

## Sermon Notes



### 1 Corinthians 11:2-34

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<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.

<sup>3</sup> But 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. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

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<sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; <sup>12</sup> for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.

**“...the head of a wife is her husband...” (v.3)**

**Genesis 2:15**

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep (*shamar*) it.

**Genesis 3:16**

Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

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# Study Guide



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### Introduction

The church was refreshing in Roman culture. Finally, a place that welcomed people from all races and socio-economic groups. A place where men, women and singles were treated with honor. At Corinth, however, there was a cultural dispute about head coverings. This led Paul to write about God's created design for husband and wife, and about honoring each other.

### 1. Headship and Partnership (v. 2-3; 11-12)

Discuss how Jesus submitted to the authority of God, and yet how He and the Father are one (John 10:30). Share examples of how a marriage can work well while honoring headship and partnership as a guide. Share how Adam failed in his role as husband at the Fall (Genesis 3), and how there is tension built into marriage as a result (Genesis 3:16). Give examples of how to overcome some of these tensions.

### 2. Honor (v.4-10; 13-16)

In that context, Christians were to consider what is disgraceful, and how to be mindful of what is glorious or beautiful. Share examples of how we can conduct ourselves today in ways that are disgraceful or in ways that reflect glory. What does that look like today? Discuss.

### 3. The Lord's Supper- Look to Jesus (v.17-26)

Discuss what was happening at these love feasts. How were people being dishonoring? How does looking to Christ help us to becoming more honoring of one another:

-Jesus' body was given for you. (v.24b)

-Jesus died for you. (v.26b)

-Jesus is coming back for you. (v. 26c)

How do these truths help you to be more honoring towards others? Discuss.

### 4. The Lord's Supper – Look at Yourself (v.27-34)

What does self-examination look like for you? Why do you think it is important to have a regular rhythm of confession? (see also 1 John 1:7-9).

### Application

Take a few minutes to pray quietly and ask the Lord to reveal hidden attitudes you might have towards someone else. Visualize Jesus on the cross, laying aside His rights and being willing to suffer greatly at the hands of others. What may God be asking you to do to make sure you are honoring the people around you, whether they deserve it or not.