

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Order In The Church"
1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Part-18

1 Corinthians 11:2-14:40 Order In The Local Church:

We have to keep in mind that this passage was written to an Eastern Culture, at the same time, a specific problem! The head coverings were eastern! (Authority has Universal application)

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Has Established Order Which Can Be Seen Through God's Creation And The Very Order Of The Godhead."

1. Verses 2-7 Headship

2. Verses 8-12 Partnership

3. Verses 13-16 Stewardship

1. Verses 2-7 Headship

1 Corinthians 11:2 Now - Context: 1 Corinthians 8-11:1 Christian Liberty: Paul left off using himself as an example - **1 Corinthians 11:1** Paul now begins to speak about order in the church. There was a problem of **self-assertion of women** within the church; **serves as yet another misuse of rights of liberty.**

"The Chain of Guidance" God's order results in blessing, it allows us to become all that God designed.

I praise you because you remember me in everything,
The Church of Corinth respected and loved the apostle Paul.

Paul had Planted the Church of Corinth. Paul the apostle did after a shattering experience in Athens. **Acts 18:1-18** He spent 18 months there. He visited again on his 3rd missionary trip. **Acts 20:2-3** He began to hear of the sin in this church.

traditions – Refer to *the teachings that Jesus had passed down to His apostles.*

1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

just as I delivered them to you. This was the teaching and instruction that Paul had given to the church in **Acts 18:1-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23**

Paul was not dependent upon other apostles or teachers to give instruction.
Galatians 1:12; 2 Timothy 3:16

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, - That man has been created by God.

head – 8 times in 10 verses *"priority in function"* That is what the head of our body does; it controls the body; it is in charge; it is the direction setter of the body - Used metaphorically, the word **head** means primarily **"leadership"**

Paul Gives 3 Levels Of Authority:

- 1. Jesus Christ Is The Head Over Every Man: Christ is the head of every man,** (Applied To The Church) **Ephesians 5:23**
- 2. The Man Is The Head Of The Woman: and the man is the head of a woman,** - woman was taken from man. Both are equal in God's eyes. **Ephesians 5:23**

All People In Christ Are Spiritually Equal: Galatians 3:28

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Subject or submit – is a Greek military term meaning *"to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader"* In non-military use, it was *"a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, to arrange under, to subordinate; to subject."*

- 3. God The Father Is The Head Over Christ: and God is the head of Christ.** What does this mean? **John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."**

There was a divine order in redemption. **John 14:28**

1 Corinthians 11:4 Every man who has something on his head
Wearing of a lengthy veil or shawl but could depict having long hair, comparable to women. **(Being like a woman)**

while praying *"Prayer is when one speaks on behalf of man"*

or prophesying, *"Is when one speaks to men on behalf of God"* It would be preaching, proclaiming God's Word.

disgraces his head. This is dishonoring Jesus Christ and His plan.

1 Corinthians 11:5 But every woman who has her head uncovered
The veil was a cultural sign of being under subjection.

God is concerned about our attitude of the heart. All people can see is the outward.

while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; By removing it she was saying that she was free from authority, that there were no restrictions.

for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. She was claiming to be equal in authority with men in church.

Acts 21:8 prophet – *was one who spoke the Word of God. They were more forth-telling than they were foretelling.*

Priscilla and Aquila – Used by God as a couple, they ministered to Apollos in **Acts 18**. They were a team, but it does not say that she taught publicly in the services.

NLT Titus 2:3-5

1 Corinthians 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:11-12

1 Corinthians 11:6 **For if a woman does not cover her head,** Notice what Paul says should be done. (Cultural)

let her also have her hair cut off; Check this out! **That if a woman really wants to be a man and take on the authority, let her get a butch haircut.**

but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head. If you don't want to shave your head and take on the part, then just keep the veil on!

1 Corinthians 11:7 **For a man ought not to have his head covered,** Man is under submission to God. He is to bear the image of God.

but the woman is the glory of man. She is the glory of man, not his image.

2. Verses 8-12 Partnership

1 Corinthians 11:8 man did not come from the woman but the dust of the ground.

Creation: but woman from man; Woman was formed out of the rib of man. **Genesis 2:21-22**

Order Of Creation: 1 Timothy 2:13

1 Corinthians 11:9 Genesis 2:18 I will make him a helper suitable for him.

1 Corinthians 11:10 Submission: (The veil is a symbol of the acceptance of authority)

because of the angels. Angels fell because of a lack of submission.

1 Corinthians 11:11 However,
Paul now will balance that of headship with equality.

Cooperation: nor is man independent of woman. In the Lord, both must admit spiritual oneness. **Galatians 3:28**

Verse 12 The Physical Realm: 1 Corinthians 11:12

3. Verses – 13-16 Stewardship

1 Corinthians 11:13 That the veil was the sign that a woman was in submission to her husband. **Witness of God, what do people see?**

1 Corinthians 11:14 The basis of this is saying that God wants men to look like men and women to look like women. **Deuteronomy 22:5**

1 Corinthians 11:15 but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? The length of a woman's hair has always been an area of glory. **For her hair is given to her for a covering.** It is like a natural veil.

1 Corinthians 11:16 Without Contention: contentious, literally, "*one who loves strife*"

we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God. You are arguing with God and the body of Christ!

Application:

- 1.** Headship Of Man Over Woman Is Not Cultural But Creational And Biblical.
- 2.** The Feminist Movement Is An Attack On The God Of Creation And A Step Back For Women: (Woman Is The Glory Of Man)
- 3.** God Looks On The Heart But What Is On The Outside Does Matter Because That's All People See.