
1 Corinthians 11

v.1 imitate- continual ongoing

v.2-3 head of every man is Christ

- woman- not every woman but in marriage relationship
- head of Christ is God- Phil.2
- head of Christ is God- Jesus submitted to the Father, BUT was totally equal to the Father- *John 1*

v.4 head uncovered - Moses was veiled, Rabbis taught that when a man taught he had to be veiled like Moses but veil separated men from God see 2 Corinthians 3

v.5 but woman is to be covered- **Numbers 30** talks of a husband's covering over a woman concerning vows she has taken

- Having a woman's head shorn or shaved meant different things in different cultures. In Jewish law, it was the mark of adultery (Numbers 5:11-31). In the Greek world, it could be the mark of a prostitute or lesbian.

v.6 also an unveiled woman in Corinth was the sign of being a prostitute, so women don't dress like prostitutes

v.7 remove your hat

v.13 judge among yourselves- is a woman to pray uncovered, if you have a problem with submitting to authority as a woman, you have a problem in your relationship with God

Ephesians 5:22-33

Go back to verse 21 "submitting to one another in the fear of God"

v.22-24 submit to your own husband as unto the Lord- this doesn't mean the same submission as the Lord but rather submission is a duty owed to the Lord- you submit to the Lord by submitting to your husband

- order or authority does not mean superiority but just God ordained order
- head- direction
- savior- covering- Numbers 30 speaks of a husband's covering over his wife concerning vows she has made unto the Lord
- be subject- military term for lining up in order-

Husbands

- love your wife as Jesus loved us
- gave Himself for us
- sanctify and cleanse with washing of water by the Word
 - this means we are to be in the Word
- present her glorious, without blemish
 - love her like your own body because she is
 - nourish
 - make sure she gets what is good for her to grow and develop
 - cherish - hold close and dear- I think back to when I thought I would lose Carol as she gave birth to Eileen
- we are Members of His Body- not just members of His church, not just enrolled , but part of Him
 - ** difference in praying for someone and with someone

Wives- you are to honor and respect your husband, if you can't don't get married

- we have had couples leave this church because of this issue, woman want to be in charge

Go to 1 Peter 3

v.1 submissive likewise- referring to Christ's behaviour

v.7 husbands likewise- referring to Christ's behaviour

*** I Peter 3 **Likewise you husbands, dwell with them (your wife) with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.---** If you want a godly wife, be a godly husband.

- dwell with them- not just hang out in body, but dwell there
- with understanding
- giving honor
- weaker, more fragile vessel
- heirs together of grace

Why have I spent so much time here on marriage ? There is an attack against Christian marriages.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

v.17-18 divisions among you, he has addressed this in a number of ways as we have been looking at this epistle- now I think he culminates it

v.19 factions or heresies- *(1 Tim 4:1-3 NKJV) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, {3} forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

- *(2 Tim 3:1-5 NKJV) But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: {2} For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, {4} traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, {5} having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

- *(1 John 2:18-20 NKJV) Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. {19} They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. {20} But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

v.20-22 It was their custom to have a love feast prior to communion- *(Acts 2:46-47 NKJV) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, {47} praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

v.23 this has been received by Divine revelation, Paul was not present at the Last Supper

v.24 It is interesting that the Lord never commanded us to remember His birth but gave us two ordinances, baptism and communion to remember His death

v.25-26 How do we proclaim His death ?

1) It is a commemoration- describe crucifixion

- why was it necessary ?
- what did it cost ?

2) communion

- symbolism of bread and cup becoming part of us, we with Him and with each other- see 1 John 1-4

3) commitment- Until He comes

4) Thanksgiving

v.27 drinks in unworthy manner- take it lightly, using it as liberty

v.28 examine ourselves and receive

v.30 not because of the act of taking the communion but of not discerning what His death means, not appropriating it

- not everyone who is sick or dies is being chastised
- not everyone who isn't healed is in sin

As we take it, let us examine ourselves

- confess our sin
- let go our hurts
- commemorate
- communion with others
- commitment to be faithful until He comes