

The Church at Corinth - 1 Corinthians

Chapter 11 – Order, Order, Order

Be Ye Followers of Me

- mimētēs: imitators

The Order of Authority

- head: kephalē - expresses subordination (submit to) and origination (where you have come from)
 - Note: Jesus was equal with God but yet still humbled Himself and submitted to God (John 10:29-30, Phil. 2:5-8)
 - The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus (John 16:13-15), Jesus glorifies the Father (John 5: 18-33; 8:49-50)
 - Likewise, the woman is not lesser than the man but should submit to their own husband (Eph. 5:22) Gen. 2:24
- These verses are referring to responsibility and accountability, not implying that the one is less than the other
 - 1 Peter 3:7: weaker vessel: referring to physical capacity not spiritual relations (Gen. 1:27)
 - The problem with many men is that they refuse to take responsibility (Gen. 3)
- So what is Divine Order?
God the Father – Jesus Christ (John 14:28); Jesus Christ – Godly Man or Husband (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18) – Godly Man – Godly Woman or Wife (Gen. 3:16; Eph. 5:23)
 - Any altering or refusal to obey this God given order is SIN and ultimately REBELLION against the True Head – God (Eph. 5:22)

PRINCIPLE: WE ALL SHOULD RESPECT AND OBEY GOD’S ORDER AT HOME AND CHURCH

Let’s Talk About The Covering Confusion

- God clearly communicates through His Word that men and women are to be distinct from each other – Deu. 22:9-11
- Literal head covering is not a fundamental of our faith but the principle for which it speaks of is very important
- We must understand this passage in terms of cultural considerations.
 - Most of the women who did not wear veils were prostitutes
 - Symbolism was that they kept their beauty for their husbands alone
 - Temple prostitutes shaved their heads completely bald
- In the O.T., having a bald head for men was a sign of disgrace
 - 2 Sam. 10:4-5; Jer. 48:37
- Vs. 10: “Because of the angels”: angels do not have insubordination in their ranks (Isa. 14:12)
- Vs. 14: man with long hair: keep in mind that it was normal for men to have shoulder length hair during this time
- A woman who is rebellious to authority of the man should not be allowed to speak or teach in the Church

PRINCIPLE: MEN SHOULD DRESS LIKE MEN AND WOMEN LIKE WOMEN

What Kind of Communion?

- Vs. 17 ought to be a check to all of us
 - We should be benefited from our coming together – Heb. 10:23-25; Acts 2:42-47
- Why are there divisions and heresies
 - Heresies: hairesis: sects, cliques
 - Vs. 19: the divisions reveal those who are true to the Word of God
- You can not take the Lord’s Supper divided and in selfish ambitions
- Vs. 21: Love feast or fellowship dinner preceded the Lord’s Supper
- Vs. 23 should be every the profession of every preacher and teacher of God’s Word - Gal. 1:12
- Are you examining yourself? 2 Cor. 13:5
- Vs. 29: unworthily: irreverently
 - Doing so has consequences