

1 Corinthians 38 – 14:26-40

Decently and in Order

1. 14:26-33 - House Rules?

- a. “Every one of you” – This is used to defend modern house church movement
- b. They see people meeting in houses: Rom 16:5, Col 4:15, but Acts 16:13, 1 Cor 11:22
- c. It's not about a brick and mortar building, it's about building the people. 14:26
- d. An assembly does not replace the function of families and households -
- e. Paul describes offices for the church of God - 1 Tim 3:5,15
- f. They mistake Spirit's leading for feelings, and despise teachers/pulpits - Neh 8:4
- g. Paul gives these ordinances to the babies in Corinth: rules are for children.

2. 14:34-35 - Paul and Women

- a. They could control their spirits, unlike the demon filled, emotion led pagans.
- b. Paul's commands to be quiet and orderly 1 Th 4:11, 5:14; 2 Th 3:6-12, Titus 1:6-11
- c. Women speak, teach, pray, and prophesy – Titus 2:4, Phil 4:3, 1 Cor 11:5
- d. Paul tells men to keep silent in 1 Cor 14:28 & 30. 14:34 is toward *unruly* women.
- e. A woman started the tongue talking at Azusa, and the AFC, and Foursquare.
- f. There were pagan religions that taught female primacy; Paul does not 1 Cor 11:8
- g. Women didn't speak in Jewish synagogues, because they had other requirements
- h. The command is for the keeper to be obedient to the one responsible – Titus 2:5
- i. The shame was the shame of disorder in the marriage/home - 1 Cor 11:3+

3. 14:36-38 - To Whom the Word of God Came

- a. Not first to the Corinthians (nor to their unruly women).
- b. It came to the Jews first - Rom 3:1-2, the believing remnant first - 9:1-5, 1 Pet 1:12
- c. The mystery came to Paul first – 1 Cor 3:10, 4:15, 1 Tim 1:16, Gal 1:1
- d. All churches had the gifts and the word of God sent to them – 1 Cor 14:33, 16:1
- e. They were to acknowledge Paul as their apostle – Rom 11:13, 1 Cor 11:1, 1 Thes 4:2
- f. This was how the Word of God came to be = prophetic confirmation – Col 4:16
- g. The ignorance is not leaving dumb people to themselves, but to become students.

4. 14:39-40 – Decently and in Order

- a. They were to become all things to see souls saved – 1 Cor 9:19-22
- b. They are to seek the things that edify, exhort, and comfort others – 14:3, 39
- c. Whatever they do it was to be to God's glory – 1 Cor 10:31, Col 3:17
- d. Forbid not to speak in tongues ... if it was profitable to all - 1 Thes 5:19
- e. Grace teaches orderly behavior and not chaos, licentious, boisterous selfishness