

# The Corinthian Epistles

## Chapter 14 Part 3

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

### Orderly Worship

**26** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

- Are you ready for church?
  - Have you spent time in God's Word?
  - Have you been given something enlightening that has helped your walk with Christ?
  - Are you ready to share it with your church family?
  - Did you know there might be someone who needs what you have been given?
- Are you ready to be an edification at church?
  - Edification: A building up, in a moral and religious sense; instruction; improvement and progress of the mind, in knowledge, in morals, or in faith and holiness.
  - This is not an opportunity for you to “fix” someone in the church
  - This is your opportunity to be transparent and vulnerable showing how Christ is working in your brokenness to make you more like Him
- There is more to church than just attending
- Everything we do at church should be for two reasons, both being accomplished in every action
  - Christ glorified
  - Members edified

**27** If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three*, and *that* by course; and let one interpret.

**28** But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

- Speaking in tongues is a true spiritual gift
- It is not something that has been “done away with”
- It is not something to be flippant about
  - The early part of this chapter dealt quite well with how tongues should be done correctly
  - If you will be attempting to edify the church body in a language that is not familiar, there MUST be an interpreter
  - If there is not an interpreter, keep your revelation between you and God
- There is no debating this with the Scriptures
  - This goes for those who believe in open revelational tongues
  - This goes for those who believe tongues was “done away”

**29** Let the prophets speak two or three and let the other judge.

**30** If *anything* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

**31** For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

**32** And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

**33** For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

- There is a lot to try to truly understand here...
  - There should be more than one speaker/prophet/bishop/preacher at the church
  - Each having a unique perspective and distinctives of their respective ministry and walk
  - The church body is to judge
    - This means that you take the information
    - You discern what is real in your life
    - You adjudicate how this will be lived in your life
  - All of the church body can prophesy
    - This is just a telling of truth in your life

- Not your truth, but God's Word and Spirit giving personal revelation that you have lived out and know to be effective
- Your spirit as a prophet is subject to the church leadership
  - This means if one of church leadership lovingly informs you that you have been misled, you hear and adjust accordingly
- God is not the author of confusion, so things must be done in order
- God has placed the leadership where they are
- God has placed the membership where they are

**34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

**35** And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

- This is a very sensitive subject matter in a lot of churches today
  - To many that would hold to the letter of the law, this passage would somewhat negate the holy priesthood of the female believer which we see is not gender specific in **1 Peter**
    - **1Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
    - **1Peter 2:9** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:
  - To many it this passage is described as “descriptive” as that is was only necessary for what was being dealt with at that time in the church at Corinth
    - Many members were former followers of Diana of the Ephesians
    - She was the goddess of fertility

- Most of her priestess were women
- So some today believe this was merely keeping former priestess' of Diana quiet in the church
- Therefore they deem it not necessary for today's church
- Paul also dealt with this subject with Timothy...
  - **1 Timothy 2:8** I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
  - 9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
  - 10** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
  - 11** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
  - 12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
  - 13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
  - 14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
  - 15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.
- Timothy was eventually the pastor at Ephesus
- Yet we do not see this subject breached in the letter to the Ephesians
  - Except he does set the biblical order of the home in chapter 4
- This is your pastor's belief on what the best way for us to follow this portion of scripture in context with other like passages
  - Men have no greater superior priesthood than women
  - God has set the order of both of His established institutions
    - The Home being the first
      - This was established to show forth the relationship between God and man
      - Under the law it was a failed marriage
      - Under Grace it will be an everlasting marriage

- We use the home to glorify Christ by taking our God given position in the home
- Husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church
- Wives to come under subjection to their own husband
  - This a command by God for wives to respect their husband
  - Follow his leading, even when he is wrong and she knows it
  - God will bless her submission to her husband
  - This does not allow for a toxic or abusive husband
  - This is for a wife to follow a husband who has assumed his biblical role
- Children are to obey and honor their parents in subjection (this means under authority)
- God honors His Word
  - This means that if you obey Him in your respective role, He blesses you
  - A husband that loves his wife whether or not she chooses to obey her role, will be blessed by God
  - A wife that respects her husband who does little to be respected will be blessed by God for her obedience to God
  - A child who honors and obeys a parent that does not show forth Christ will still be blessed by God's Word
- The Church being the second
  - The church is where we corporately show the relationship between Christ and His Bride
  - Church leadership is male according to 1 Timothy 3
    - **Bishops - 1 Timothy 3:1** This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

- 2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- **Deacons - 1 Timothy 3:8** Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
  - 9** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
  - 10** And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.
  - 11** Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
  - 12** Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
  - 13** For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
  - Both roles of leadership in church governing are male exclusive according to the Word of God
  - This does not mean that women cannot be heard
    - They cannot “speak” is referring to not preaching
      - A woman will not bring the message here at Faith Baptist Church
      - But she can teach the Word with power and authority from God to peers and children under church leadership
    - Keeping silence is referring to “holding your peace”
      - This means that if she disagrees with what is going on, she is to take it to the authority over her

- If a wife, her husband
- If a child, her father
- If a widow, her family head, or the church leadership
- In our society there is the divorcee as well, who's her authority?
- This would fall under the same as a widow
- Again, I want it stated that men have no more divine or holy a priesthood as women
- We just have different God given, God ordained roles

**36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

**37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

**38** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

**39** Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

**40** Let all things be done decently and in order.

- Summation

- This is not Paul's Word, it is God's
- You are not special if you understand His Word, He is special for revealing it to you
- You have no right to change His Word to suite your life
- If you don't pursue knowing His Word, it is not an excuse to do what you want
- Pursue His Word
- Covet to share His Word
- Don't deny anyone from sharing His Word no matter how different they are
- Do everything in order and that order is to Glorify God