in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our perfect model of true manhood, Mason carefully addresses an essential key to changing our churches and communities—the discipleship of men. Read this book, brother, and watch the Lord change your life. Share it and watch the Lord change the brothers in your sphere of influence.

— H. B. Charles Jr.
 Pastor/Teacher at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

Sin is social. Even the most private and individual of sins—wallowing in porn, for example—are never merely individual. Devouring porn may be an individual offense, but it is also an insult to God—and because it works out in perverted or abusive or manipulative relationships, it is also social. That is why the gospel, in all its massive power, does not only reconcile us to God, but so transforms us that healthy relationships begin to bud all around us: the shattered social fabric begins to be healed. Perhaps no human relationships are more broken today than those within the family, within what used to be the family. And most frightening of all are the sad realities bound up with absent or abusive or selfish fathers. I gratefully applaud the ministry of Eric Mason as he seeks to apply the whole counsel of God to form Christian men, Christian husbands, Christian fathers, who in gospel grace and joy take up the reins of responsibility and faithful service to stamp new generations with a passion for strong, self-sacrificing love and holiness.

— D. A. Carson
 Research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Seminary, Deerfield, Illinois

Pastor Eric Mason is a man I have known and respected for many years. He has planted and is leading a fast growing Bible teaching city reaching church in a rough Philly neighborhood. I'm excited to see this book released as it blends his rare skill set as a first rate formally trained theologian who is literally on the front lines of urban ministry.

— Mark Driscoll
 Founding Pastor of Mars Hill Church
 Founder of The Resurgence, Cofounder of Acts 29

New York Times #1 best-selling author

In this age of increasing confusion about manhood, marriage and God's Word, Eric Mason has emerged as a refreshing, clear and prophetic voice. This book not only speaks to today's urban youth, it also powerfully speaks to all who have concerns about the general direction of our society. For anyone cares about applying God's truth to

contemporary challenges, *Manhood Restored* is a must read. Dr. Carl Ellis Jr. Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Redeemer Seminary

Manhood has fallen on hard times. So many men have been beaten-up by the past, mired in the consequences of bad choices, and confused and disoriented by a culture committed to redefining manhood so that we can cover the fractures and disguise the torment. That's why I am thrilled for the gift of *Manhood Restored*. What a clear, compelling portrait of the power of the gospel to transform broken males into whole, godly men. You have pointed us to the Savior who makes all things new. This is our hope and our courage.

Dr. Crawford W. Loritts Jr. Author, speaker, radio host Senior Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Roswell, Georgia

Few issues fire me up like the topic of men acting like men. My friend and ministry partner Eric Mason offers hope to, incites healing for, and wreaks havoc on men. Every man who follows Jesus needs to read this book and apply the biblical truth in it to his life. The men in our churches, the marriages in our churches, and our churches will be better for it.

James MacDonald Senior Pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel Author of *Vertical Church*

There is no greater need in our day than to answer two questions: What is a man? and What is a godly man? In this helpful and biblical book, Eric Mason answers these questions. If you are a man, read and heed this great work.

Dr. Darrin Patrick Lead Pastor of The Journey, St. Louis, Missouri Author of *For the City*, *Church Planter: The Man, The Message, The Mission*, and *A Dude's Guide to Manhood: Finding True Manliness in a World Of Counterfeits*

As parents of three boys, we are praying that each will live God honoring lives, realize their God-given potential and reach their God-given destiny. This will only happen if a clear course "a map of manhood" is drawn out for them to follow. *Manhood Restored* is a tool that will not only help grown men live well but also serve as a compass for the next generation. Our friend Eric Mason writes from experience. We've admired him as a faithful husband and father, disciplined student of God's Word and dedicated servant of the Lord His integrity and wisdom shine through on every page. Men of all ages should read this book and treasure its truths deeply in their souls.

Jerry and Priscilla Shirer Bible teacher and Author

From the moment God formed man, we were charged with possessing God's essence and reflecting His character. Throughout history, this intended role of a man has gradually shifted to a view that's now become common "the notion that a man's merit is predicated on his worldly success, by all means. We have become consumed with being THE man instead of A man. True "Manhood" has lost the real prerequisite, an intimate relationship with God! A team captain cannot effectively lead without being a reflection of the coach. When men re-establish our connection with our creator, we see the fruit "healthier families, stronger communities, a society with substance, and world leaders who are equipped with integrity and purpose.

Allan Houston New York Knicks

Â Eric MasonÂ is cofounder and lead pastor of Epiphany Fellowship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He holds degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM) and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (DMin). Eric and his wife have two children.

A good book where the Gospel is central. Christ is central in this book, and that is applauded. He has something to say, and when he says it, it works. Sometimes, however, he doesn't quite make his point. I don't personally enjoy Mason's tangents and personal stories peppered throughout the work--not because of them being tangents, but because I find they only loosely relate to the big picture. Sometimes points are clearly defined in the book--I had some issues with chapters 2 and 4 in particular. However, it is a good book to read with a small group as it can potentially bring up some good issues for men to discuss.

Mason takes readers into the passages and puts you into contact with the Scriptures. This is a great thing. This is the best book on Biblical manhood that have read, thus far. It is a book you will want to have your Bible at hand with...The author has packed so many passages in, that you will want to go to the Scriptures and find out more for yourself. I found that God challenged me in ways I have not been challenged before--I realize it is only because of Mason's reliance upon God and the Spirit's use of the Bible in the book. I'm not a book worshiper--although, this review may seem like that. My admonition to all who read books outside of the Bible is to make sure you go back and look up all the Scriptures and read for yourself, so that you are directly exhorted by God's Word. I believe God will use this book in many lives of the men who read it and desire to move with God's Spirit to true Biblical manhood. Lastly, I bought multiple copies and gave them away to many of the young men and men I am around on a regular basis. I thought, and still think, that the message presented in the book is right on the mark and will aid in the instruction of men in the faith.

The main proposition of this book is that the Gospel, the good news that Jesus Christ gave His own life to save sinners, restores and is restoring men back to true manhood. Mason does an exceedingly biblical job of showing the problematic consequences of what happens with the gospel is absent in a society and a son. He then goes on to show what gospel-centered manhood looks like in key areas like marriage, fatherhood, culture, and church. An excellent book for all men.

Eric Mason has done a huge service for men with this book. I personally have grown tired of a

number of books in this genre, which are more about chest-thumping and aligning with cultural views of manliness. Mason is having none of that. *Manhood Restored* goes to great lengths to lay out a biblical idea of true, Christ-honoring manhood. My quibbles with it: My Kindle version has some obvious typos, which I found a bit distracting. Not sure why they didn't get edited out. At times it's not written in the most engaging manner. There is nothing doctrinally I have issues with, and I still commend this book to you.

At a time where manhood needs to be restored in the lives of young men, Eric Mason of Epiphany Fellowship delivers with his book. He sees the lives of young men damaged by a lack of fathers and father-figures while living in a culture dominated by sex, drugs and violence. He correctly points this to the fall of man and because of Adam's sin, men's actions have only become more deviant today. He points out how young boys have suffered from daddy deprivation, therefore struggling with finding their true identity. Not to mention how boys look to the businessman, the thug, the playboy and athlete to fill the void left by the father. He uses scripture and pragmatic examples of how to restore manhood, while also pointing to Jesus as the one who men should model themselves after. It is only through following Jesus that real men can be restored not only in the church, but in their families.

I recently lost a relationship to a beautiful Christian girl mostly due to my lack of Biblical maturity. She had more Biblical knowledge than me and several times mentioned that she wants a spiritual leader. I didn't understand. In this world of equal rights and responsibility I had come to accept that most women want a spiritual partner rather than a leader. One of my favorite quotes in this book is that that God intended the chain of command to be God, Jesus, man, woman, creatures. If we are believers then we need to strive to maintain the order that God intended and to nurture and build our woman's growth and happiness in all areas of life. It also inspired me to become a better Christian man and understand that Jesus truly was a man's man rather than an effeminate man as he is typically portrayed. This book is an easy read and very inspiring.

The book is a little hard to follow in places. The chapter on "Restored Vision" is particularly difficult. The material is not hard or "deep," but the organization of it is not clear. I did enjoy reading the book. There are some valuable lessons on being a godly man. I think Mason does a fair job. I would recommend it if you want another (fresh) perspective on biblical manhood.

I thought Mr. Mason hit the nail on the head in this book. With a society that is so influenced by feminism and a culture that has degraded masculinity to the length of a man's beard or the type of alcohol he drinks, this book is a power reminder of how God defines masculinity. Mr. Mason consistently addresses Jesus as the ultimate man and corrects many of the cliché-ed thoughts concerning Him. Personally, I appreciated this book because Mr. Mason points out that men have serious flaws, but he also points out Biblical solutions to these flaws. Every man needs to read this book and let it challenge his life to be more like Jesus.

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