

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: *"Honoring and Reflecting God's Order, Purpose, and Design in Creation"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

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INTRODUCTION

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)

1 Corinthians 11:2 -

Note: It's important that we first see the grand truth of verse 3 and then how everything flows from and connects with that truth!

I. HONORING AND REFLECTING GOD'S PURPOSE, ORDER, AND DESIGN IN CREATION

1 Corinthians 11:3 -

Note: When we speak of "headship" we speak of leadership and authority (not superiority or inferiority but authority) that reflects the love, grace, and wisdom of God.

"...the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God."

John 6:38; John 4:34 -

Note: As we walk through verses 4-16, we want to glean and discern the timeless principles without getting lost in the cultural practices that are something of a mystery to us.

1 Corinthians 11:4-6 -

Note: By attitude (in honor to God), by outward appearance (as a godly witness to those around you), and by spiritual practice (to love and build up the church), embrace who God made you to be!

1 Corinthians 11:7-10 -

Note: Here, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul grounds this truth, this teaching, in creation.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12 -

Note: Because of God's work and purposeful design, men and women need one another!

1 Corinthians 11:13-16 -

Note: In your evaluation of and use of your masculinity or your femininity, choose to embrace who God created you to be! For the people of God, this is the way!

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How does verse 1 serve as a hinge or bridge between chapters 10 and 11?
2. How is Jesus the perfect and faithful example when it comes to matters of leadership, headship, and submission?
3. Why does Paul talk so much about head-coverings? What's the overarching principle being taught in this discussion on head-coverings and public worship?
4. How does Paul tie this instruction back to creation? Why is this significant?
5. How do these verses encourage both men and women to walk in humility?
6. Why does Paul bring up length of hair? What's the point and big principle he's emphasizing?
7. How/Where have you seen gender roles lived out well and not-so-well?