

# L105 | I Corinthians | Headship | I Cor. 11:1-3

## I. Intro/Review:

- Context
  - The judgment principle of not abusing our liberties in Christ, but to by love serve one another - to all to the glory of God, give none offence, and please all men in all things.
- Follow Paul as he follows Christ
  - Free from all men, yet made servant unto all, to gain the more
  - Become and made to all to save some
- Keep the ordinances
  - Tradition - not "of men" or "of elders", but scriptural
  - Faithful as the stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of Christ
  - Headship

## II. Preview:

- Headship
  1. Christ to man
  2. Man to woman
  3. God to Christ

## III. Sermon:

**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}**

1. **Headship** - a Pauline ordinance received of God delivered to the Corinthians
  - "head" used in reference to your physical head
    1. The Body
      - Physically above all other members of the body
      - Physically provides for the rest of the body
    2. The Gesture
      - "bow the head" - a gesture of humility toward another
    3. The Authority (first, ruler)
      - Num. 17:3 - head of the house
      - Deut. 28:13 - "head" of the nations (Gen. 12:1-3 - great nation, in thee all will be blessed)
      - Joshua 11:10 - "the head of all those kingdoms."
      - Judges 11:11 - "Jephthah...made him head and captain over them:"
    4. The Issue of Responsibility and Account -
      - "blood be upon our heads"

## 5. Christ

- Matt. 21:42 - "...the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner"
  
- Headship isn't to be identified as mere superiority for the sake of one's own profit, but headship is the authority to bless another.
  - The Man to Woman is for her blessing
  - The Husband to Wife is for her blessing
  - Fathers & Mothers to the children's blessing
  - Government Heads to the citizens blessing
  - Elders & Deacons to the members blessing
  - Masters to servants blessing
  
- God to man's blessing
- God to Christ to man's blessing
  
- Yet, headship is often abused and corrupted for one's own personal gain - whether you are the head or subjected under one's head.
  
- The use of the term "head" in view of the covering over one's head
  
- Headship - "subjection and honor"
  - The head is in a place of honor to bless those subject to them
  - Those subject are in a place to honor their head by subjection
  - The order and structure of relationships to display love
  
- **"But I would have you know"**
  - **"but"** - adverse, that is, in this they seem not to be following Paul as He follows Christ
    - Observations
      1. Isn't describing marriage, but man and woman in general
        - Marriage is the intimacy of the wife having one she is subject to and the husband the honor to give himself particularly to his wife.
      2. Paul isn't forbidding women praying or prophesying in church, but rather to do so within the custom that reflects the ordinance
        - Women could pray and prophesy (communicate God's word in the church)
      3. In 1 Corinthians 14:29-35 - there was an order or course to prophesy, as there was for those with tongues (:27, :31)
        - In this course and order the more public communication of God's Word :34 were to keep silence.
        - Other men were to keep silence as well
        - Here the issue of marriage is brought up
        - If not married or widow the church elders and deacons were and are to function as your head in learning
        - 1 Tim. 2:11-15
          1. Learn in silence with all subjection

2. She is not to teach
3. She is not to usurp authority over the man
4. Because
  1. Creation - Adam first formed, then Eve
  2. Deceivability - Adam not deceived, woman in transgression
5. Saved in childbearing
  1. If - continue in a) faith, b) charity, and c) holiness with sobriety
  2. Also role with other women
    - Similar age to edify
    - Tit. 2:3 - for women that are teachers of good things to teach the young women.

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2. **"and the head of the woman is the man"**
3. **"and the head of Christ is God."**

1. **"the head of every man is Christ"**

- Christ is the head of every man and woman
  1. By creation - Col. 1:15-16; Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8
  2. By resurrection - Rom. 14:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:21
  3. By head of the church - Eph. 1:21-23

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. 5:22-33

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
  - Mediatorial work comes forth from their love before the foundation of the world
  - Different before incarnation yet no so different in relationship
  - John 1:18 - "in the bosom of the Father"
    - John 17:5, 24
    - Pro. 8:22-23, 30
    - Christ is "of God" and "for God" - "of Him, through Him, to Him" - "by, in, and through Jesus Christ"
      - Much like Eve was "of man" and "for man" - she was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh
      - She was of the same makeup of man
      - Christ is the same makeup (not created, but in essence) of God -

Christ is bone of God's bone and flesh of God's flesh.

- Note - the church becomes Christ's bone and flesh
- 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 to fulfill the good pleasure of the will of God that which man broke and corrupted that those in Christ would fulfill His family and government plans to the praise of His glory.
    - Father and Son (Davidic Covenant)
  - 1 Corinthians 15:23-28 - all put under Christ except for the Father
- **Objection**
  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 (fashion of the world)
    - This verse indicates spiritual equality, but not the instructions during the fashion of this world in those roles.
    - Spiritual equality isn't incompatible with roles of headship
    - Serve as exercise for headship in the life to come (Eph. 1)

#### IV. Conclusion: