

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

ORDER IN THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 11:1-16 Jeff Schreve

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:3

Is there really supposed to be order in the church?

1. God is a God of order.

*But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.
1 Corinthians 14:40*

A. There is order in His creation.

B. There is order in His operation.

1. God is over Christ.

2. Christ is over man.

3. Man is over woman.

2. Men and women are equal but have different roles.

Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head. But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. 1 Corinthians 11:4-5

A. Men are called to act like men and lead.

*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13*

B. Women are called to submit to male authority.

1. An unsubmitive, rebellious woman is disgraceful.

2. God wants a woman protected by male authority.

A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression. 1 Timothy 2:11-14

C. Both are called to submit to God and glorify Him.

3. God is serious when it comes to the church.

A. The church is no place for rebellion.

Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. 1 Corinthians 11:7

B. The church is no place for confusion.

Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? 1 Corinthians 11:13-15

C. The church is no place for contention.

But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God. 1 Corinthians 11:16

You can never go wrong going God's way.