

The Life and Letters of Paul

1 Corinthians 11

1. In the first verse Paul finishes up the topics discussed in chapter 10, that to simply tell someone how to do something is only half of teaching. Paul saw the importance in doing what he taught (a living example knows the banner he lifts)

1 Corinthians 10:1/ 1 Corinthians 10-Idol worship, temptation, and complaining. / Titus 2:7- be an example/ Philippians 3:17- pattern your lives after mine

2. Paul goes on to let the church of Corinth know the importance of Authority and how the importance of recognizing it in the natural world helps appreciate it in the spirit. Do you have a problem with Authority? (church, work, law or politics)

1 Corinthians 11:2-3/ Matthew 8:8-10- recognizing authority

3. As Paul continues in the next few verses he is speaking on cover and not covering based on what practice was being done by man in tradition at the time, his point was in either case not to draw attention to self. (Christ is the covering)

1 Corinthians 11:4-6/

4. As man carries authority delegated to him by God, so woman carries authority delegated to her by God through her husband. Man came from God; woman came from man.

1 Corinthians 11:7-9/Genesis 2:17- God gave Adam the message, however he failed to pass it on. Genesis 3:6- failed to show his position.

5. Paul's reasoning on speaking to angels watching was for the point to walk as anyone is watching you walk, even angels.

1 Corinthians 11:10/Hebrews 13:2- entertaining angels / Genesis 19:1- Lot and 2 angels/ Gen 22:11- calls Abraham/ Exodus 23:20-an angel before you to protect you

6. Believers recognize that God has made men and women mutually dependent on one another. *Everything comes from God* (cp. 8:6): Both men and women must ultimately submit to God, the head of all.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12/1 Corinthians 8:6-But for us, through whom we live

7. There are times when we tend to put the focus of customs as the main point and this can have the ability to divide us. The topic is culturally based. However, we should be aware of how we appear.

1 Corinthians 11:13-16/1 Timothy 2:9-10- adorn themselves with proper clothing/ 1 Peter 3:3-4- "Do not let your adornment be merely outward/Luke 12:7- importance of the hairs.

8. When we as a church meet together how important is it to you that you are not just here but unified in Christ with one another.

1 Corinthians 11:17-18/1 Corinthians 1:10-12- No divisions/Galatians 3:28- unified in Christ/ Romans 12:5

9. The abuse of the Lord's Supper within the Corinthian church was causing them to lose sight of its purpose: fellowship between believers and identification with Christ and His sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 11:23-30/ Acts 5:5,10- when we are in fellowship for our own gratification and not for one another, we loses sight.

10. Paul urges the believers to examine themselves and consider the entire body, and if it is a hunger problem eat prior but wait for one another.

1 Corinthians 11:31-33/2 Corinthians 13:5- examine yourself