

A Hairy Situation!

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

1. The Biblical Principle of _____ (v. 2-3)
 - a. Maintaining the traditions from Paul
 - b. The head of every man is _____
 - c. The head of a wife is her _____
 - d. The head of Christ is _____
2. The Man's _____ Head
 - a. Praying with covered head _____ head (4)
 - b. Man is the _____ and glory of God (7)
 - c. Man & woman not _____ from other (11)
 - d. Man is now born of _____ (12)
 - e. Nature teaches long hair for man is _____ (14)
3. The Woman's _____ Head
 - a. Praying with uncovered head dishonors head (5)
 - b. _____ for woman with shaved head (5-6)
 - c. Woman is the _____ of man (7)
 - d. Woman made _____ man and _____ man (8-9)
 - e. Woman ought to have _____ upon her head
 - Because of the _____?! (10)
 - f. Judge for yourselves: women to pray uncovered?
 - g. Woman's long hair is her _____ & covering (15)

Biblical Principles in This Passage

1. Submission to authority on three levels
2. Distinction between male and female not in spiritual position in Christ or spiritual benefits but in roles
3. Men and women complement each other before God
4. Even objects of clothing & hairstyle are to glorify God

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:28)

“These three aspects of authority and submission are inseparable. Just as Christ is submissive to the Father, Christians are to be submissive to Christ and women are to be submissive to men. One part cannot be rejected without rejecting the others. Anyone rejecting the principle of woman's submission to man must reject Christ's submission to the Father and believers' submission to Christ.”

(*Divine Design*, John MacArthur, 1994, 2011, p. 46-47)

Follow-Up Notes and Questions

This passage is difficult. Questions remain, including the following:

1. Is Paul describing practices in a worship service (probably the majority view or informal church gatherings (McArthur's view)?
2. What exactly is the “covering” on the head in this passage – some cloth on top, a veil, or long hair?
3. How much of the details are specifically applied to the Corinthian church (if any) and how much is universal?

What do you think?

Some things in this passage are clear, however.

1. Paul is teaching submission to authority.
 - a. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How did Christ submit to the Father?
 - b. All believers are to submit to Christ. Read Philippians 1:21 in context. How does this work?
 - c. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. Describe what submission looks like in this passage.
2. Paul is teaching that, though in Christ men and women do not differ in spiritual position or benefits; in the created order, men and women do differ in their created roles.
 - a. Read Genesis 1-2 and focus on the creation of people. How does Paul use this foundation to describe the role of men and women in the church?
 - b. Consider how men and women complement each other