



Divinity, Masculinity and Femininity

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1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

² Now I praise you because you remember me in everything, and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

The Big Idea

³ But I want you to understand that

1. Christ is the head of every man,
- and
2. the man is the head of a woman,
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3. God is the head of Christ.

The Application

1. ⁴ Every man who has *something* on his head while praying or prophesying, disgraces his head.
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2. every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head;

The Explanation

1. for she is one and the same with her whose head is shaved.
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2. ⁶ For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head.
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3. ⁷ For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

4. ⁸ For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man;

5. ⁹ for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.

6. ¹⁰ Therefore the woman ought to have *a symbol of authority* on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹ However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

¹² For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man *has his birth* through the woman; and all things originate from God.

7. ¹³ Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God *with head* uncovered?

¹⁴ Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

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

¹⁶ But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God.

Some other passages

Genesis 1:24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place.

²² And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

²³ And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1 Timothy 2:9 Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments;

¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

¹¹ Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

¹³ For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve.

¹⁴ And *it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.

¹⁵ But *women* shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

3:1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money.

⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?);

Ephesians 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

²² Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

³⁰ because we are members of His body.

³¹ For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

³² This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see to it* that she respect her husband.