

1 Corinthians chapter 11

Customs and Conduct in worship

Read 1 Corinthians 11; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:21-33

1. If Paul had a wife do you think he would have been quite so forthright in his views on women?
2. Compared to the ancient world, how do the Old and New Testaments give women a new status and dignity?
3. Why is it so important not to confuse cultural concepts and practices with eternal principles? What are the cultural and local concepts that Paul is dealing with in this chapter?
4. In which ways were some of the Corinthian church members insensitive to the culture of their day? Why were they so blind to this? Why is it so important to be culturally aware?
5. Does the word 'submission' (or 'to submit') cause you concern? (see especially Eph.5:21-33)
6. Why is Paul unable to praise the Corinthian church (see v17)? Whilst we might shudder at the thought of this happening, are there any ways that modern day Christians commit the same sin?
7. Share communion together, reminding ourselves of the four ways we are to look? (back—23-25; in—v27,28; around—v29,30; up—v26)