

# Studies In First Corinthians

## (I Corinthians 11:1-16)

1. What qualifier does Paul put in place in regard to Christians being followers of him?  
As he follows Christ: *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"* (I Corinthians 11:1).
  - We should follow good examples that are following Christ (I Corinthians 4:16, Philippians 3:17, II Thessalonians 3:9, and Hebrews 6:10-12).
2. What did Paul tell the Christians in Corinth to keep?  
The precepts; law as delivered: *"Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you"* (I Corinthians 11:2).
  - Luke 1:5-6, Luke 11:28, I Thessalonians 4:1-2, II Thessalonians 2:15, and Revelation 22:14-19.
3. What is the Scriptural order of headship?  
Father – Son – Man – Woman: *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"* (I Corinthians 11:3).
  - John 5:30, John 14:28, I Corinthians 3:23, Matthew 28:18, Ephesians 1:17-23, Colossians 2:8-10, Genesis 3:16, Ephesians 5:22, and I Timothy 2:11-12.
4. If a man prays or prophesied with his head covered, whom does he dishonor?  
His head (Christ; v.3; 7): *"Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head"* (I Corinthians 11:4).
  - Remember, as we proceed, that prophesying has ceased (I Corinthians 13:8-13).
  - The Lord is worthy of honor, not dishonor (Revelation 4:11).
5. If a woman prays or prophesied with her head uncovered, what should she might as well do?  
Buzz of her hair or shave it altogether: *"(5) But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. (6) For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered"* (I Corinthians 11:5-6).
  - Women were prophets during the miraculous age (Acts 2:17 and Acts 21:8-9).
  - Here we see if a woman is uncovered, dishonoring man, she might as well just shave her head. This is the first clue of what the covering is.
6. What difference is there between whom a man is the glory of and to whom the woman is the glory of?  
Man is glory of God, while the woman is of the man: *"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man"* (I Corinthians 11:7). \*More on this in the next question...

7. Why is the woman the glory of the man?

She came from man and was created for man: *“(8) For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. (9) Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man” (I Corinthians 11:8-9).*

- Man was created in the likeness of God (**Genesis 5:1** and **Psalms 8:4-8**).
- Woman is of the man and for the man (**Genesis 2:18-25**).

8. Do angels have anything to do with why a woman should have her head covered?

Yes: *“For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels” (I Corinthians 11:10).*

- The angels are aware of what is expected of us (**I Timothy 5:21**).
- The angels are slightly, as of now, above man in authority and thus an uncovered woman might just as well be dishonoring the angels as well (cf. **Hebrews 2:5-8**).

9. Though women exist because of man, aren't women necessary for the continuation of man?

Yes: *“(11) Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. (12) For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God” (I Corinthians 11:11-12).*

- Though we have different roles of authority, we are all one in Christ (**Galatians 3:28**).
- Man should not view this context and start mistreating his wife (**I Peter 3:7**).
- The fact that a woman bears children is why God didn't destroy Eve (**I Timothy 2:13-15**).

10. After Paul tells them to judge these things, does he identify what the covering is?

That it is the natural covering of hair: *“(13) Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? (14) Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? (15) But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering” (I Corinthians 11:13-15).*

- They needed to judge what Paul had said (cf. **I Corinthians 10:15**).
- The covering is naturally obvious. A man is to look like a man and a woman is to look like a woman (**Deuteronomy 22:5**).
- It cannot be any clearer than this. Long hair is the woman's covering. If a man has long hair, it is a shame unto him. Simple!

11. Should contentions exist in the Lord's body?

No: *“But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God” (I Corinthians 11:16).*

- Contention is not customary [practiced] amongst brethren, for contention is not a good thing (**Proverbs 26:21** and **Romans 2:8-9**).
- Contention was a problem in Corinth (**I Corinthians 1:11**).