

1 Corinthians 28 – 11:1-13

Matters of Proper Order

1. 11:2 – Keeping the Ordinances

- a. 11:1 - They should follow Paul's doctrine, his example, and his ordinances
- b. 11:2 starts a new section of Corinthians dealing with disorder in the body
- c. Ordinance *def.*~ rules/commands given to set things in order: 11:34, 14:40, 16:1
- d. It's not establishing a ceremony, ritual, or sacrament – Eph 2:15, Col 2:14, 2:20
- e. Things received for order = Rom 13:2, Col 2:5, 2Thess 3:6, Titus 1:5, Acts 15:28

2. 11:3 – Doctrine of Headship

- a. There are three clauses for a reason, two go largely unnoticed.
- b. Women: Christ being equal with God did the will of his Father: Gal 1:4, Phil 2:3-8
- c. Christ is the head of the church, which is his body: Eph 1:22, 4:15, 5:23
- d. Men: Christ was the head of all, but gave himself for the church: Eph 5:25+
- e. Christ (head) prepares church (body) for glory: Col 1:27, 3:4, Eph3:21, Rom 16:27
- f. You cannot have a union of many members with many heads.

3. 11:4-7 – The Doctrine Applied

- a. Paul clearly is talking about the Jewish “law” of head covering – Number 5:18
- b. Married Jewish women wore head coverings out of devotion to their spouse
- c. Gentile women didn't separate or wear coverings and were considered shameful
- d. “he is the image of God” Gen 1:26, 5:1-3– Christ is the image of God in Col 1:15
- e. “glory of the man” - which is why they were covered in synagogues
- f. Ought we to reverse what God has ordained for proper order?
- g. Men did not wear coverings because it would diminish their responsibility
- h. Women didn't speak because of separate responsibilities: 1Cor 14:34, 1 Tim 2:11

4. 11:8-12 – The Order of Man and Woman

- a. Reading this as Christ (man) and the church (woman) teaches much.
- b. Men and women are different; and for different purposes: Gen 2:18, 1 Tim 2:13
- c. 11:9 –God is not your butler, but he does provide all you need? Phil 4:13, Rom 5:8
- d. 10:10 – Angels? Ministers; sons of God in Gen 6; our heavenly ministry Eph 3:10
- e. 11:11 – They are one and the same body in the Lord – 1 Cor 10:17, 12:13, Gal 3:28
- f. 11:12 – They are not independent of each other on earth either - Eph 6:2

5. 11:13 – Judge in Yourselves

- a. Should the glory of man be on display in the church and not holding the head?
- b. “Judge in yourselves” – which is to say, judge as wise – 1 Cor 10:15
- c. The spiritual judge all things with the mind of Christ – 1 Cor 2:15
- d. The Corinthian understanding of their order in church is reflected at home.