

L104 | I Corinthians | Ordinance Keeping & Headship | I Cor. 11:1-3

I. Intro/Review:

- 3 Major Sections to 1 Corinthians
- 10 Major Problems at Corinth
- Flee Idolatry
 - Eating meat for the shambles
 - Eating or not with unbelievers
- Give none offence, to all to the glory of God, please men in all things for their profit (salvation)

II. Preview:

1. Be followers of me, even as I also am of Christ
 - All Things Lawful For Me, But All Things Are Not Expedient/Edify Not
2. Ordinance Keeping In the Church (Good Manners {1 Cor. 15:33})
 - Women's Customs (11:1-16)
 - The Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
 - Spiritual Gifts (12-14)
 - The Work of the Lord (General)
3. Headship
 1. Christ is the head of man
 2. Man is the head of woman
 3. God is the head of Christ
 4. Objections

III. Sermon:

**Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
{1 Corinthians 11:1}**

1. "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

1. 1 Corinthians 4:1-4
2. 1 Corinthians 4:14-21
3. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
4. 1 Corinthians 8:12-13
5. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
6. 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (Php. 2)

- All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient/edify not
 - Contexts:
 1. 1 Cor. 6 - brother going to law before unjust against brother (outside of

- gathering)
- 2. 1 Cor. 8 - strong and weak brothers (outside of gathering)
- 3. 1 Cor. 10 - believers and unbelievers
- 4. 1 Cor. 11 - believers and believers

- Focus of the principle of judgment within the church as it pertains to men and women
- Paul has examined the ordinances as it pertains to marriage in 1 Cor. 7
- Now going to address more generally men and women in the church
 - Although Paul will include their husbands if they have some in 1 Cor. 14:34-40

**Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.
{1 Corinthians 11:2}**

2. Ordinance Keeping In the Church

- **"Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things"**
 - 1 Corinthians 4:16-17
- **"and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."**
 - 1 Corinthians 7:19 - "keeping the commandments of God"
 - **"ordinances"** - "traditions"
 1. "tradition of the elders" - {Matt. 15:2-3,6; Mar. 7:3,5,8-9, 13; Gal. 1:14}
 2. "tradition of men" - {Col. 2:8}
 3. "tradition" from Paul - {2 The. 2:15, 3:6}
 - 1 The. 2:13 - not the word of men, but the word of God
 - "as I delivered them to you."
 - In general that which we have reflected in Paul's teaching

**But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.
{1 Corinthians 11:3}**

3. Headship - a Pauline ordinance received of God delivered to the Corinthians

- **"But I would have you know"**
 - **"but"** - adverse, that is, in this they seem not to be following Paul as He follows Christ
 1. **"that the head of every man is Christ"**
 2. **"and the head of the woman is the man"**
 3. **"and the head of Christ is God."**

3. "and the head of Christ is God."

- God is the head of Christ, man, and woman
- This doesn't mean Christ isn't God, because God is the head of Christ
- The triune God is the Godhead
 - Known by creation - Rom. 1, Prov. 8, Gen. 1
 - In the beginning God created...Spirit moved...let there be light (word)
 - The Godhead created everything and above all
 - All Is Thine
 - Ps. 89:11 - "The heaven are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them."
 - All People and Nations
 - Ps. 99:2 - "The LORD is great in Zion; and He is high above all the people."
 - Ps. 113:4 - "The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens."
 - Ps. 8:4-5 - "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the sons of man, that thou visitest Him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."
 - All gods/angels
 - Ps. 82:1 - "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; He judgeth among the gods."
 - Ps. 95:3 - "For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."
 - Ps. 97:9 - "For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods."
 - Ps. 136:2 - "O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth for ever."
 - Col. 1:15-17 - "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."
 - Therefore, in what way is God the head of Christ?

- Gal. 4:4-5 - "But when the fulness of the times was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem...."
- Php. 2:5-8 - "Let this mind...which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."
- 1 Tim. 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
- Heb. 2:10 - "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things..."
- Heb. 2:17 - "Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren..."
- Jn. 1:14 - "And the Word was made flesh..." (Davidic Covenant - Paul's gospel - Christ's according to the seed of David)
- **Summary:** the Godhead, one God existing in three persons before the Word was made flesh existed as the Godhead over and above all else. "Mediatorial work"
 - In the counsel before the world began an eternal purpose was established in which the second member of the Godhead from the outflow of their wisdom and love would become subject to God by making Himself of no reputation and taking on flesh.
 - Father and Son
- 1 Corinthians 15:23-28 - all put under Christ except for the Father

1. "the head of every man is Christ"

- Christ is the head of every man and woman
 1. By creation - Col. 1
 2. By resurrection - Rom. 14:8-9
 3. By head of the church - Eph. 1

2. "and the head of the woman is the man;"

- The man is the head of the woman
 1. By creation - 1 Cor. 11:7-9; 1 Tim. 2:13
 2. By Christ's instructions for the church concerning "the fashion of the world" - Eph. 22-33

4. Objections

1. I thought there was no male or female in Christ - (Gal. 3:28)
 - This verse doesn't deny that God fashioned tribal, social, and sexual distinctions
 - These don't grant spiritual inequality
 - Spiritual equality isn't incompatible with roles of headship
 - Serve as exercise for headship in the life to come (Eph. 1)

2. I thought men and women won't marry in the resurrection - (Matt. 22:28-32)
 - 1 Cor. 11 isn't looking at marriage
 - Rather the roles of men and women in the church
 - Roles of men and women uphold the roles of husband and wife
 - 1 Cor. 14:34-35
 - 1 Tim. 2:11-15

IV. Conclusion:

- Paul uses "headship" from God to Christ to man to woman and even angels to set forth how to keep the ordinances, even within a custom of a covering.