



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Restoration Series “As God Designed”

DATE: February 9, 2020

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

1 Corinthians 11;1-16, Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:18 (Suitable/Helper), 1 Corinthians 7:2-5 (Mutually Interdependent), Philippians 2:6 (Head), Colossians 1:16-17 (Head God the Father), Ephesians 5:23 (Headship in Marriage), Galatians 3:28 (Equality in Body of Christ), Hebrews 1:4 (Because of the Angels)

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[1 Corinthians 11]

2 *Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.*

3 *But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

4 *Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head,*

5 *but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.*

6 *For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head.*

7 *For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.*

8 *For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.*

9 *Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.*

10 *That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.*

11 *Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;*

12 *for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.*

13 *Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered?*

14 *Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him,*

15 *but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.*

16 *If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.*

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 11:1–16.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

(Head Covering Context) “Women’s hair was a common object of lust in antiquity, and in much of the eastern Mediterranean women were expected to cover their hair. To fail to cover their hair was thought to provoke male lust as a bathing suit is thought to provoke it in some cultures today. Head covering prevailed in Jewish Palestine (where it extended even to a face veil) and elsewhere, but upper-class women eager to show off their fashionable hairstyles did not practice it. Thus Paul must address a clash of culture in the church between upper-class fashion and lower-class concern that sexual propriety is being violated. (That Greeks bared their heads for worship and Romans covered them might also be significant, given the dual affiliation of Corinth as a Greek and Roman city. But because this custom was not divided along gender lines, it is probably irrelevant here.)”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 1 Co 11:2–16.

(v3) **“Head”**- “The Greek word used here, *kephalē*, may imply authority or source. The term could have either meaning in ancient Greek literature. Alternatively, the word may denote preeminence or a combination of these meanings.”

John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), 1 Co 11:3.

(v4) “Head Covering” “**having something on his head** Paul may be referring to a head covering used in Roman religious practice. Socially elite believers may have continued to wear such head coverings when gathering for worship. If so, they brought attention to themselves and may have ostracized those who felt socially inferior, causing division in the church community.”

John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), 1 Co 11:4.

(v5) **Cultural practices** may have dictated that women continue to cover their heads with material as not offend or give the wrong impression. This is more about the cultural aspect and knowing our culture in order to minister to it and drawing attention to Christ and not self... (Pastor Michael)

(v6) The **cultural statement** here was that the woman was trying to be like man (in appearance and function) instead of representing the created order and gender distinction God intended therefore dishonoring her husband. (Pastor Michael)

(v10) “**Power** on her head” (ἐξουσίαν). Not in the primary sense of *liberty* or *permission*, but *authority*. Used here of *the symbol* of power, *i.e.*, the covering upon the head as a sign of her husband’s authority. So Rev., *a sign of authority*.”

Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 3 (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1887), 248.

OUTLINE:

I. (v2-9) GOD ORDAINED HEADSHIP

Paul addresses this section in a dualistic sense and comes from the idea of Headship in God appointed authority and God driven source...

A. (v3) Headship= Authority (Roles)

1. **Christ** is the Authority over all human beings ever create

a) **Colossians 1:16-18** “*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together*. 18 *And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be **preeminent**.*”*

(1) Jesus is appointed head of every believer (the church collectively/universally)

(2) Jesus is the creative power and person in creation narrative

(3) Jesus is why all creation was created (created for Him)

2. The Husband is the head of the wife

a) Just as Jesus submitted to the Father in coming to earth even though they are equal in power and essence Woman is equal to man yet is she called to submit to the authority of the Husband

3. God the Father is the HEAD

a) Jesus submits to the Father willfully as an act of love

b) Jesus submits to the Father willfully as an act of intimacy

B. (v8-9) Headship= Source (Interdependency)

1. Man was created first for a purpose (to be God's reflection in the home/church)

2. Woman was created from man as a helpmate

a) **Genesis 2:18** *"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him **a helper fit for him.**"*

(1) Helper/Assist and aid in God's mission

(complement/completer for those who do not have the gift of singleness)

(2) It was not good for man to be alone (companionship)

3. Christ is the source of the new creation

a) **Romans 8:28-29** *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."*

*(1) Jesus is the **second and last Adam** that*

re-established creation that would be His special people.

(2) It is through Jesus the Head that the Church that man is reconciled to God

II. (v10-16) GOD DESIGNED ORDER

- A. The display or symbol of authority and submission in our lives
 - 1. Cultural (Women wore head covering in that culture)
 - a) Paul did not want them to be a stumbling block for the others
 - b) We should Contextualize where it does not cause us to sin (enables us to minister to the community we are planted in)
 - (1) In India women still wear head coverings in many cases
 - c) In this case the head covering was a symbol of her husband's authority over her
 - (1) Women in India have a paint symbol they put on everyday that shows everyone she has a husband and that she submits only to him
 - (2) This symbol of a head covering also stated that the woman was taken as well as self disciplined and faithful
- B. The symbol of head covering was **not a symbol of being less** than her Husband but rather submission and love (v11)
 - 1. *Man needs woman*
 - 2. *Woman needs man*
 - 3. *God has made a married couple a unit in God's eyes and in function*
- C. (v12) **God designed man to need woman and woman man** there for they are to be married and man and woman and not to the same sex
- D. (v12) God created them as equals and to submit together under His word and direction
- E. (v13) **submission and subjection** is not just in symbol but in function
 - 1. The uncovered head is a principle that is **displayed differently in our culture** but has the same weight
 - a) The covering ultimately is a symbol of subjection to her husband and to the male leadership within the church
 - b) Her praying and teaching would need to be in line with the principle here and not be in a pastoring context over adult males
 - (1) *Does not mean a woman cannot pray in church or teach or even evangelize in the church but never in an authority over adult males within that culture*

*(a) Her symbol may just be a visible attitude of
subjection and willful submission before the
church*

F. (v14-15) “nature itself teach you”

1. A man an long hair= God has a created men to loom and act like men
 - a) Men should not try and look like women (culturally
2. A woman with long hair= God created women to look and act like women

G. (v14) “Long hair” disgrace to a man (in that culture), but note the principle that a man should always look and act like a man

1. For a man to act as a woman is disgraceful or is a dishonor
 - a) To self
 - b) To the maker who made him a man
 - c) To the body where he should serve without hindrances

(1) This deals with gender dysphoria or gender confusion

*(a) God makes no mistakes and we are to live as
we are created and train our mind to honor
God with a lifestyle that matches our role/
God’s order*

2. For a woman to act or display herself as a man is also a dishonor
 - a) To self
 - b) To the maker who created her to look and act like a woman
 - c) To the body where she should serve without hindrances

H. (v16) “*If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.*”

1. It should not be tolerated for men to act as women and women to act like men in the church body
 - a) Taught to dress like your birth gender
 - b) Taught to act and serve as your birth gender
 - c) Taught to take joy in who and what God made you to be as we are all one and equal in His eyes

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----
Church,

Church it is our honor to know Him and be created to serve Him... glorify Him in everything we are and do. If you are created as a man serving God as a man of God. If you are created and assigned by God to

