



## **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. <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. <sup>6</sup>For 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. <sup>7</sup>For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup>For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup>Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup>That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <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. <sup>13</sup>Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup>Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup>but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup>If 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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**Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:3** 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.

#### **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

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