1 Corinthians: When Controversy, Questions & Confusion Strike the Body
Text: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16   ~   Topics: Authority, Leadership, Reverence
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A Little Reverence Please!

I. Message to the Corinthians

Heads of women should be *covered* and heads of men *uncovered* in worship services.

II. Reasons

1. *Headship* (v. 3, 10)

2. *Culture* (v. 2, 4-6, 13-16)

3. *Creation Order* (v. 7-9, 11-12)

4. *Angels* (v. 10)

III. Message to Us

Maintain the *distinctions* between the *sexes* and the roles of *authority* in your worship services.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Have you seen a woman or women wearing a head covering in a church? What was your reaction?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-3. What do you think the metaphor "head" means? How does a person put the meaning of it into practice?

3. From verses 4-6, what does it mean to "disgrace" (or dishonor) one's head? Why is the opposite action a disgrace for men and women?

   What are some of the ways a person might disgrace him or herself in the church today?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:7-9. How would you explain a woman as "the glory of man" to an unbelieving woman outside the church today?

5. What does "because of the angels" mean in verse 10? What effect should knowing this have on you in a worship service?

6. What purpose does the term "independent" in verses 11-12 serve in the message of this passage?

7. Finally, Paul appeals to 3 more reasons for the head covering in verses 13-16. What are they?

8. Do you think this passage teaches that women should wear a head covering today? Why or why not?

9. What is the practical application of this passage for you?