



## Where Culture and Creation Collide - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

1. In 1 Corinthians 11:2, Paul commends the church in Corinth for "maintaining the traditions" that he delivered to them. What are some positive traditions you associate with The Church? What are some negative traditions? Likewise, what are some positive traditions you personally hold, and what are some negative ones?
2. What are some instances where you believe excessive cultural influence has seeped into The Church? How about in your personal life - where has culture influenced you too much?
3. 1 Corinthians 11:3 says, "But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God." Why is this concept challenging for our sensibilities in 2023? What steps must we take to maintain biblical standards without compromising them for cultural relevance?
4. One reason the idea of headship and authority is difficult is because it necessitates submission, which, in turn, requires humility. When you read scripture, how often do you find it in conflict with your fleshly desires? How should disciples of Jesus respond to this inner conflict?
5. Reading Ephesians 5:22-33, how does the marriage relationship serve as an illustration of the concept of Headship? How can we, as disciples of Christ, work to restore and exemplify this beautiful picture of headship in our church and culture?
6. Psalm 119:11 says, "I have stored your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." How does storing the Word of God in your heart protect you from being swayed by the prevailing culture?
7. Pray for one another and for The Church.