

1st Corinthians 11:1-16

Coverings, Clippers, and Controversies

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1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

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4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head.

5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

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7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

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10 For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.

12 For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

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13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering.

16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

Six keys to Interpretation:

1. Pray!
2. Content
3. Context
4. Comparison
5. Culture
6. Consultation

Don't

1. Avoid

2. Exaggerate

3. Assume

4. Excuse

Principles and Applications

- Authority and Submission
- God Given Roles and Identity
- Our Witness to the Community
- Holiness vs Trendiness

Authority and Submission - Vs. 1-2

Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. I praise and appreciate you because you remember me in everything and you firmly hold to the [a]traditions [the substance of my instructions], just as I have passed them on to you - AMP

Authority and Submission

Have a Humbly Submitted heart

Disciples are learners under authority

(1 Timothy 4:12)

God Given Roles and Identity

Three Fundamentals of Order

Redemption (v. 3–7)

Creation (v. 8–12)

Nature (v. 13–16)

God Given Roles and Identity

3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head (authority over) of every man, and man is the head of woman, and God is the head of Christ. **4** Every man who prays or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head [and the One who is his head]. - AMP

God Given Roles and Identity

5 And every woman who prays or prophesies when she has her head uncovered disgraces her head; for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved [in disgrace]

God Given Roles and Identity

Jesus was totally under the authority of God the Father (John 5:19 and 8:28), yet He is equally God (John 1:1, 8:58, 10:30, Philippians 2).

Our Witness to the Community

Covering and Hair

- 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.

God Given Roles and Identity

Vs 6-11

Creation -

God established an order of headship, both in the church (1 Corinthians 11 and 1 Timothy 2) and the home (Genesis 1-3, Ephesians 5:23, 1st Peter 3).

Vs 6-11

Angels?! -

Cover their faces in worship (**Isa. 6:2**)

God has eternal things to teach the universe through us (**Ephesians 3:10-11, 1 Corinthians 4:9, and 1 Peter 1:12**)

“It is as if a great drama is being enacted. History is the theatre, the world is the stage, and the church members in every land are the actors. God himself has written the play, and he directs and produces it. Act by act, scene by scene, the story continues to unfold. But who are the audience? They are the cosmic intelligences, the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” - John Stott

Nature, Culture, and Witness (v. 13–16)

- Long hair as a part of a vow (Acts 18:18, see Numbers 6:5, 2 Sa 14:26)
- Be who God created you to be (Deuteronomy 22:5)

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“The important thing is the submission of the heart to the Lord and the public manifestation of obedience to God’s order.”

- Wiersbe

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)