

I Corinthians

(23) Headship and Submission

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4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. 5 And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head – it is just as though her head were shaved. 6 If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head. 7 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10 For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head. NIV

The non-negotiable truth re headship...11:1-3

How does Paul begin this section of his letter? 11:2

Why would he insert this praise into a series of rebukes? 3:1-4; 5:1-10:33

What (3) specific, God ordained, relationships does Paul use to illustrate ‘head’? 11:3

In each of these instances, what (2) **roles** are obviously implied/necessary?

Are these (3) the only head/submission required? Col.3:20; Rom.13:1; 1Tim.5:17; Heb.1:6

How did *Christ submit* Himself to God (Father)? Lu.22:39-42 What if He had refused? Jn.6:40

How does *man submit* to Christ? Mt.10:32-33; Rom.10:9-10 What if he refuses? Jn.3:36

In these two instances, is *headship* and *submission* critical? Why?

Who is the head and who is to be in submission in instance #2? Why? 1Tim.2:13-14

Are any of the (3) instances ‘culturally’ motivated? 11:8, 9; 1Tim.2:13-14

Which of these (3) is the **ONLY** authority/submission role generally **NOT** challenged today?

What is the challenge to #1? Lu.19:14 Why? Jn.3:19-20

What is the challenge to #2? Gen.3:16 Why? 1Tim.2:14

Next: The cultural signs of authority/submission.

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How does Paul begin this section of his letter? 11:2

He praises them (Corinthian church) for remembering/holding the doctrines Paul taught.

Why would he insert this praise into a series of rebukes? 3:1-4; 5:1-10:33

Already rebuked immorality, legal issues, marriage, stumbling block, and more to come!

What (3) specific, God ordained, relationships does Paul use to illustrate ‘head’? 11:3

1) Christ, the head of every man 2) man, the head of woman 3) God, the head of Christ.

In each of these instances, what (2) *roles* are obviously implied/necessary?

First, authority (God, Christ, man) and second, submission (Christ, man, woman).

Are these (3) the only head/submission required? Col.3:20; Rom.13:1; 1Tim.5:17; Heb.1:6

NO! Parents/children; government/citizens; Elders-deacons/church; God/angels, etc.

How did *Christ submit* Himself to God (Father)? Lu.22:39-42 What if He had refused? Jn.6:40

He submitted everything (Phil.2:5-11) to the Father’s will. If not, we’re eternally lost!

How does *man submit* to Christ? Mt.10:32-33; Rom.10:9-10 What if he refuses? Jn.3:36

Believe on His name and he will be saved. Refuse and the wrath of God abides on him.

In these two instances, is *headship* and *submission* critical? Why?

YES! In each instance it has eternal consequences. Because the roles are God ordained!

Who is the head and who is to be in submission in instance #2? Why? 1Tim.2:13-14

Man is the head and woman is to be in submission. It’s God’s design, ordained, intentional.

Are any of the (3) instances ‘culturally’ motivated? 11:8, 9; 1Tim.2:13-14

Absolutely not. In each case the authority/submission role have been from the beginning.

Which of these (3) is the ONLY authority/submission role generally NOT challenged today?

It would be #3, God, the head of Christ. The others are TRUE, but constant battleground.

What is the challenge to #1? Lu.19:14 Why? Jn.3:19-20

We will not have this Man (Christ) to rule over us. No submission. Rebellion against God.

What is the challenge to #2? Gen.3:16 Why? 1Tim.2:14

We (woman) will not have him (man) rule over us. No submission. Rebellion against God.

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