



Untangling Gender Role Confusion

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

1 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV) Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³But 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. ⁴Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, ⁵but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. ⁶For 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. ⁷For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; ¹²for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. ¹³Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, ¹⁵but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. ¹⁶If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

1. Our Model for Authority and Submission in Gender Relationships is the Trinity 11:3

- There is equality in the Trinity.
- There is also authority and submission in the Trinity.
- Our Trinitarian God has woven the principle of authority and submission all throughout the universe.
- There is authority and submission in the roles of marriage.

2. Rejecting Cultural Customs that Signify Gender Distinction is Dishonorable 11:4-6

3. Gender Distinction and Roles are not Rooted in Culture, but in the Creation Order 11:7-10

4. Men and Women Need Each Other, and Both Need God 11:11-12

5. Gender Distinction is God's Idea—Men Should Appear Masculine and Women Should Appear Feminine 11:13-16

CLOSED CIRCUIT FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH...

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Bible Reading Plan

- Sun.: Psalm 150 Mon.: Prov. 1 Tues.: Prov. 2
- Wed.: Prov. 3 Thurs.: Prov. 4 Fri.: Prov. 5
- Sat.: Prov. 6 Sun.: Prov. 7