

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 in 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 then 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 covenant
 - Under Grace it will be an everlasting covenant

- We use the home to glorify Christ by taking our God given positions 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 and 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