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Outline of 1 Corinthians

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Chpt 5: Sexual Immorality

Chpt 6: Conflict Resolution

Chpt 7: Singleness, Marriage,
Divorce, & Remarriage

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Chpt 15: Resurrection Hope



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1 Corinthians 11:2-16

² Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³ 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. ⁴ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, ⁵ but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. ⁶ For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. ⁷ For a man 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 was not made from woman, but woman from man.

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⁹ Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰ That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; ¹² for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. ¹³ Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴ Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, ¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. ¹⁶ If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

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Main Point: Christ is our head, and we are all called to submit to His authority.

1. What does Paul mean by “head”?
2. What is the head covering?
3. What should our response be?

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1 Corinthians 11:3

“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.”

Greek: κεφαλή (“kephalē”)

Ephesians 1:20-22

“Christ has been made head over all things to the church.”

“Source” or “Authority”?

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What is the covering?

“Culture gives us symbols of masculinity and femininity, while nature dictates that men should embrace their manhood and women remember their womanhood.”-Kevin DeYoung

1 Corinthians 11:5&14-15

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1 Corinthians 11:4-5

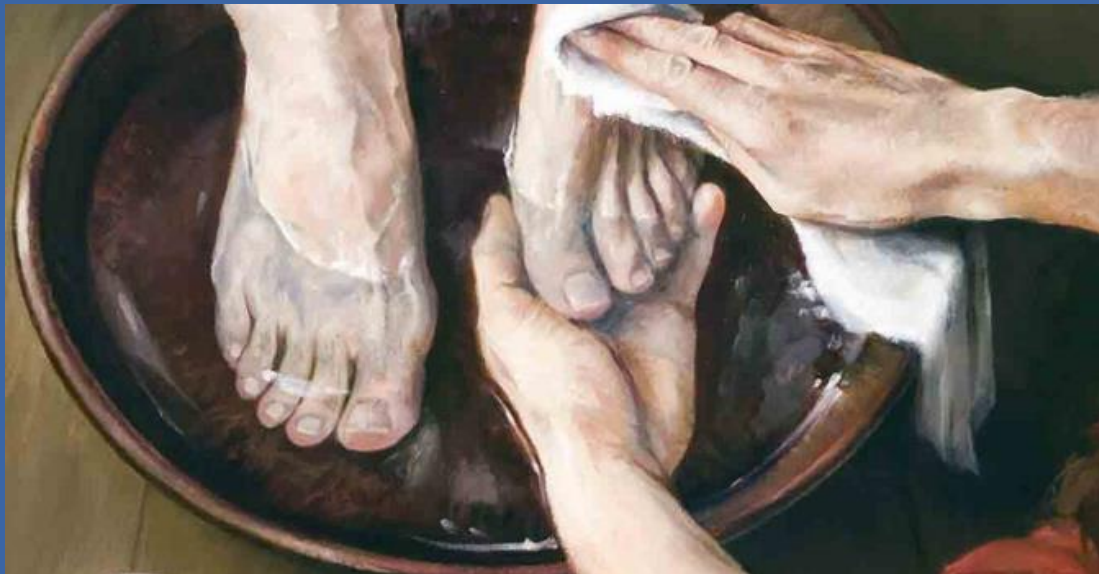
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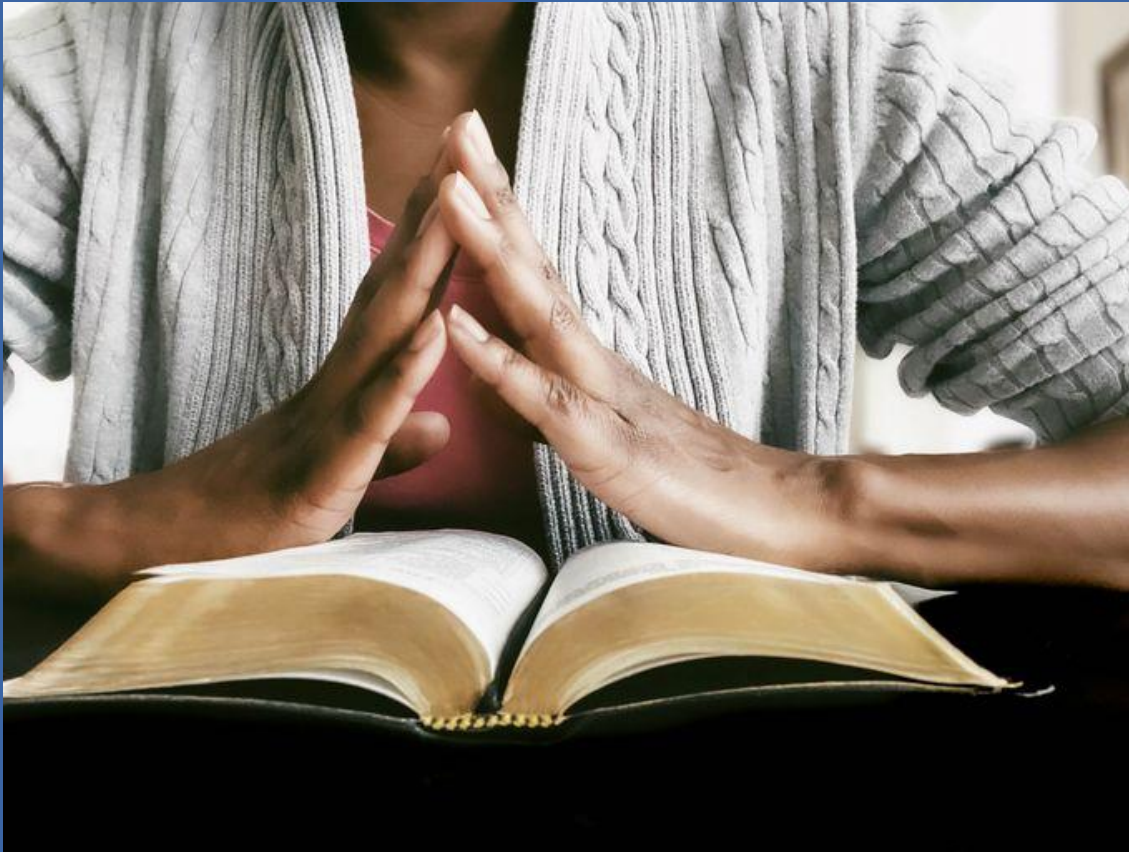
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“In Paul’s day women wore head coverings because of a more important underlying issue – God created men and women differently [although he loves us equally] and we must not seek to eliminate those distinctions.”

-Merkle



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What about widows, singles, children, or others not married?

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Colossians 2:10

¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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1 Corinthians 11:3

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