

God's Order of Headship
1 Corinthians 11:1-16

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I. Imitation is the greatest form of flattery. 1 Corinthians 11:1-2

Paul was confident in his _____ with Jesus so he did not hesitate to instruct these followers to imitate him.

- We were originally created to be mirrors of the Lord; but, we will reflect the things, the people, and the culture, we _____ in.

The word "**traditions**" speaks of the teachings handed down to these believers concerning doctrine and the organization of the Church, which Paul personally gave them in _____ and _____.

II. Christ is the Head of every man. 1 Corinthians 11:3

"He is the Governor of all the nations of the earth, whether they are subject to him or not; one day _____ knee shall bow to Him and every tongue confess He is the Lord of all." (Gill)

- *"Complementarianism was coined by some scholars who wanted to describe someone who believes the historic, biblical idea that male and female are _____, but different."* (Gospel Coalition)

I believe the reason the wife is addressed first in **Ephesians 5**, is because the husband is called to do something _____ apart from power of the Holy Spirit; i.e., loving her as Christ loved!

III. Head covering in Corinth. 1 Corinthians 11:4-9

"This was, and is, a common custom through all the east, and none but public _____ go without veils." (Clarke)

- In Corinth, it would _____ Jesus (the Head of the man), for a man to pray or prophesy while wearing of a head covering.

IV. Respect the culture. 1 Corinthians 11:10-16

"Neither can live without the other. If there is subordination, it is in order that the partnership may be more fruitful and _____ for both." (Barclay)

V. Practical Application.

1. When we follow Jesus, we have _____ with God.
2. When we follow Jesus, we receive _____.
3. When we follow Jesus, we receive freedom from sin.
4. In a hopeless world, when we follow Jesus, we receive a _____ along with eternal salvation.
5. When we follow Jesus, we receive _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 11:1-2**. Read **Ephesians 5:1-17**. In these passages, Paul writes about three ways believers can imitate their heavenly Father: Walk in love, light, and wisdom. How have you experienced God as love? As light? As wisdom?
2. What are some practical ways we can imitate God's love? **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, John 15:9-13, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 John 4:9-11**
3. Read **1 Corinthians 11:3**. What did the Apostle Paul mean that **Christ is the head of every man**? **Ephesians 1:21-23, Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:18, John 15:4**
4. Read **1 Corinthians 11:4-9**. Why was it important for women to have their heads covered in public prayers or prophesying? What did it mean in Corinth for a man to pray with his head covered? What did it mean for a woman to have her head uncovered?
5. What did it mean for a woman to have short hair in Corinth? What did it mean for a man to have either long or over-styled hair in Corinth? How are these things different in our culture today?
6. Read **1 Corinthians 11:10-16**. How did Paul use angels to describe the proper order of creation?
7. Discuss the five points of the Practical Application of the sermon note sheet.