



“A More Excellent Way to Gather”

New Hope Community Church

I Corinthians 11:2-16 / June 2nd, 2024

Intro: verse 2

- ▶ **KEY:** • Truth never changes — it always _____ Christ
- Practice should _____ truth — it should exalt Christ
- We should continually _____ our practices in this light

1. God has established order & authority in the church (3)

- The concept of ‘head’ speaks of a position of _____
- The confusion in Corinth arose from _____ God’s plan
- As the church gathers God’s order for authority is to be _____

2. This order & authority is to be reflected in the way we approach God in public worship (4-7)

- Man is to present himself before God in the position of one who has been given _____, a responsibility of headship
- For a man to ignore his leadership role in worship is _____ (4)
- Woman is to present herself before God in the position of one who has been given the role of _____, a responsibility of helper
- For a woman to ignore her submissive role in worship is _____ (5)
- Both man and woman are made in the _____ of God, yet —
 - (1) Man in headship reflects God’s glory in _____
 - (2) Woman in submission reflects man’s glory in _____

3. This order & authority is illustrated in creation’s design (8-10)

- God created man _____, then He created woman from man (8)
- God created man _____, then woman as his companion (9)
- God’s creative order was witnessed by the _____ host (Jb 38:7) (10)

4. Man and woman in the church, as in creation, are very interdependent upon each other (11,12)

- As believers, man and woman are _____ dependent (11)
- As humans, this dependency is continuous for _____ (12a)
- As created beings, both are dependent upon _____ (12b)

5. This spiritual reality is supported by nature itself (13-15)

- Paul calls for admission of what _____ seems obvious (13)
- Men most naturally have _____ hair (14)
- Women most naturally have longer hair, given for _____ and for a covering (15)

Personal Reflection The more excellent way to gather as God’s people

1. Love Him _____
2. Set aside _____ preferences that contradict God’s design
3. Understand and accept His plan for _____
4. Practice God’s plan for order & authority which _____ God



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- The concept of ‘head’ speaks of a position of **authority**
- The confusion in Corinth arose from **compromising** God’s plan
- As the church gathers God’s order for authority is to be **honored**

2. This order & authority is to be reflected in the way we approach God in public worship (4-7)

- Man is to present himself before God in the position of one who has been given **dominion**, a responsibility of **headship**
- For a man to ignore his leadership role in worship is **shameful** (4)
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- For a woman to ignore her submissive role in worship is **unruly** (5)
- Both man and woman are made in the **image** of God, yet —
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4. Man and woman in the church, as in creation, are very interdependent upon each other (11,12)

- As believers, man and woman are **mutually** dependent (11)
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